THE JOY OF OUR HOPE

will be compassionate towards us. This psalm helps us to be one in the end of today's psalm, we ask God that we will be sustained in our efforts acknowledge our deep dissatisfaction, and to embark on new paths great and will involve struggle, as they did for Jesus, but Francis prays: Francis says something similar towards the end of Laudato Si', inviting by "a spirit of fervour" and to be given "again the joy of your help". Si', 205), our capacity to respond to the transforming call of God. At the to his grace at work deep in our hearts". Francis appeals to "everyone cooperating with God, expressing "our God-given ability to respond us "a pure heart" (Psalm 50:10). In this way, we commit ourselves to to authentic freedom" (Laudato Si', 205). We pray that God will put faith that Francis expresses, when he says that despite our sinfulness psalmist our own, asking that, out of the kindness of God's heart, God In response to this reading, we are invited to make the plea of the joy of our hope" (Laudato Si', 244). to those in need. The transformations that are needed in the world are us not to put any boundaries in the way of our hearts, as they go our throughout the world not to forget this dignity which is ours" (Laudato "all is not lost... We are able to take an honest look at ourselves, to "May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the steadfast spirit within us", and that the Holy Spirit will create for

Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength. and plead my cause against a nation that is taithless.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

PSALM Psalm 50

RESPONSE A pure heart create for me, O God

- Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
 In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R.
- 2. A pure heart create for me, O God, Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R. put a steadfast spirit within me.
- Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, and sinners may return to you. **R.** that I may teach transgressors your ways

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:7-9

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God follow me;

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of

But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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Next Sunday's Readings:



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IVING FROM THE HEART

season, the message of Jesus that we read today is applicable writer explains as indicating "the kind of death he would die" that humans erect between people of different nationalities and saving his Jewish listeners, but reaches beyond the boundaries would like to see Jesus. The mission of Jesus is not limited to statement is the arrival of some Greeks, who tell Philip that they - "has come" (John 12:23). It is fascinating that what triggers this moment that John's Gospel has been building up to since it started In today's Gospel reading, Jesus declares that his "hour" - the to anyone and everyone. As Pope Francis says in Laudato Si' kind of heart that we too are called to have, as his followers. describes very well the kind of heart that Jesus had, and it is the faiths. In the teaching that follows, Jesus says: "when I am lifted up this sense of fraternity excludes nothing and no one" (92). This (John 12:32-33). As we move towards the climax of our Lenter from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself", which the Gospel when our hearts are authentically open to universal communion,

a day when God will plant on their hearts" (Jeremiah God's people, "writing it God's Law deep within work with us and... counts punishment for sin, but the which is interpreted as a 31:33). He is speaking in Our first reading, from the the covenant that God God always "wishes to Pope Francis insists – that prophecy shows us – as prophet Jeremiah, tells of though the people broke the context of the exile, Laudato Si', 80). Even our cooperation"

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evil we have done". This is an action of the Spirit, who "has filled so that God shall once again "be their God and they shall be my ancestors, God wants to make a new one with their descendants of things, something new can always emerge" (Laudato Si', 80). people" (Jeremiah 31:33). Francis assures us that the promised the universe with possibilities and therefore, from the very hear transformation means that God "can also bring good out of the had made with their

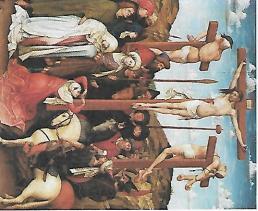
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