

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## [DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY]

Year B

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts  
This is the day the Lord has made  
Let all the earth rejoice*

1. I will give thanks to you my Lord  
You have answered my plea  
You have saved my soul from death  
You are my strength and my song.
2. This is the day that the Lord has made  
Let us be glad and rejoice  
He has turned all death to life  
Sing of the glory of God.



### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35  
*United, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul;  
no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as  
everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection  
of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all  
given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those  
who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring  
the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was  
then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R] v. 1

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (R.)
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. (R.)

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. John 5:1-6  
*Anyone who has been begotten by God has already  
overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.  
We can be sure that we love God's children  
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;  
this is what loving God is -  
keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world -  
our faith.  
Who can overcome the world?  
only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness -  
since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31  
*Eight days later, Jesus came.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week,  
the doors were closed in the room where the disciples  
were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among  
them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed  
them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled  
with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them  
again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you,'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
(All bow)

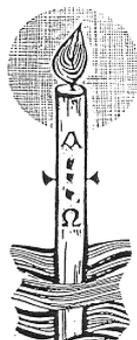
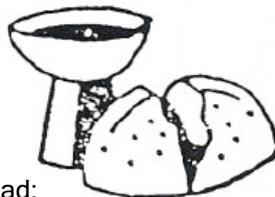
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*United in one body with Jesus Christ the Lord,  
we bring to You our offering  
of bread and wine, O God.*

1. We are the wheat of Christ:  
If we be ground in the mill of life,  
May we be found pure bread.
2. We are the grape of Christ;  
If we be crushed in the wine-press of suffering,  
May we be found pure wine.



### COMMUNION HYMNS

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth  
Jesus has died and has risen.
3. We have been crucified with Christ  
Now we shall live for ever.
4. God has proclaimed the just reward:  
life for all men, alleluia.
5. Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour.



1. I am the Bread of life,  
He who comes to Me shall not hunger,  
He who believes in Me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to Me  
Unless the Father draw him.

*And I will raise him up,  
And I will raise him up,  
And I will raise him up on the last day.*

2. The bread that I will give  
Is My flesh for the life of the world,  
And he who eats of this bread,  
He shall live for ever,  
He shall live for ever.
3. Unless you eat  
Of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of His blood,  
And drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you.
4. I am the Resurrection,  
I am the Life,  
He who believes in Me  
Even if he die,  
He shall live for ever.
5. Yes, Lord, we believe  
That You are the Christ,  
The Son of God  
Who has come  
Into the world.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
Christ has risen from the dead  
He has risen to die no more.*

1. At the dawn of Easter morning,  
When the stone was rolled away;  
Then from the darkness rose in glory,  
Jesus Christ true risen light,  
Bright'ning all the earth's dark night.
2. From the depths of weary bondage,  
Man with God has risen too;  
All eyes are opened from their blindness,  
To the light of heavenly view,  
And with Christ they rise anew.