

44 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 4.32-35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

32 The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul,
and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions,
but everything they owned was held in common.

33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,
and great grace was upon them all.

34 There was not a needy person among them,
for as many as owned lands or houses
sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

35 They laid it at the apostles' feet,
and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118.2-4, 16-18, 22-24 (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.

16 "The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death. 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.**

SECOND READING

1 John 5.1-6

Whatever is born of God conquers the world.

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been born of God,
and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.
2 By this we know that we love the children of God,
when we love God and obey his commandments.
3 For the love of God is this,
that we obey his commandments.
And his commandments are not burdensome,
4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world.
And this is the victory that conquers the world,
our faith.
5 Who is it that conquers the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ,
not with the water only but with the water and the blood.
And the Spirit is the one that testifies,
for the Spirit is the truth.

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!

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 Jewish 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.