

Readings for April 30th, 2017 – Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14a,36-41

Hear the Word of God as it is written in Acts chapter 2 verse 14a and verses 36 to 41.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Therefor let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Let us all stand and read Psalm 116 verses 1 to 3 and 10 to 17, responsively by verse.

1

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

3

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

10

How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things he has done for me?

11

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

13

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants.

14

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

17

In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Hear the Word of God as it is written in First Peter chapter 1 verses 17 to 23.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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