

Fourth Sunday of Easter B

25 April 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter and John were speaking
to the people about the resurrection of Jesus,
the captain of the temple arrested them and placed them in custody.

The next day the rulers, elders and scribes assembled.

When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired,
"By what power or by what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,

"Rulers of the people and elders,

if we are questioned today

because of a good deed done to someone who was sick

and are asked how this man has been healed,

let it be known to all of you,

and to all the people of Israel,

that this man is standing before you in good health

by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,

whom you crucified,

whom God raised from the dead.

"This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you,
the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else,

for there is no other name under heaven

given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

or

R. Alleluia.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in mortals.
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in princes. **R.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing;
It is marvellous in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever. **R.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of John
See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God;
and that is what we are.
The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.
What we do know is this:
when he is revealed, we will be like him,
for we will see him as he is.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

"I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd

and does not own the sheep,

sees the wolf coming

and leaves the sheep and runs away-

and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

The hired hand runs away

because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

"For this reason the Father loves me,

because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me,

but I lay it down of my own accord.

I have power to lay it down,

and I have power to take it up again.

I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

