

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY Oct. 31, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

31The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of

Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,

says the Lord. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the

house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law

within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their

God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach

one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall

all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord;

for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm: Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
3 though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
6 The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
8 Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
9 behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the
shields with fire.
10 "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the
earth."
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

31Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

34Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."