

Readings at Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter (Year C) (Divine Mercy)

FIRST READING

ACTS 5.12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And, more than ever, believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that, as Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns 'round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118 (117). 2-4, 22-24, 25-27A; R. V. 1

R. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Let the house of Israel say,

'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let the house of Aaron say,

'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the Lord say,

'His mercy endures for ever.' **R.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad. **R.**

We beseech you, O Lord, grant salvation;
we beseech you, O Lord, grant success.
Blest is he who comes / in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord is God, and has given us light. **R.**

SECOND READING

REVELATION 1.9-11A, 12-13, 17-19

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, like a trumpet, saying, *'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.'*

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and, on turning, I saw seven golden lamp stands, and, in the midst of the lamp stands, one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash 'round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet, as

though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, *'Fear not: I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and, behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are, and those that are to take place after this.'*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed **R.**

GOSPEL

JOHN 20.19-31

On the evening of that day, the first of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them, and said to them, *'Peace be with you.'* When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, *'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.'*

And, when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, *'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'*

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, *'We have seen the Lord.'* But he said to them, *'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'*

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them, and said, *'Peace be with you.'* Then he said to Thomas, *'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.'* Thomas answered him, *'My Lord, and my God!'* Jesus said to him, *'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed.'*

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, by believing, you may have life in his name.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**