



## March 17, 2024, Fifth Sunday in Lent

### John 12:20-33

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, as Jesus' faith persevered to the very end, even as he knew the death he was to die, make our faith steadfast in the midst of life's challenges, and renew our commitment to your work of love and justice in all the earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." (John 12:20-21)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

In this passage, Jesus realizes that the time has come for him to fulfill his destiny. He tells Andrew and Philip not only that his death is coming, but what *kind* of death his will be—a death that changes the cosmos, bending it toward glory.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time an “outsider” shifted your perspective.
- What does Jesus’ “glorification” look like to you?
- For the littles: Have you ever planted anything? Did it grow?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you audience. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Plant something in a pot. When the weather warms, plant it outside for your neighbors to see. Use it as a talking point to get to know neighbors you haven't yet met.**



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Tuesday, Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24

Wednesday, Psalm 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; John 12:34-50

Thursday, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-11

Friday, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9; Philippians 2:12-18

Saturday, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52