

# **Psalms, readings and collect**

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> April – Easter III Thursday

## **Psalm:**

(136) O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.  
2 O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
3 O thank the Lord of all lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
4 Who only doeth great wonders : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
5 Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
6 Who laid out the earth above the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
7 Who hath made great lights : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
8 The sun to rule the day : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
9 The moon and the stars to govern the night : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
10 Who smote Egypt with their first-born : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
11 And brought out Israel from among them : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
12 With a mighty hand, and stretched out arm : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
13 Who divided the Red sea in two parts : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
14 And made Israel to go through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever.  
15 But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red sea : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
16 Who led his people through the wilderness : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
17 Who smote great kings : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
18 Yea, and slew mighty kings : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
19 Sehon king of the Amorites : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
20 And Og the king of Basan : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
21 And gave away their land for an heritage : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
22 Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble: for his mercy endureth for ever;  
24 And hath delivered us from our enemies : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
25 Who giveth food to all flesh : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
27 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
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 John.

Jesus said to the crowd, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Every one who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that any one has seen the Father except him who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**Collect of the day:**

Almighty God, Who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of Godly life: Give us Grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy Life: through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.