

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B

# Season of Easter

*First Reading* † Acts 4:8-12

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,

‘Rulers of the people, and elders!

If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a sick man and asking us how he was healed, you must know, all of you, and the whole people of Israel, that it is by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified and God raised from the dead, by this name this man stands before you cured.

This is *the stone which you, the builders, rejected* but which *has become the cornerstone*. In no one else is there salvation; for there is no other name under heaven given to human beings by which we must be saved.’

The word of the Lord.

*Responsorial* † Psalm 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

### ***The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.***

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in humans;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

### ***The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.***

I will thank you, for you have answered,  
and you are my saviour.

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes.

### ***The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.***

Blessed is one who comes  
in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

### ***The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.***

**Second Reading † 1 John 3:1-2**

*We shall see God as he is.*

**A reading from the first letter of St John**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us  
by letting us be called God's children,  
and that is what we are!

The reason why the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.

My dear friends, we are already God's children,  
but what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We know that when he appears  
we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation † John 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel † John 10:11-18**

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said:

I am the good shepherd;  
the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
abandons the sheep  
and runs away,  
and the wolf despoils and scatters the sheep;  
because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father.  
And I lay down my life for my sheep.

And I have other sheep  
that are not of this fold,  
and I must lead these too.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be one flock,  
one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me.  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and I have power to lay it down,  
and power to take it up again.  
This command I received from my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Monday of the fourth week of Easter*