

## **Psalms, readings and collect**

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter IV Monday

### **Psalm:**

(103) PRAISE the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise his holy Name.  
2 Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all his benefits;  
3 Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities;  
4 Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;  
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young and lusty as an eagle.  
6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement : for all them that are oppressed with wrong.  
7 He shewed his ways unto Moses : his works unto the children of Israel.  
8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.  
9 He will not always be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.  
10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.  
11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.  
12 Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.  
13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.  
14 For he knoweth whereof we are made : he remembereth that we are but dust.  
15 The days of man are but as grass : for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.  
16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.  
17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness upon children's children;  
18 Even upon such as keep his covenant : and think upon his commandments to do them.  
19 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven : and his kingdom ruleth over all.  
20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.  
21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.  
22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.  
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, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they

will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father."

**Collect of the day:**

Almighty God, Who shewest to them that be in error the light of Thy Truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; 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.