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*SUNDAY*

**Reading 1 Acts 4:32-35**

The community of believers was of one heart and mind,  
and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own,  
but they had everything in common.

With great power the apostles bore witness  
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,  
and great favor was accorded them all.

There was no needy person among them,  
for those who owned property or houses would sell them,  
bring the proceeds of the sale,  
and put them at the feet of the apostles,  
and they were distributed to each according to need.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

R. (1) **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**  
or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”

Let those who fear the LORD say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”

R. **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**  
or:

R. **Alleluia.**

I was hard pressed and was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory  
in the tents of the just:

R. **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**  
or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**  
or:

R. **Alleluia.**

**Reading 2 1 Jn 5:1-6**

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Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,  
and everyone who loves the Father  
loves also the one begotten by him.  
In this way we know that we love the children of God  
when we love God and obey his commandments.  
For the love of God is this,  
that we keep his commandments.  
And his commandments are not burdensome,  
for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.  
And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.  
Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and blood.  
The Spirit is the one that testifies,  
and the Spirit is truth.

**Alleluia Jn 20:29**

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;  
blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Jn 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, "Peace be with you."  
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.  
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.  
So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."  
But he said to them,  
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands  
and put my finger into the nailmarks  
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside

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and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked,  
and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,  
and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?"

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples  
that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,  
and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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MONDAY

### **Reading 1 Acts 4:23-31**

After their release Peter and John went back to their own people  
and reported what the chief priests and elders had told them.

And when they heard it,  
they raised their voices to God with one accord  
and said, "Sovereign Lord, maker of heaven and earth  
and the sea and all that is in them,  
you said by the Holy Spirit  
through the mouth of our father David, your servant:

*Why did the Gentiles rage  
and the peoples entertain folly?  
The kings of the earth took their stand  
and the princes gathered together  
against the Lord and against his anointed.*

Indeed they gathered in this city  
against your holy servant Jesus whom you anointed,  
Herod and Pontius Pilate,  
together with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,  
to do what your hand and your will  
had long ago planned to take place.  
And now, Lord, take note of their threats,  
and enable your servants to speak your word  
with all boldness, as you stretch forth your hand to heal,  
and signs and wonders are done  
through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

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As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook,  
and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9**

R. (see 11d) **Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples utter folly?  
The kings of the earth rise up,  
and the princes conspire together  
against the LORD and against his anointed:  
“Let us break their fetters  
and cast their bonds from us!”

**R. Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

He who is throned in heaven laughs;  
the LORD derides them.  
Then in anger he speaks to them;  
he terrifies them in his wrath:  
“I myself have set up my king  
on Zion, my holy mountain.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD.

**R. Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
this day I have begotten you.  
Ask of me and I will give you  
the nations for an inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.  
You shall rule them with an iron rod;  
you shall shatter them like an earthen dish.”

**R. Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia Col 3:1**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

If then you were raised with Christ,  
seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Jn 3:1-8**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.  
He came to Jesus at night and said to him,

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“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God,  
for no one can do these signs that you are doing  
unless God is with him.”  
Jesus answered and said to him,  
“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless one is born from above, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.”  
Nicodemus said to him,  
“How can a man once grown old be born again?  
Surely he cannot reenter his mother’s womb and be born again, can he?”  
Jesus answered,  
“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless one is born of water and Spirit  
he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.  
What is born of flesh is flesh  
and what is born of spirit is spirit.  
Do not be amazed that I told you,  
‘You must be born from above.’  
The wind blows where it wills,  
and you can hear the sound it makes,  
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes;  
so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

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*TUESDAY*

**Reading 1 Acts 4:32-37**

The community of believers was of one heart and mind,  
and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own,  
but they had everything in common.  
With great power the Apostles bore witness  
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,  
and great favor was accorded them all.  
There was no needy person among them,  
for those who owned property or houses would sell them,  
bring the proceeds of the sale,  
and put them at the feet of the Apostles,  
and they were distributed to each according to need.

Thus Joseph, also named by the Apostles Barnabas  
(which is translated “son of encouragement”),  
a Levite, a Cypriot by birth,  
sold a piece of property that he owned,  
then brought the money and put it at the feet of the Apostles.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5**

**R. (1a) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

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or:

**R. Alleluia.**

The LORD is king, in splendor robed;  
robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

**R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

And he has made the world firm,  
not to be moved.

Your throne stands firm from of old;  
from everlasting you are, O LORD.

**R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed:  
holiness befits your house,  
O LORD, for length of days.

**R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia Jn 3:14-15**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Son of Man must be lifted up,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may have eternal life.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Jn 3:7b-15**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“‘You must be born from above.’

The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes,  
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes;  
so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus answered and said to him,  
‘How can this happen?’”

Jesus answered and said to him,

“You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?

Amen, amen, I say to you,

we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen,  
but you people do not accept our testimony.

If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe,  
how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has gone up to heaven  
except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,

so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

WEDNESDAY

**Reading 1 Acts 5:17-26**

The high priest rose up and all his companions,  
that is, the party of the Sadducees,  
and, filled with jealousy,  
laid hands upon the Apostles and put them in the public jail.  
But during the night, the angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison,  
led them out, and said,  
“Go and take your place in the temple area,  
and tell the people everything about this life.”  
When they heard this,  
they went to the temple early in the morning and taught.  
When the high priest and his companions arrived,  
they convened the Sanhedrin,  
the full senate of the children of Israel,  
and sent to the jail to have them brought in.  
But the court officers who went did not find them in the prison,  
so they came back and reported,  
“We found the jail securely locked  
and the guards stationed outside the doors,  
but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”  
When the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard this report,  
they were at a loss about them,  
as to what this would come to.  
Then someone came in and reported to them,  
“The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area  
and are teaching the people.”  
Then the captain and the court officers went and brought them,  
but without force,  
because they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. (7a) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

Glorify the LORD with me,

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let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia Jn 3:16**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Jn 3:16-21**

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish  
but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,  
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,  
because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

And this is the verdict,  
that the light came into the world,  
but people preferred darkness to light,  
because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light  
and does not come toward the light,  
so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,  
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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THURSDAY

**Reading 1 Acts 5:27-33**

When the court officers had brought the Apostles in  
and made them stand before the Sanhedrin,  
the high priest questioned them,

“We gave you strict orders did we not,  
to stop teaching in that name.

Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching  
and want to bring this man’s blood upon us.”

But Peter and the Apostles said in reply,  
“We must obey God rather than men.

The God of our ancestors raised Jesus,  
though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree.  
God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior  
to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.

We are witnesses of these things,  
as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

When they heard this,  
they became infuriated and wanted to put them to death.

**Responsorial Psalm PS 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20**

R. (7a) **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.  
When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
and from all their distress he rescues them.

R. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.  
Many are the troubles of the just man,  
but out of them all the LORD delivers him.

R. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

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**Alleluia Jn 20:29**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;  
blessed are those who have not seen, but still believe!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Jn 3:31-36**

The one who comes from above is above all.

The one who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of earthly things.

But the one who comes from heaven is above all.

He testifies to what he has seen and heard,  
but no one accepts his testimony.

Whoever does accept his testimony certifies that God is trustworthy.

For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God.

He does not ration his gift of the Spirit.

The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him.

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life,  
but whoever disobeys the Son will not see life,  
but the wrath of God remains upon him.

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*FRIDAY*

**Reading 1 Acts 5:34-42**

A Pharisee in the Sanhedrin named Gamaliel,  
a teacher of the law, respected by all the people,  
stood up, ordered the Apostles to be put outside for a short time,  
and said to the Sanhedrin, "Fellow children of Israel,  
be careful what you are about to do to these men.  
Some time ago, Theudas appeared, claiming to be someone important,  
and about four hundred men joined him, but he was killed,  
and all those who were loyal to him  
were disbanded and came to nothing.

After him came Judas the Galilean at the time of the census.

He also drew people after him,  
but he too perished and all who were loyal to him were scattered.

So now I tell you,  
have nothing to do with these men, and let them go.

For if this endeavor or this activity is of human origin,  
it will destroy itself.

But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them;  
you may even find yourselves fighting against God."

They were persuaded by him.

After recalling the Apostles, they had them flogged,  
ordered them to stop speaking in the name of Jesus,  
and dismissed them.

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So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin,  
rejoicing that they had been found worthy  
to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.  
And all day long, both at the temple and in their homes,  
they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Christ, Jesus.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14**

R. (see 4abc) **One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?

R. **One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

One thing I ask of the LORD

this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD

and contemplate his temple.

R. **One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;

be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. **One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

**Alleluia Mt 4:4**

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Jn 6:1-15**

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee.

A large crowd followed him,

because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick.

Jesus went up on the mountain,

and there he sat down with his disciples.

The Jewish feast of Passover was near.

When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him,  
he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?"

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He said this to test him,  
because he himself knew what he was going to do.  
Philip answered him,  
“Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough  
for each of them to have a little.”  
One of his disciples,  
Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,  
“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;  
but what good are these for so many?”  
Jesus said, “Have the people recline.”  
Now there was a great deal of grass in that place.  
So the men reclined, about five thousand in number.  
Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,  
and distributed them to those who were reclining,  
and also as much of the fish as they wanted.  
When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples,  
“Gather the fragments left over,  
so that nothing will be wasted.”  
So they collected them,  
and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments  
from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.  
When the people saw the sign he had done, they said,  
“This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.”  
Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off  
to make him king,  
he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

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*SATURDAY*

### **Reading 1 Acts 6:1-7**

As the number of disciples continued to grow,  
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews  
because their widows  
were being neglected in the daily distribution.  
So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said,  
“It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.  
Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,  
filled with the Spirit and wisdom,  
whom we shall appoint to this task,  
whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer  
and to the ministry of the word.”  
The proposal was acceptable to the whole community,  
so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit,  
also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,

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and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

They presented these men to the Apostles  
who prayed and laid hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread,  
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly;  
even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19**

**R. (22) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;  
praise from the upright is fitting.  
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ is risen, who made all things;  
he has shown mercy on all people.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Jn 6:16-21**

When it was evening, the disciples of Jesus went down to the sea,  
embarked in a boat, and went across the sea to Capernaum.  
It had already grown dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.  
The sea was stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.  
When they had rowed about three or four miles,  
they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat,  
and they began to be afraid.

But he said to them, "It is I. Do not be afraid."

They wanted to take him into the boat,

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but the boat immediately arrived at the shore  
to which they were heading.

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