



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: *Acts 2:42-47*

This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

All the people who believed in Jesus
lived together in a community
and shared everything they had.
They listened to the teaching of the apostles,
broke bread together, and prayed together.
And they were filled with wonder
because of the many signs and miracles
that the apostles did.
Every day, they went to the temple to pray,
and in their homes they broke bread and ate together
with joy and thanksgiving in their hearts.
All the people liked the way the disciples lived,
and many others came to believe in Jesus and be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 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!

Verse:

Leader: You are my strength and my Savior.
You have given me life.
All: You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do!

(Repeat Response after the Verse.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"We have seen the risen Lord!" Alleluia!
"I believe my Lord and my God!" Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *John 20:19-29*

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 showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said again,

"Peace be with you. As God has sent me to you,
now I am sending you to others."

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 one of the apostles, Thomas, was not there when Jesus came.
So, later, the other disciples 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."

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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 now because you see me.
How blessed are people who have not seen me
and still believe!”

The Gospel of the Lord.