

Readings January 18, 2026 – Confession of St. Peter

FIRST READING: Acts 4:8-13

⁸ Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to [the authorities,] “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’

¹² “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 18:1-6, 16-19

¹ I love you, O LORD my strength,
O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven;

² my God, my rock in whom I put my trust,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge.

³ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

⁴ The breakers of death rolled over me,
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

⁵ The cords of Sheol entangled me,
and the snares of death were set for me.

⁶ I called upon the LORD in my distress and cried out to my God for help. From the heavens the LORD heard my voice; my cry reached God’s ears.

¹⁶ You reached down from on high and grasped me;
you drew me out of great waters.

¹⁷ You delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my disaster;
but you, LORD, were my support.

¹⁹ **You brought me out into an open place;**
you rescued me because you delighted in me.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

¹ I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

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