

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 23rd April – S George [Martyr](#)

Psalm:

(5) PONDER my words, O Lord : consider my meditation.
2 O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God : for unto thee will I make my prayer.
3 My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord : early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
4 For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness : neither shall any evil dwell with thee.
5 Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight : for thou hatest all them that work vanity.
6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing : the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.
7 But as for me, I will come into thine house, even upon the multitude of thy mercy : and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
8 Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies : make thy way plain before my face.
9 For there is no faithfulness in his mouth : their inward parts are very wickedness.
10 Their throat is an open sepulchre : they flatter with their tongue.
11 Destroy thou them, O God; let them perish through their own imaginations : cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for they have rebelled against thee.
12 And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice : they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them; they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;
13 For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous : and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Jesus said to all, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Collect of the day:

God of hosts, Who didst so kindle the flame of love in the heart of Thy servant George that he didst bear witness to the risen Lord by his life and his death: give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.