

Sunday, January 18, 2015

First Reading: Acts 4:8-13, Holy Bible, page 1696

- Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!
- Acts 4:9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed,
- Acts 4:10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.
- Acts 4:11 He is " 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.'
- Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."
- Acts 4:13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 18:1-7, 17-20, Holy Bible, page 855, 856

Ps 18:1 I love you, O LORD, my strength.

Ps 18:2 **The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

Ps 18:3 I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

Ps 18:4 **The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.**

Ps 18:5 The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.

Ps 18:6 **In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.**

Ps 18:7 The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; they trembled because he was angry.

Ps 18:17 **He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.**

Ps 18:18 They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support.

Ps 18:19 **He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.**

Ps 18:20 The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.

People: Glory be the Father and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-5, Holy Bible, page 1782

- 1 Cor 10:1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.
- 1 Cor 10:2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.
- 1 Cor 10:3 They all ate the same spiritual food
- 1 Cor 10:4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.
- 1 Cor 10:5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Here Ends the Readings.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19, Holy Bible, page 1524

- Matt 16:13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"
- Matt 16:14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
- Matt 16:15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
- Matt 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ," the Son of the living God."
- Matt 16:17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.
- Matt 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.
- Matt 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."