

## Psalm and Readings Wednesday 27th May 2026

### Psalm 119:153-end

153 Look on my misery and rescue me,  
for I do not forget your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me;  
give me life according to your promise.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked,  
for they do not seek your statutes.

156 Great is your mercy, O Lord;  
give me life according to your justice.

157 Many are my persecutors and my  
adversaries, yet I do not swerve from your  
decrees.

158 I look at the faithless with disgust,  
because they do not keep your commands.

159 Consider how I love your precepts; preserve  
my life according to your steadfast love.

160 The sum of your word is truth;  
and every one of your righteous ordinances  
endures for ever.

161 Princes persecute me without cause,  
but my heart stands in awe of your words.

162 I rejoice at your word  
like one who finds great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor falsehood,  
but I love your law.

164 Seven times a day I praise you  
for your righteous ordinances.

165 Great peace have those who love your law;  
nothing can make them stumble.

166 I hope for your salvation, O Lord,  
and I fulfil your commandments.

167 My soul keeps your decrees;  
I love them exceedingly.

168 I keep your precepts and decrees,  
for all my ways are before you.

169 Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give  
me understanding according to your word.

170 Let my supplication come before you;  
deliver me according to your promise.

171 My lips will pour forth praise,  
because you teach me your statutes.

172 My tongue will sing of your promise,  
for all your commandments are right.

173 Let your hand be ready to help me,  
for I have chosen your precepts.

174 I long for your salvation, O Lord,  
and your law is my delight.

175 Let me live that I may praise you,  
and let your ordinances help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek  
out your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.

### Joshua 3

Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. At the end of three days the officers went through the camp and commanded the people, 'When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it.' Then Joshua said to the people, 'Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.' To the priests Joshua said, 'Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people.' So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan."' Joshua then said to the Israelites, 'Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.' Joshua said, 'By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.'

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

#### **Luke 9:37-50**

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, 'Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.' But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of

their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.'

John answered, 'Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.' But Jesus said to him, 'Do not stop him; for whoever is not against you is for you.'

#### **The Collect of the Day**

O Lord, from whom all good things come:  
grant to us your humble servants,  
that by your holy inspiration  
we may think those things that are good,  
and by your merciful guiding may perform the  
same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.