



FIRST READING ACTS 4: 8 -12

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed,

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be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well.

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This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner.

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And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

SECOND READING

1JOHN 3: 1-2

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we

are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

PSALM

Psalm 118

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord

than to put confidence in man.

9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord

than to put confidence in princes.

21 I thank thee that thou hast answered me

and hast become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected

has become the head of the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

26 Blessed be he who enters in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures for ever!

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He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me,

as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it 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 again; this charge I have received from my Father.”