

Jealous authorities threaten the apostles, who cannot be dissuaded from sharing the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [5:27-32]

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 150 *(8 AM said in unison, 10 AM sung)*

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- ² Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- ³ Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
- ⁴ Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
- ⁵ Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- ⁶ Let everything that has breath *
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

John writes to the faithful in Asia, sharing the vision God has given him of Jesus' coming reign as ruler of all creation for all time.

A reading from the Revelation to John [1:4-8]

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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