

**Angelus prayer**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary  
R. *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among woman  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. *Be it done unto me according to Thy word.*

*Hail Mary.....*

V. And the Word was made flesh.  
R. *And dwelt among us.*

*Hail Mary.....*

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ*

Let us pray:

*Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, thy Grace into our hearts;  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ,  
Thy Son, was made known  
by the message of an angel,  
may by His Passion and Cross be brought  
to the glory of His Resurrection,  
through the same Christ our Lord.*

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***Sunday Bulletin***

**March 18, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent– B**

**Missal no. 821**

**First Reading**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The Lord will make a new covenant and will plant his law in your Heart

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,14-15*

Create a clean heart in me O God

**Second Reading**

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

Through his suffering, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory

**Gospel Reading**

*John 12:20-33*

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching

**Designated Collection for this Sunday:**

**Misereor- Lenten collection against Hunger and Sickness in the world**

**Next Sunday 25th March, (PALM SUNDAY) Mass begins 10:45 at St. Bernard's and 11:45 at St. Elisabeth with blessing of palms and procession into the church**

**Special collection on March 25 after Mass at St. Bernard's**

**There will be special collection on Sunday 25th March for the installation of LED lights at the Statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. at St. Bernard's .**

**Please support the project generously**

### Background on the Gospel Reading 12:20-33

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

(Cf. Sunday connection— [www.Loyolapress.com](http://www.Loyolapress.com))

### General Information about the English-speaking Mission

Our mission offers pastoral care for immigrants, religious education, catechism classes for 1st Holy Communion and confirmation, preparation for baptism (infants and adults) and marriage courses. Hospital and home visits can be arranged through the mission's office or the priests. For weddings please contact Father Sylvester Ajunwa 3 months in advance.

Sunday Masses: St. Bernard's - 11h, 19h; St. Elisabeth's 12h All Saints-10h; Catholic Academy-10h30

Confession: Sundays - 12h, 18h30 - 19h, at St. Bernard's; 14h at St. Elisabeth; Friday 17h30 at All Saints

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's 1st and 3rd Mondays 20h-21h

### Activities within the week

- Sunday 18th March - Decision point Confirmation Class at St. Bernard's - 16:45
- Monday 19th March Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard- 20:00-21h
- Friday 23rd March- Stations of the cross at St. Bernard's- 19:00h; Charismatic prayer meeting - 19:30
- March 24. 13:00- Wedding at St. Elisabeth- Juliet & Paschal Dogima
- March 24 for Lenten Penitential service with individual confessions, 18:00, St. Bernard's 
- Sunday 25th- Palm Sunday, mass begins at St. Bernard's at 10:45 am and at St. Elisabeth at 11:45am with blessing of palms and procession into the Church.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 14th Confirmation Retreat at St. Bernard's 9:30- 16h30

April 15th Confirmation Mass at St. Bernard's by Archbishop Dr. Heiner Koch

May 13th - First Holy Communion- 1200 at St. Elisabeth,

May 27th-- First Holy Communion at 11:am at St. Bernard's

June 16th - Präventionskurs in English at St. Bernard's 10:30-16:30

June 30th - English Speaking Mission Day at St. Bernard's 18:00.

For more information visit our website: [www.english-mission-berlin.de](http://www.english-mission-berlin.de)

### HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

#### **Triduum**



*The English-speaking Mission celebrates the Triduum as one large community, with St. Bernard's, All Saints and St. Elisabeth's each hosting one of the liturgies.*

- **Holy Thursday** - Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Bernard's Church, 19:00 h. The faithful are invited to stay for a period of quiet adoration after the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament.

- **Good Friday** - Celebration of the Lord's Passion with distribution of Holy Communion - All Saints, 15:00 h, preceded by the Stations of the Cross at 14:00 h. Opportunity for individual confessions.

- **Holy Saturday** - Easter Vigil Mass - St. Elisabeth's Church, 21:00 h

**Easter Sunday** - Masses will be celebrated according to the usual Sunday schedule in each community



### Special announcement for Holy Thursday, March 29th

- For Feet-washing ceremony at the Mass of the Lord's supper we need 12 volunteers\*