

# Psalms, readings and collect

Date:

5<sup>th</sup> March – Lent II

Thursday

## Psalm:

(34) I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord : his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.  
3 O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.  
4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.  
5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.  
6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.  
7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.  
8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.  
9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.  
10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.  
11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
12 What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days?  
13 Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.  
14 Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.  
15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.  
16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.  
18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.  
19 Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.  
20 He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.  
21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.  
22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants : and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.  
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 Luke.

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Laz'arus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Laz'arus in his bosom. And he called out, `Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Laz'arus to dip the end of his finger in water and

cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Laz'arus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

**Collect of the day:**

Almighty God, Who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; in and through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost; God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.