

Second Sunday of Easter

11th April 2021



OPENING HYMN

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
Yet in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, 'My Lord and God'.

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound:
To call on You when You are near,
And seek where You are found:

That when our life and faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are
In full and endless light.

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Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe Him near.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

United, heart and soul.

PSALM RESPONSE:

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.

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

Eight days later, Jesus came.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the

right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those who are unable to attend Mass, and for those physically present who are not receiving Holy Communion, we pray a prayer of spiritual communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Battle is o'er, hell's armies flee;
Raise we the cry of victory!
With abounding joy resounding, alleluia, alleluia!

Christ who endured the shameful tree,
O'er death triumphant welcome we,
Our adoring praise outpouring, alleluia, alleluia!

On the third morn from death rose He,
Clothed with what light in heaven shall be,
Our unswerving faith deserving, alleluia, alleluia!

Hell's gloomy gates yield up their key,
Paradise door thrown wide we see;
Never-tiring be our choiring, alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes men laid on Thee,
Grant us to live from death set free,
This our greeting still repeating, alleluia, alleluia!