

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*Come, let us praise the God of mercy, alleluia!*

**Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia**

**Hymn** **Meter: 888 with Alleluias**

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
How they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.

**Alleluia. R/**

"My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;  
My hands, my feet I show to thee;  
Not faithless, but believing be."

**Alleluia. R/**

No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.

**Alleluia. R/**

How blest are they who have not seen,  
And yet whose faith has constant been  
For they eternal life shall win.

**Alleluia. R/**

**Psalm** **31:2-8**

*Jesus 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."*

*(cf. Jn 20:27)*

*In the risen Christ, wounded and glorified, we see all our hopes realized. In him all the wounds of our hearts, minds, and bodies are transformed into his holiness. The sorrow and pain of our lives are made the source of our sanctification and joy..*

**In you, O Lord, I take refuge.**

**Let me never be put to shame.**

**In your justice, set me free,**

**hear me and speedily rescue me.**

**Be a rock of refuge for me,**

**a mighty stronghold to save me,**

**for you are my rock, my stronghold.**

**For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.**

**Release me from the snares they have hidden**

**for you are my refuge, Lord.**

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

**It is you who will redeem me, Lord.**

O God of truth, you detest  
those who worship false and empty gods.

As for me, I trust in the Lord:

let me be glad and rejoice in your love.

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God**

**Romans 5:1-2**

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access [by faith] to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Pt 2:24)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*I do believe, help my unbelief!* (Mk 9:24)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

**Intercessions**

In faith, let us pray to Christ our Savior:

**R/ Redeem us, O Lord!**

You are sin's conqueror: **R/**

You are death's destruction: **R/**

You are all hope realized: **R/**

You are everlasting life: **R/**

**Personal intentions**

## **Our Father....**

*God of the living, you sent your Son in mercy to open for us the gates to eternal life. Open the hearts of all peoples to receive the Good News of his dying and rising in faith and love, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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### **Reading 1** **Acts 4:32-35**

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

### **Reading 2** **1John 5:1-6**

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

### **Gospel** **John 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.

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### **Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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