

April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)



FIRST READING

Acts 4:8–12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit
and told the nation's leaders and the elders:

"You are questioning us today about a kind deed
in which a crippled man was healed.
But there is something we must tell you and everyone else in Israel.
This man is standing here completely well
because of the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth.

"You put Jesus to death on a cross,
but God raised him to life.
He is the stone that you builders thought was worthless,
and now he is the most important stone of all.
Only Jesus has the power to save!
His name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone."

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1 & 21, 22–23

All: *The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone.*

*Tell the LORD
how thankful you are,
because he is kind
and always merciful.
I praise the LORD
for answering my prayers
and saving me.*

All: *The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone.*

*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.*

All: *The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone.*

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SECOND READING

1 John 3:1–2

A reading from the first letter of John

Beloved:

Think how much the Father loves us.

He loves us so much that he lets us be called his children,
as we truly are.

But since the people of this world did not know who Christ is,
they don't know who we are.

My dear friends, we are already God's children,
though what we will be has not yet been seen.

But we do know that when Christ returns,
we will be like him,
because we will see him as he truly is.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL
John 10:11–16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I am the good shepherd,
and the good shepherd gives up his life for his sheep.

“Hired workers are not like the shepherd.

They don’t own the sheep,
and when they see a wolf coming,
they run off and leave the sheep.

Then the wolf attacks and scatters the flock.

“Hired workers run away because they don’t care about the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd.

I know my sheep, and they know me.

Just as the Father knows me,

I know the Father,
and I give up my life for my sheep.

“I have other sheep that are not in this sheep pen.

I must bring them together too,
when they hear my voice.

Then there will be one flock of sheep and one shepherd.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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