Second Sunday of Easter, April 8, 2018

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35, Holy Bible, page 1697

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Act 4:32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of
his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

Act 4:33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of
the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

Act 4:34 There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those
who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the
sales

Act 4:35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had
need.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 Holy Bible, page 982

Ps 148:1 Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

Ps 148:2 Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Ps 148:3 Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

Ps 148:4 Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Ps 148:5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

Ps 148:6 He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.

Ps 148:7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

Ps 148:8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

Ps 148:9 you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

Ps 148:10 wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

Ps 148:11 kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

Ps 148:12 young men and maidens, old men and children.

Ps 148:13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Ps 148:14 He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.

People: Glory be to 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 John 1:1-2:2, Holy Bible, pages 1898-1899

1John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

1John 1:2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

1John 1:3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

1John 1:4 We write this to make our joy complete.

1John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

1John 1:6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

1John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1John 1:10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

1John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

1John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: (Please Stand)

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:19-31, Holy Bible, pages 1686-1687

John 20:19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

John 20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

John 20:22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

John 20:23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

John 20:24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

John 20:25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

John 20:26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

John 20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

John 20:28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

John 20:31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.