

## THE PROPERs FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### THE COLLECT

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people; that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:27-37 27 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. 28 And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring harm, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, declares the LORD. 29 In those days they shall no longer say: "' The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' 30 But everyone shall die for his own sin. Each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. 31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." 35 Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar - the LORD of hosts is his name: 36 "If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the LORD, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever." 37 Thus says the LORD: "If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored, then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done, declares the LORD."

### THE PSALM(S)

Psalm 66:1-20 <sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to God, all the earth; <sup>2</sup> sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! <sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. <sup>4</sup> All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name." Selah <sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. <sup>6</sup> He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, <sup>7</sup> who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations - let not the rebellious exalt themselves. <sup>8</sup> Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, <sup>9</sup> who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. <sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. <sup>11</sup> You brought us into the

net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; 12 you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance. 13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you, 14 that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. 15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah 16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. 17 I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on (1 my tongue.) (2) 18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. 19 But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. <sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

### **THE EPISTLE LESSON**

Hebrews 9:11-15 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

### **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD**

John 8:46 - 59 <sup>46</sup>Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? <sup>47</sup>He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. <sup>48</sup>Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. <sup>50</sup>And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. <sup>51</sup>Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. <sup>52</sup>Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. <sup>53</sup>Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: <sup>55</sup>Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. <sup>57</sup>Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? <sup>58</sup>Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. <sup>59</sup>Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.