

First Scripture Reading

## **Acts 3:12-19**

from the Common English Bible

<sup>12</sup>Seeing this, Peter addressed the people: “You Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us as if we made him walk by our own power or piety? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - the God of our ancestors - has glorified his servant Jesus. This is the one you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence, even though he had already decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>You rejected the holy and righteous one, and asked that a murderer be released to you instead. <sup>15</sup>You killed the author of life, the very one whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup>His name itself has made this man strong. That is, because of faith in Jesus’ name, God has strengthened this man whom you see and know. The faith that comes through Jesus gave him complete health right before your eyes. <sup>17</sup>“Brothers and sisters, I know you acted in ignorance. So did your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But this is how God fulfilled what he foretold through all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Change your hearts and lives! Turn back to God so that your sins may be wiped away.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading

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from the Common English Bible

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God!

**Set me free from my troubles! Have mercy on me!  
Listen to my prayer!**

<sup>2</sup>How long, you people, will my reputation be insulted?

**How long will you continue to love what is  
worthless and go after lies? *Selah***

<sup>3</sup>Know this: the Lord takes personal care of the faithful.

**The Lord will hear me when I cry out to him.**

<sup>4</sup>So be afraid, and don’t sin!

**Think hard about it in your bed and weep over  
it! *Selah***

<sup>5</sup>Bring righteous offerings...

**and trust the Lord!**

<sup>6</sup>Many people say, “We can’t find goodness anywhere.

**The light of your face has left us, Lord!”**

<sup>7</sup>But you have filled my heart with more joy than when their wheat and wine are everywhere!

**<sup>8</sup>I will lie down and fall asleep in peace because you  
alone, Lord, let me live in safety.**

Second Scripture Reading

**Luke 24:36b-48**

from the Common English Bible

<sup>36</sup>While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>37</sup>They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet. It’s really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones like you see I have.” <sup>40</sup>As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup>Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of baked fish. <sup>43</sup>Taking it, he ate it in front of them. <sup>44</sup>Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.