

## SATURDAY IN EASTER WEEK: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

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

Now when the rulers and elders and scribes saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they wondered; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus. But seeing the man that had been healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred with one another, saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is manifest to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to any one in this name.” So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to

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punish them, because of the people; for all men  
praised God for what had happened.

*The Reader concludes*      The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 118:14–18**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 118, verses 14 through  
18, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 761.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

14    The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
      and he has become my salvation.

15    There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
      in the tents of the righteous:

16    “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
      the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
      the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

17    I shall not die, but live, \*  
      and declare the works of the LORD.

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18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

*The Minister says* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Minister* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her,

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they would not believe it. After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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