FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were
of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private
ownership of any possessions, but everything they
owned was held in common. [33]With great power
the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrec-
tion of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon
them all. [34]There was not a needy person among
them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold
them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.
[35]They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was dis-
tributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1—2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning,
what we have heard, what we have seen with our
eyes, what we have looked at and touched with
our hands, concerning the word of life—[2]this life
was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it,
and declare to you the eternal life that was with
the Father and was revealed to us—[3]we declare
to you what we have seen and heard so that you
also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fel-
lowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus
Christ. [4]We are writing these things so that our
joy may be complete.

[5]This is the message we have heard from him
and proclaim to you, that God is light and in
him there is no darkness at all. [6]If we say that we
have fellowship with him while we are walking in
darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; [7]but
if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another, and the
blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. [8]If
we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. [9]If we confess our sins,
he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10]If we
say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar,
and his word is not in us.

[2:1]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; [2]and he is the atoning sacri-
fice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for
the sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day
of the week, and the doors of the house where
the disciples had met were locked for fear of the
Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and
said, "Peace be with you." [20]After he said this, he
showed them his hands and his side. Then the
disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [21]Jesus
said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the
Father has sent me, so I send you." [22]When he had
said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. [23]If you forgive the sins
of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the
sins of any, they are retained."

[24]But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one
of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
[25]So the other disciples told 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
in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I
will not believe."

[26]A week later his disciples were again in the
house, and Thomas was with them. Although the
doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among
them and said, "Peace be with you." [27]Then he
said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my
hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.
Do not doubt but believe." [28]Thomas answered
him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him,
"Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have
come to believe."

[30]Now Jesus did many other signs in the pres-
ence of his disciples, which are not written in
this book. [31]But these are written so that you may
come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son
of God, and that through believing you may have
life in his name.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48.

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