

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> "The days are coming," declares the LORD,  
"when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to<sup>[a]</sup> them,<sup>[b]</sup>"  
declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with the  
people of Israel  
after that time," declares the LORD.  
"I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,"  
declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.

**SECOND READING: Romans 12: 1-8**

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it  
says to those who are under the law, so that  
every mouth may be silenced and the whole  
world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore no  
one will be declared righteous in God's sight by  
the works of the law; rather, through the law we  
become conscious of our sin. <sup>21</sup> But now apart  
from the law the righteousness of God has been  
made known, to which the Law and the  
Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given  
through faith in<sup>[a]</sup> Jesus Christ to all who  
believe. There is no difference between Jew and  
Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of  
the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by  
his grace through the redemption that came by

Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a  
sacrifice of atonement,<sup>[b]</sup> through the shedding  
of his blood—to be received by faith. He did  
this to demonstrate his righteousness, because  
in his forbearance he had left the sins  
committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup> he did  
it to demonstrate his righteousness at the  
present time, so as to be just and the one who  
justifies those who have faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Where,  
then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of  
what law? The law that requires works? No,  
because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup> For we  
maintain that a person is justified by faith apart  
from the works of the law.

**GOSPEL: John 8: 31-36**

<sup>31</sup> To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus  
said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really  
my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth,  
and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered  
him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have  
never been slaves of anyone. How can you say  
that we shall be set free?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "Very  
truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to  
sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in  
the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup> So  
if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.  
heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to  
tell anyone that he was the Messiah.