



## Prayer of the Day

Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup>Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## Psalm 148

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;\*  
praise him | in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;\*  
praise him, | all his host.

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, | sun and moon;\*  
praise him, all you | shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,\*  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD;\*  
for he commanded, and they | were created.

<sup>6</sup>He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;\*  
he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth,\*  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>Fire and hail, | snow and fog,\*  
tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;

<sup>9</sup>Mountains | and all hills,\*  
fruit trees | and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>Wild beasts | and all cattle,\*  
creeping things and | winged birds;

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth | and all peoples,\*  
princes and all rulers | of the world;

<sup>12</sup>Young | men and maidens,\*  
old and | young together.

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,\*  
for his name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over | earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his | loyal servants,\*  
the children of Israel,  
a people who are near him. | Hallelujah!

## Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>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 cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## Gospel: John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Lessons for Next Week: Acts 3:11-21; Psalm 4;  
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49