

Sunday 07 Apr 2024

Second Sunday of Easter Year B

Entrance Antiphon

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for
the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation,
alleluia.

*The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the
highest) is said.*

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The whole group was united, heart and
soul.*

The whole group of believers was united,
heart and soul; no one claimed for his own
use anything that he had, as everything
they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the
resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great
power, and they were all given great
respect.

None of their members was ever in want,
as all those who owned land or houses
would sell them, and bring the money from
them, to present it to the apostles; it was
then distributed to any members who
might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is
good,
his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' *(R.)*
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the
Lord,
but not doomed to die. *(R.)*
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

*Anyone begotten by God has already
overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot
him

loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's
children

if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us;

this is what loving God is –

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten

by God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is
the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and
blood,

not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –

since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you
have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me,
but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood
among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first
day of the week, the doors were closed in
the room where the disciples were, for
fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood
among them. He said to them, 'Peace be
with you,' and showed them his hands and
his side. The disciples were filled with joy
when they saw the Lord, and he said to
them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and
said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of
the Twelve, was not with them when
Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We
have seen the Lord', he answered,
'Unless I see the holes that the nails made
in his hands and can put my finger into the
holes they made, and unless I can put my
hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'
Eight days later the disciples were in the
house again and Thomas was with them.
The doors were closed, but Jesus came in
and stood among them. 'Peace be with
you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas,
'Put your finger here; look, here are my
hands. Give me your hand; put it into my

side. Doubt no longer but believe.'
Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'
Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus
worked and the disciples saw, but they are
not recorded in this book. These are
recorded so that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and
that believing this you may have life
through his name.

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the
nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing,
alleluia.

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