



17 March 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent



INTRODUCTION:

Our Liturgy today encourages us to reflect on what we might need to relinquish—habits, attitudes, or selfish desires—to foster spiritual growth and closer alignment with God's will. The powerful metaphor used serves as a catalyst for believers to understand the transformative power of sacrifice, embodying the essence of Lent and preparing their hearts for the resurrection's promise.

READINGS:

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9
Gospel: Jn 12:20-33

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: With the hope that comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus, we offer our prayers to our heavenly Father.

Response: Lord hear our prayer

That the members of the Church may grow in faith and live more fully in God's love, we pray to the Lord...

That our government leaders may be blessed with the strength and wisdom they need to carry out their public service, we pray to the Lord...

That as Jesus laid down His life for us, so we may find strength to sacrifice ourselves for others, especially the poor, the weak, the unborn, and the unwanted, we pray to the Lord...

That those who suffer from the effects of war and natural disasters may be relieved of their suffering, we pray to the Lord...

That all those preparing for baptism may experience the joyful welcome of the Christian community this Easter, we pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: Almighty God, answer our prayers, and grant that we may live more fully in your love each day. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen