

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

30<sup>th</sup> March 2008

## First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The apostles devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(117)

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

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."

**R.**

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,  
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just.

**R.**

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.

**R.**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

**A reading from the First Letter of Peter**

*He has given us a new birth as his sons and daughters,  
by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has

given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

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