

## Hebrews 4:14-5:10 (Common English Bible)

<sup>14</sup> Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God's Son; <sup>15</sup> because we don't have a high priest who can't sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin. <sup>16</sup> Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help. <sup>5</sup> Every high priest is taken from the people and put in charge of things that relate to God for their sake, in order to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> The high priest is able to deal gently with the ignorant and those who are misled since he himself is prone to weakness. <sup>3</sup> Because of his weakness, he must offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as for the people. <sup>4</sup> No one takes this honor for themselves but takes it only when they are called by God, just like Aaron. <sup>5</sup> In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him, "You are my Son. Today I have become your Father," <sup>6</sup> as he also says in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup> During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. <sup>10</sup> He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## PSALM 130

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

**<sup>2</sup> O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup> If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

**<sup>4</sup> Yet with you | is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

**<sup>6</sup> My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**<sup>8</sup> For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-42 (Common English Bible)

<sup>33</sup> “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. <sup>34</sup> When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. <sup>35</sup> But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death. <sup>36</sup> “Again he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. <sup>38</sup> “But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come on, let’s kill him and we’ll have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> “When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?” <sup>41</sup> They said, “He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it’s ready.” <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read in the scriptures, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it’s amazing in our eyes?*”