

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 17th April – Easter II Friday

Psalm:

(57) BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee : and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be over-past.
2 I will call unto the most high God : even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.
3 He shall send from heaven : and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.
4 God shall send forth his mercy and truth : my soul is among lions.
5 And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire : whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
6 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.
7 They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul : they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.
8 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed : I will sing, and give praise.
9 Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp : I myself will awake right early.
10 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : and I will sing unto thee among the nations.
11 For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens : and thy truth unto the clouds.
12 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.
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.

(61) HEAR my crying, O God : give ear unto my prayer.
2 From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee: when my heart is in heaviness.
3 O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I: for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.
4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever : and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.
5 For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires : and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.
6 Thou shalt grant the King a long life : that his years may endure throughout all generations.
7 He shall dwell before God for ever : O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.
8 So will I always sing praise unto thy Name : that I may daily perform my vows.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
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Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiber'i-as. And a multitude followed him, because they saw the signs which he did on those who were diseased. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there sat down with his disciples. Now the

Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a multitude was coming to him, Jesus said to Philip, "How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" This he said to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among so many?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place; so the men sat down, in number about five thousand. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign which he had done, they said, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world!" Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Collect of the day:

Almighty Father, Who has given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and Truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son, 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.