

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**P**eter was filled with the Holy Spirit  
and told the nation's leaders and the elders:

"You are questioning us today about a kind deed  
in which a crippled man was healed.

But there is something we must tell you  
and everyone else in Israel.

This man is standing here completely well  
because of the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth.

"You put Jesus to death on a cross,  
but God raised him to life.

He is the stone that you builders thought was worthless,  
and now he is the most important stone of all.

Only Jesus has the power to save!

His name is the only one in all the world  
that can save anyone."

**The word of the Lord.**

April 29, 2012  
Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 118:1 and  
21, 22-23*

*All: The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*

*or*

*All: Alleluia.*

*Tell the LORD  
how thankful you are,  
because he is kind  
and always merciful.  
I praise the LORD  
for answering my prayers  
and saving me.*

*All: The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*

*or*

*All: Alleluia.*

*The stone that the builders  
tossed aside  
has now become  
the most important stone.  
The LORD has done this,  
and it is amazing to us.*

*All: The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*

*or*

*All: Alleluia.*

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SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of John

Beloved:

Think how much the Father loves us.

He loves us so much that he lets us be called his children,  
as we truly are.

But since the people of this world  
did not know who Christ is,  
they don't know who we are.

My dear friends, we are already God's children,  
though what we will be has not yet been seen.

But we do know that when Christ returns,  
we will be like him,  
because we will see him as he truly is.

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GOSPEL

John 10:11-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"I am the good shepherd,  
and the good shepherd gives up his life for his sheep.

"Hired workers are not like the shepherd.  
They don't own the sheep,  
and when they see a wolf coming,  
they run off and leave the sheep.  
Then the wolf attacks and scatters the flock.

"Hired workers run away  
because they don't care about the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd.  
I know my sheep, and they know me.  
Just as the Father knows me,  
I know the Father,  
and I give up my life for my sheep.

"I have other sheep that are not in this sheep pen.  
I must bring them together too,  
when they hear my voice.  
Then there will be one flock of sheep and one shepherd."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**