

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11th April, 2010

## First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, 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. 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 118(117)

**Response:** *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting*

1. Let the family of Israel say: "His love endures for ever." Let the family of Aaron say: "His love endures for ever." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures for ever."	2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; † I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. <b>R.</b> I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. <b>R.</b>
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3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.	<b>R.</b>
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## Second Reading

Rev. 1:9-19

### A reading from the Revelation to John

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

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. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 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. His head and his

hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. 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, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Alleluia!** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. **Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Jn. 20:19-31

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

**R. Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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." 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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

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