

# April 23, 2017

## Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

### Lectionary: 43

#### Reading 1 [Acts 2:42-47](#)

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

#### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24](#)

R. (1) **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Let the house of Israel say,  
"His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,  
"His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,  
"His mercy endures forever."

R. **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is**

**good, his love is everlasting.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

I was hard pressed and was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory  
in the tents of the just:

R. **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

#### Reading 2 [1 Pt 1:3-9](#)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,  
kept in heaven for you  
who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith,  
to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.  
In this you rejoice, although now for a little while  
you may have to suffer through various trials,  
so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire,

may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor  
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.  
Although you have not seen him you love  
him;  
even though you do not see him now yet  
believe in him,  
you rejoice with an indescribable and  
glorious joy,  
as you attain the goal of your faith, the  
salvation of your souls.

**Alleluia [Jn 20:29](#)**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you  
have seen me, says the Lord;  
blessed are they who have not seen me, but  
still believe!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel [Jn 20:19-31](#)**

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the  
disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, "Peace be with you."  
When he had said this, he showed them his  
hands and his side.  
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."  
And when he had said this, he breathed on  
them and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.  
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the  
Twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.  
So the other disciples said to 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 into the nailmarks  
and put my hand into his side, I will not  
believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again  
inside  
and Thomas was with them.  
Jesus came, although the doors were locked,  
and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be  
with you."  
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger  
here and see my hands,  
and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."  
Thomas answered and said to him, "My  
Lord and my God!"  
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to  
believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and  
have believed."

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