

Sunday Morning Worship
Readings and Prayers 17th March 2024



Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

Hebrews 5.5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

'You are my Son,
today I have begotten you';

as he says also in another place,

'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.

John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Prayers

Let us pray to the God who loves us
and understands our needs.

To the bidding: Let your name be glorified:
Please respond: **let your will be done.**

Let your name be glorified:
let your will be done.

God of mercy, we pray for all church leaders,
and all who are being called
into particular ministries, both lay and ordained.
We pray especially for any who are wrestling
with the demands of such a calling,
that they may be given courage
to offer themselves in your service.

Silence

Let your name be glorified:
let your will be done.

All-seeing God, watch over the nations
of the world
in all their plans and actions,
conflicts and disasters;
guard the children, guide the leaders
and give us all your peace.

Silence

Let your name be glorified:
let your will be done.

God of love, be present in every heart and home,
to cherish, to challenge,
to reassure and to comfort us.

Silence

Let your name be glorified:

let your will be done.

God of wholeness, we bring to your love
those who are weighed down with suffering,
or imprisoned by their fears.

Ease their burdens and give them the strength
to bear what cannot be avoided.

From our own community we pray especially for: Joyce Pringle,
Chris Hankin, Rev. Michael Dunn, Peter Murphy, Anuwat Wanggane,
Alan Coe, Sam and Andy Fellows, Jack Tubby, Stacey Pearce,
Richard Mallaber, Rob & Lucy, Roger Jones, Patricia Ash,
Jason Thomson, Ryan Day, Bryan Plester, Brenda Hulland, David New,
and Adrina and Alan Price.

Silence

Let your name be glorified:

let your will be done.

God of life, we bring to you those
whose earthly lives have ended: Jo Bunn,
and we pray for all who mourn.

We remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:
Lillian Miller, Phyllis Miller, Bill Wood, Patrick Greenow, Angela Smith,
Lillian Francis, Dennis Shaw, Dorreen Wren, Don Crutchley,
Stewart Nichols, Dennis Roxburgh.

And we remember all those we love but see no longer.

In your mercy may they receive everlasting peace.

Silence

Let your name be glorified:

let your will be done.

Gracious God, you are always
so much more ready to give than we to receive;

open our hearts and minds
to live the costly way of love.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**