

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 2022

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**The Congregation will stand in reverence.*



Today's Readings

Second Sunday of Easter

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Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather

than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm

Psalm 118:14-29; tone 10



The LORD is my strength ¹ and my song,
and has become ¹ my salvation.
¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation
echo in the tents ¹ of the righteous:
"The right hand of the ¹ LORD
acts valiantly!**
¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD ¹ is exalted!
The right hand of the ¹ LORD
acts valiantly!"
¹⁷ **I shall not ¹ die, but live,
and declare the works ¹ of the LORD.**
¹⁸ The LORD indeed
pun- ¹ ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- ¹ ver
to death.
¹⁹ **Open for me the ¹ gates
of righteousness;
I will enter them
and give thanks ¹ to the LORD.**
²⁰ "This is the gate ¹ of the LORD;
here the righ- ¹ teous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you,
for you have ¹ answered me
and you have become ¹ my salvation.**
²² The stone that the build- ¹ ers rejected
has become the chief ¹ cornerstone.
²³ **By the LORD has ¹ this been done;
it is marvelous ¹ in our eyes.**
²⁴ This is the day that the
¹ LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be ¹ glad in it.
²⁵ **Hosanna! ¹ O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD,
pros- ¹ per our days!**
²⁶ Blessed is the one
who comes in the name ¹ of the LORD;
we bless you
from the house ¹ of the LORD.
²⁷ **The LORD is God
and has giv- ¹ en us light.
Form a procession with branches
up to the corners ¹ of the altar.**

continued

²⁸You are my God, and ¹I will thank you;
you are my God, and
I ¹ will exalt you.

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD,
for the ¹ LORD is good;
God's mercy en- ¹dures forever.

or Psalm 150; tone 9

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God

and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put

my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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