

## **Psalms, readings and collect**

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> April – Easter II Wednesday

### **Psalm:**

(16) PRESERVE me, O God : for in thee have I put my trust.  
2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord : Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.  
3 All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth : and upon such as excel in virtue.  
4 But they that run after another god : shall have great trouble.  
5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer : neither make mention of their names within my lips.  
6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup : thou shalt maintain my lot.  
7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground : yea, I have a goodly heritage.  
8 I will thank the Lord for giving me warning : my reins also chasten me in the night-season.  
9 I have set God always before me : for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.  
10 Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced : my flesh also shall rest in hope.  
11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell : neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.  
12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy : and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.  
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.

(30) I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up : and not made my foes to triumph over me.  
2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.  
3 Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.  
4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his : and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.  
5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life : heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.  
6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed : thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.  
7 Thou didst turn thy face from me : and I was troubled.  
8 Then cried I unto thee, O Lord : and gat me to my Lord right humbly.  
9 What profit is there in my blood : when I go down to the pit?  
10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee : or shall it declare thy truth?  
11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be thou my helper.  
12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy : thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.  
13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing : O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.  
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**Reading:**

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

**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.