

Third Sunday of Easter, April 15, 2018

First Reading: Acts 3:11-21, Holy Bible, page 1695

- Act 3:11 While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.
- Act 3:12 When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"
- Act 3:13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.
- Act 3:14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.
- Act 3:15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.
- Act 3:16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.
- Act 3:17 "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.
- Act 3:18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer.
- Act 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,
- Act 3:20 and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.
- Act 3:21 He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4, Holy Bible, page 845

Ps 4:1 Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

Ps 4:2 **How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame ? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods ?**

Ps 4:3 Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call to him.

Ps 4:4 **In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.**

Ps 4:5 Offer right sacrifices and trust in the LORD.

Ps 4:6 **Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

Ps 4:7 You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound.

Ps 4:8 **I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

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 3:1-7, Holy Bible, pages 1900-1901

- 1John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on 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.
- 1John 3:2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
- 1John 3:3 Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.
- 1John 3:4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.
- 1John 3:5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.
- 1John 3:6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.
- 1John 3:7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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: Luke 24:36-49, Holy Bible, page 1644

- Luke 24:36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
- Luke 24:37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.
- Luke 24:38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"
- Luke 24:39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."
- Luke 24:40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.
- Luke 24:41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"
- Luke 24:42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
- Luke 24:43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.
- Luke 24:44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."
- Luke 24:45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.
- Luke 24:46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,
- Luke 24:47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- Luke 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.
- Luke 24:49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."