

Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Psalm

Psalm 119, 9-16

⁹ How shall a young man cleanse his way? *

By keeping to your words.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; *

let me not stray from your commandments.

¹¹ I treasure your promise in my heart, *

that I may not sin against you.

¹² Blessed are you, O Lord; *

instruct me in your statutes.

¹³ With my lips will I recite *

all the judgments of your mouth.

¹⁴ I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *

than in all manner of riches.

¹⁵ I will meditate on your commandments *

and give attention to your ways.

¹⁶ My delight is in your statutes; *

I will not forget your word.

The Epistle

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵ 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’;

⁶as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.’

⁷ 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. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what

he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Gospel

John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very 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. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ²⁷'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.²⁸Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'³⁰Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.³¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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