

## SERIES B TEXTS

### Third Sunday of Easter

#### Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “**You** Israelites, why do **you** wonder at this, or why do **you** stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom **you** handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But **you** rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to **you**, <sup>15</sup> and **you** killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom **you** see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of **you**. <sup>17</sup> “And now, friends, I know that **you** acted in ignorance, as did also **your** rulers. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn to God so that **your** sins may be wiped out.”

#### Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. <sup>2</sup> “**You** mortals, how long will **you** dishonor my glory; how long will **you** love illusions and seek after lies?” <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call. <sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to **your** heart in silence upon **your** bed. <sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put **your** trust in the LORD. <sup>6</sup> Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD. <sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound. <sup>8</sup> In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> **You** know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive **you**. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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### Luke 24:36b-48

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he 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 of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”