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First Reading
Acts 9:26-28

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem,
he tried to join the followers.
But they were all afraid of him,
because they did not believe he was a true follower.

Then Barnabas helped him by taking him to the apostles.
He explained how on the road to Damascus,
Saul had seen the Lord and how the Lord had spoken to Saul.
Barnabas also said that when Saul was in Damascus,
he had spoken bravely in the name of Jesus.

Saul moved about freely with the followers in Jerusalem
and told everyone about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:27, 30-31

All: *I will praise you, Lord,*
in the assembly of your people.
or
All: *Alleluia.*

Everyone on this earth
will remember you, Lord.
People all over the world
will turn and worship you.

All: *I will praise you, Lord,*
in the assembly of your people.
or
All: *Alleluia.*

In the future,
everyone will worship
and learn about you, our Lord.
People not yet born
will be told,
"The Lord has saved us!"

All: *I will praise you, Lord,*
in the assembly of your people.
or
All: *Alleluia.*

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Second Reading
1 John 3:18

A reading from the first letter of John

Children, you show love for others
by truly helping them, and not merely by talking about it.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel
John 15:1-5, 7-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:
"I am the true vine,
and my Father is the gardener.
He cuts away every branch of mine
that does not produce fruit.
But he trims clean every branch that does produce fruit,
so that it will produce even more fruit.

"You are already clean because of what I have said to you.

"Stay joined to me,
and I will stay joined to you.
Just as a branch cannot produce fruit
unless it stays joined to the vine,
you cannot produce fruit unless you stay joined to me.

"I am the vine, and you are the branches.
If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you,
then you will produce lots of fruit.
But you cannot do anything without me.

"Stay joined to me
and let my teachings become part of you.
Then you can pray for whatever you want,
and your prayer will be answered.

"When you become fruitful disciples of mine,
my Father will be honored."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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