

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: *Acts 4:32-35*

This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

All those who believed in Jesus were united in heart and mind.
They were a community
and shared everything they had with one another.

The apostles preached about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus
with great power, and God was with them.

No one in the community was poor or in need
because everyone shared.

The people who owned land or houses sold them
and brought the money to the apostles.

And the apostles gave everyone what they needed.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalms 118*

This day was made by the Lord. Let us rejoice!
Let us be glad! This day was made by the Lord.
Let us rejoice in salvation.

Verses:

1. *Leader:* You have shown mercy and power. You have given me life.

All: You have given me life. I will proclaim the wonders you do.

2. *Leader:* You opened the gates of heaven. You have given me life.

All: You have given me life. I will proclaim the wonders you do.

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“We have seen the risen Lord!” Alleluia!

“I believe, my Lord and my God.” Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *John 20:19-31*

This is a reading from the Gospel of John.

On Sunday evening,
the same day the women had been to the tomb of Jesus,
the disciples were gathered in a room upstairs.

They had locked the doors
because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus.

Then Jesus came and stood in the room and said,

“Peace be with you!”

Then he breathed on the disciples and said to them,

“Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven.

If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Now Thomas was not there with the other disciples
when Jesus came. So, later, they told him,

“We have seen the Lord!”

But Thomas said,

“I’ll never believe it until I see the marks
made by the nails in his hands and touch the wound in his side.”

One week later, the disciples were in the same room again.

This time, Thomas was with them.

Even though the doors were locked,

Jesus came in and stood among them. He said,

“Peace be with you.”

Then he said to Thomas,

“Here, touch the marks on my hands
and feel the wound in my side.

Stop doubting, and believe.”

Thomas said to Jesus,

“My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus said to Thomas,

“You believe because you see me.

How blessed are people who have not seen me
and still believe!”

The Gospel of the Lord.