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Second Sunday of Easter (A)



FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The followers of Jesus spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together.

Everyone was amazed at the many miracles and wonders that the apostles worked.

All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had. They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it. Day after day they met together in the temple. They broke bread together in different homes and shared their food happily and freely, while praising God.

Everyone liked them, and each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 29:3abde-4,
3cde & 9ef-10*

All: Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting.

*Let Israel shout,
"God is always merciful!"
Let the family of Aaron
the priest shout,
"God is always merciful!"
Let every true worshiper
of the LORD shout,
"God is always merciful!"*

All: Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting.

*The stone that the builders
tossed aside
has now become
the most important stone.
The LORD has done this,
and it is amazing to us.
This day belongs to the LORD!
Let's celebrate and be glad today.*

All: Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting.

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SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3–4

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Brothers and sisters:
Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is so good,
and by raising Jesus from death,
he has given us new life and a hope that lives on.

God has something stored up for you in heaven,
where it will never decay or be ruined or disappear.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL
John 20:19–29

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders,
and on the evening of that same Sunday
they locked themselves in a room.

Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group.
He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side. When the
disciples saw the Lord,
they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said,
"I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me."
Then he breathed on them and said,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive anyone's sins,
they will be forgiven.
But if you don't forgive their sins,
they will not be forgiven."

Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples,
he was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them.
So they told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But Thomas said, "First, I must see the nail scars in his hands
and touch them with my finger.
I must put my hand where the spear went into his side.
I won't believe unless I do this!"

A week later the disciples were together again.
This time Thomas was with them.
Jesus came in while the doors were still locked
and stood in the middle of the group.
He greeted his disciples and said to Thomas,
"Put your finger here and look at my hands!
Put your hand into my side.
Stop doubting and have faith!"

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GOSPEL
John 20:19–29

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Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"

Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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