

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen.
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us.....

THE 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.

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OPENING PRAYER

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal
feast kindle the faith of the people you
have made your own, increase, we pray,
the grace you have bestowed, that all
may grasp and rightly understand in what
font they have been washed, by whose
Spirit they have been reborn, by whose
Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:42 - 47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole community remained faithful
to the teaching of the apostles, to the
brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and
to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked
through the apostles made a deep
impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and
owned everything in common; they sold
their goods and possessions and shared
out the proceeds among themselves
according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple
everyday but met in their houses for the
breaking of bread; they shared their food
gladly and generously; they praised God

and were looked up to by everyone. Day
by day the Lord added to their community
those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps117: 2-4.13-15.22-24

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

- 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]
- I was thrust, 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 St. Peter.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy
has given us a new birth as his sons, by
raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so
that we have a sure hope and the promise
of an inheritance that can never be spoilt
or soiled and never fade away, because
it is being kept for you in the heavens.
Through your faith, God's power will
guard you until the salvation which has
been prepared is revealed at the end of
time. This is a cause of great joy for you,
even though you may for a short time
have to bear being plagued by all sorts
of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is
revealed, your faith will have been tested
and proved like gold - only it is more
precious than gold, which is corruptible
even though it bears testing by fire - and
then you will have praise and glory and
honour. You did not see him, yet you love
him; and still without seeing him, you are
already filled with a joy so glorious that
it cannot be described, because you
believe; and you are sure of the end to
which your faith looks forward, that is, the
salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.'

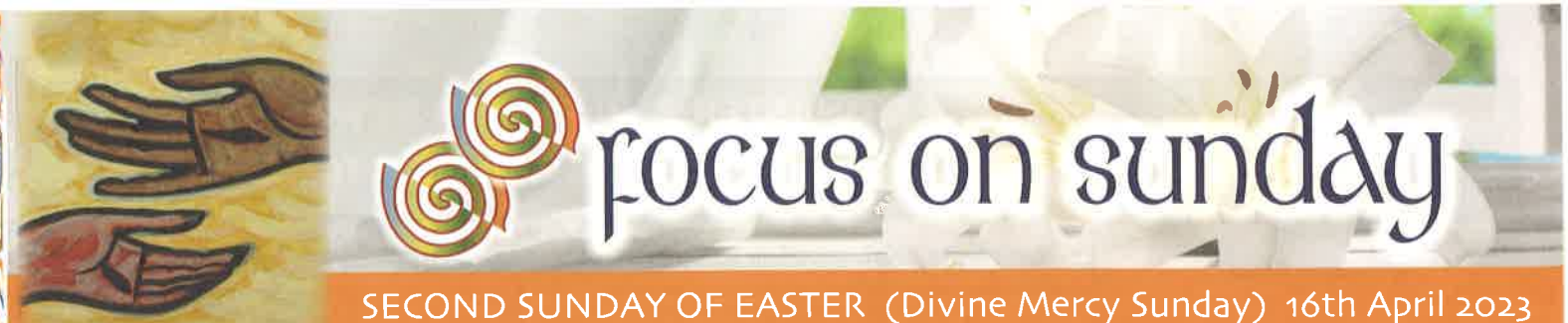
There were many other signs that Jesus
worked and the disciples saw, but they
are not recorded in this book. These are
recorded so that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that believing this you may have life
through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE 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 for following two lines:

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) 16th April 2023

Easter for Thomas was a rediscovery of his faith in Jesus.
The risen power of the Lord is the basis for his people's faith.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters....

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy
Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people (and of those
you have brought to new birth), that,
renewed by confession of your name and
by Baptism, they may attain unending
happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word and
my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Bring your hand and feel the place of
the nails, and do not be unbelieving but
believing, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy
Spirit, come down on you and remain with
you for ever. Amen.

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe



We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred.
We are changed by them. Often, they bring some sort of growth
into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant experience. The
Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and in today's
Gospel invites Thomas to get in touch with this reality. The great
mystery of this narrative is that the cross and new life are deeply intertwined. We
can be healed, fully transformed, even experience resurrection yet the scars of
what has happened remain, almost like a reminder of how far we have come. When
we recall times of our own 'wounded-ness' do we also hear Jesus's "peace be with
you"? This peace, this Shalom, is more than a wish for a peaceful day. It expresses
the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and
spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving.

In difficult times, becoming aware of Christ's presence amongst us can open our
hearts, we keep going in confidence that any suffering we are experiencing is not
the end of the story. For the disciples this experience moves them from being
closed off to the world, to rejoicing, and this in turn opens up the mission for them
to be unending witnesses to God's love, to be for others what Jesus has been for
them. The Risen Christ is active in all our lives and in the world around us. May we
be open to transformation, to growth and to share this life-giving Spirit with others.
"For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until we
began to practice it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead until
someone breathes new life into them." - Shane Claiborne

The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew,
Messenger Publications, 2022

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus Risen from the dead is present in a new way through His Spirit. Jesus
shows Thomas his wounded hands and side. Jesus says "Thomas, here are
my Hands, give me your hands." Jesus has the whole world in His Hands. He
asks us to bless others with our hands, in our work, in our hugs and friendship,
in our music, art and sport, and prayer to heal others.