

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

The LORD says,
“The time is coming when I will make a new agreement
with the people of Israel and Judah.
It will be different from the agreement
that I made with their ancestors,
when I led them out of Egypt.
Although I was their God,
they broke their agreement with me.

“This is the agreement that I, the LORD,
will make with the people of Israel:
I will write my laws on their hearts and minds.
I will be their God, and they will be my people.

“No longer will they have to teach each other to obey me.
I, the LORD, promise that all of them will obey me,
no matter who they are.
I will forgive their sins
and forget the evil things they have done.”

The word of the Lord.

March 25, 2012
Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:1, 10, 12

All: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

*You are kind, God!
Please have pity on me.
You are always merciful!
Please wipe away my sins.*

All: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

*Create pure thoughts in me
and make me faithful again.*

All: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

*Make me as happy as you did
when you saved me;
make me want to obey!*

All: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

GOSPEL

John 12:24-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I tell you for certain
that a grain of wheat that falls on the ground
will never be more than one grain unless it dies.
But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat.

"If you love your life, you will lose it.
If you give it up in this world,
you will be given eternal life.

"If you serve me, you must go with me.
My servants will be with me wherever I am.
If you serve me, my Father will honor you."

The Gospel of the Lord.