

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Entrance antiphon: **Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia**

First Reading *"The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul."* *Acts 4: 32-35*

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.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end. (3 V)**

Second Reading *"Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world"* *1 John 5 : 1-6*

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.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. **Alleluia!**

Gospel *"Eight days later, Jesus came."* *John 20: 19-31*

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 Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER SEASON

Priest: In the name of the Father
People: **Amen**
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**



Penitential Act
Everyone: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria **Priest:** Glory to God in the highest,
Everyone : and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

After the first and second readings
Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**
Gospel acclamation
Reader Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.....
... (a few words)
People **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



Before the Gospel reading
Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest/Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to..
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel reading
Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Creed - **The Nicene Creed**
Everyone: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Bidding Prayers
All: Hear our Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right and just.**

Everyone: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation
Priest: **The mystery of faith.**

People: ONE OF THESE:
A *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*
B *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*
C *Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

Doxology
Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.
People **Amen**
Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Our Father....**
Priest:: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every
People: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace
Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People **And with your spirit.**
Priest/Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
To each other: Peace be with you

Lamb of God
People: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,

People : **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Concluding Rites
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit**
Priest: May almighty God.....
All: Amen
Priest/Deacon: Go & announce the Gospel of the Lord