

## 45 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST READING

Acts 5.12-16

More than ever believers were added to the Lord,  
great numbers of both men and women.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 12 Many signs and wonders were done among the people  
through the apostles.  
And the believers were all together in Solomon's Portico.
- 13 None of the rest dared to join them,  
but the people held them in high esteem.
- 14 Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord,  
great numbers of both men and women,  
15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets,  
and laid them on cots and mats,  
in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them  
as he came by.
- 16 A great number of people would also gather  
from the towns around Jerusalem,  
bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits,  
and they were all cured.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118.2-4, 22-24, 25-27a (R.1)

R. Give thanks, for the Lord is good,  
God's love is everlasting.

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

- 2 Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- 4 Let those who fear the Lord say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever. R.

22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
23 This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.  
24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R.**  
25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!  
26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
27 The Lord is God,  
and he has given us light. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

*I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever.*

A reading from the book of Revelation.

9 I, John, your brother  
who share with you in Jesus  
the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance,  
was on the island called Patmos  
because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.  
10 I was in the spirit on the Lord's day,  
and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet  
11 saying, "Write in a book what you see  
and send it to the seven churches."  
12 Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me,  
and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,  
13 and in the midst of the lampstands  
I saw one like the Son of Man,  
clothed with a long robe  
and with a golden sash across his chest.  
17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.  
But he placed his right hand on me, saying,  
"Do not be afraid;  
I am the first and the last,  
18 and the living one.  
I was dead, but see, I am alive forever and ever;  
and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.  
19 Now write what you have seen,  
what is, and what is to take place after this."  
The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 20.29

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.  
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

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

## GOSPEL

John 20.19-31

A week later Jesus came and stood among them.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

- 19 It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead,  
the first day of the week,  
and the doors of the house  
where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities.  
Jesus came and stood among them and said,  
“Peace be with you.”
- 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- 21 Jesus said to them again,  
“Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”
- 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit.  
23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;  
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”
- 24 But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.
- 25 So 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.”
- 26 A 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.”
- 27 Then 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.”  
28 Thomas answered him,  
“My Lord and my God!”  
29 Jesus said to him,  
“Have you believed because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen  
and yet have come to believe.”  
30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples,  
which are not written in this book.  
31 But 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.  
The gospel of the Lord.