

THE POLYELEOS (Psalm 135/136)

-O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

v. Alleluia! For His mercy endures forever, alleluia!

-O give thanks to the God of gods, v.

-O give thanks to the Lord of lords, v.

-To Him who alone has wrought great wonders, v.

-To Him who made the heavens with understanding, v.

-To Him who established the earth upon the waters, v.

-To Him who alone has made great lights, v.

-The sun for dominion of the day, v.

-The moon and the stars for dominion of the night, v.

-To Him who smote Egypt with their first-born, v.

-And led forth Israel out of the midst of them, v.

-With a strong hand and lofty arm, v.

-To Him who divided the Red Sea into parts, v.

-And led Israel through the midst of it, v.

-And overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, v.

-To Him who led His people through the wilderness, v.

-To Him who smote great kings, v.

-And slew mighty kings, v.

-Sihon, king of the Amorites, v.

-And Og, king of the land of Basan, v.

-And gave their land for an inheritance, v.

-An inheritance for Israel, His Servant, v.

-For in our humiliation the Lord remembered us, v.

-And redeemed us from our enemies, v.

-He that gives food to all flesh, v.

-O give thanks to the God of Heaven, v.

-O Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, alleluia! For His mercy endures forever, alleluia!

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,

And have told us that whoever sees You sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Mathew from being enslaved by money;

The adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;

Made Peter weep after his betrayal,

And assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,

The words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,

Of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:

Let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness

In order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:

Let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,

So that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,

And your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,

Proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,

And restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,

You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.