



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

A reading from Acts.

²⁷When [the temple police] had brought [the apostles], they had them stand before the council.

The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying,

“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.”

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered,

“We must obey God rather than any human authority.

³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

³¹God exalted this Jesus to be Leader and Savior at God’s right hand to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

³²And we are witnesses to these things,

and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey God.”

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace

from the one who is and who was and who is to come

and from the seven spirits who are before God's throne,

⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,

the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the rulers of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood

⁶and made us a dominion,

priests serving his God and Father,

to Jesus Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him,

and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,

who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,
and the doors were locked where the disciples were,
for fear of the Judeans,
Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵So the other disciples told 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 in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side,
I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house,
and Thomas was with them.
Although the doors were shut,
Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

²⁷Then he said to Thomas,
“Put your finger here and see my hands.
Reach out your hand and put it in my side.
Do not doubt but believe.”

²⁸Thomas answered Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples
that are not written in this book.

³¹But these are written so that you may continue to believe
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord