

Psalms, readings and collect

Date: 14th May – Easter VI - year A

Obviously on Low Sunday, people will use the Act of Spiritual Communion; but for those who wish to say an evening office, provision is included here.

Office

Psalm:

(73: 21 - 27) So foolish was I, and ignorant : even as it were a beast before thee.
22 Nevertheless, I am alway by thee : for thou hast holden me by my right hand.
23 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel : and after that receive me with glory.
24 Whom have I in heaven but thee : and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.
25 My flesh and my heart faileth : but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
26 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish : thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee.
27 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God : and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.
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 Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Philip went down to a city of Sama'ria, and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the multitudes with one accord gave heed to what was said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs which he did. For unclean spirits came out of many who were possessed, crying with a loud voice; and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city. Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Sama'ria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Collect of the day:

O Lord, from Whom all good things do come: Grant to us Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; in and through 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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Collect:

Faithful God, Who loves us in Christ Jesus, send Your Spirit of Truth to dwell within us, that we may always reject what is false, live by the commands of Christ and be true to the love You have shown us; in and through Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

First Reading:

A Reading from the former Epistle General of Saint Peter.

In your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defence to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence; and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong. For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Psalm:

Be joyful in God, all the earth; ♦ sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise. Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! ♦ Because of your great strength your enemies shall bow before you.

All the earth shall worship you, ♦ sing to you, sing praise to your name.'

Come now and behold the works of God, ♦ how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.

He turned the sea into dry land; the river they passed through on foot; ♦ there we rejoiced in him. In his might he rules for ever.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, ♦ and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, ♦ nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

Gospel:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said to His disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you. "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."