

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 7th May – Easter V Thursday

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.

(148) O PRAISE the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.
2 Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.
3 Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.
4 Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
7 Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
9 Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;
11 Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
13 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.
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Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said to His disciples, " As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Collect of the day:

O almighty God, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; 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.