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FIRST READING

Acts 4:32–35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The followers of Jesus all felt the same way about everything. None of them claimed that their belongings were their own, and they shared everything they had with each other.

In a powerful way the apostles told everyone that the Lord Jesus was now alive.

God greatly blessed his followers, and no one went in need of anything.

Everyone who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to apostles.

Then they would give the money to anyone who needed it.

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:2–4, 22–24

All: Give thanks, for the Lord is good,
God's love is everlasting.

*Let Israel shout,
"God is always merciful!"
Let the family of Aaron
the priest shout,
"God is always merciful!"
Let every true worshiper
of the LORD shout,
"God is always merciful!"*

All: Give thanks, for the Lord is good,
God's love is everlasting.

*The stone that the builders
tossed aside
has now become
the most important stone.
The LORD has done this,
and it is amazing to us.
This day belongs to the LORD!
Let's celebrate and be glad today.*

All: Give thanks, for the Lord is good,
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SECOND READING

1 John 5:1–3

A reading from the first letter of John

Beloved:

If we believe that Jesus is truly Christ,
we are God's children.

Everyone who loves the Father will also love his children.

If we love and obey God,
we know that we will love his children.

We show our love for God by obeying his commandments,
and they are not hard to follow.

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GOSPEL

John 20:19–29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders,
and on the evening of that same Sunday
they locked themselves in a room.

Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group.
He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side.
When the disciples saw the Lord,
they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said,
“I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me.”
Then he breathed on them and said,

“Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive anyone’s sins,
they will be forgiven.
But if you don’t forgive their sins,
they will not be forgiven.”

Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples,
he was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them.
So they told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But Thomas said, “First, I must see the nail scars in his hands
and touch them with my finger.
I must put my hand where the spear went into his side.
I won’t believe unless I do this!”

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GOSPEL
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A week later the disciples were together again. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came in while the doors were still locked and stood in the middle of the group. He greeted his disciples and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands! Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!"

Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"

Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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