

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Readings: 1) Jeremiah 31:31-34 2) Hebrews 5:7-9 3) John 12:20-33

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: Everyone, great and small, will have God's law written on their hearts, and their sins forgiven.

The Lord reaches out once again to his people. God, ever faithful, extends his hand to those who break the covenant. No longer depending on prophets to communicate, under the new covenant each individual will know God's law, his love, his mercy. God's personal invitation calls for a personal response. Will we receive it?

In today's reading from Jeremiah, the Lord declares a new covenant with his people. The Letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as the perfect high priest. In today's Gospel, Jesus approaches his passion.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Trusting in God who has called us as a people of his own,
we offer our petitions with confidence.**

For the Church,
may she see an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life,
and may all who are called respond with courage and joy.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For Christians throughout the world,
may they joyfully embrace God's call to prayer,
fasting and almsgiving as they continue their Lenten journey.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all those sick in body, mind or spirit,
may they be comforted by the knowledge that they are
loved and cared for by Christ.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all our beloved dead;
may they enjoy eternal freedom in Christ.,

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For undaunted faith in the members of this assembly
and in our elect, catechumens and candidates.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, (long pause).

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

**Heavenly Father,
we thank you for sending Jesus,
our great high priest and source of eternal salvation.
Please hear and answer these prayers we offer
through Christ our Lord.**