

The Second Sunday of Easter Year B

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Readings: 1) Acts 4:32-35 2) 1 John 5:1-6 3) John 20:19-31

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: Faith in Jesus' resurrection has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those around us.

All three readings show the transformative power of belief in Jesus' resurrection. Saint John tells us that we become children of God through this belief. Thomas acknowledges Jesus as Lord and God in the Gospel, and he and the other Apostles go on to create an ideal community by proclaiming his resurrection in Jerusalem.

Saint Luke [the author of Acts] describes the life of the early community of believers as being *of one heart and mind*, whose witness to the resurrection of Jesus brought favor upon them. In the second reading, John assures his community that faith in Jesus and obedience enable believers to conquer the world. In the Gospel, the risen Jesus appears at two different times to his disciples, offering them peace and giving them the authority to forgive sins. Thomas, after seeing Jesus, acknowledges Christ's divinity, saying, *My Lord and my God!*

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

With trust in God's infinite mercy, let us bring our petitions before him.

**For Pope Francis and all pastoral leaders,
may Christ draw them ever closer to himself and intercede in their every need.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For leaders of governments, dedicated to exercising wisdom for the well-being of all.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all who are sick in mind, spirit and body,
for hope, help and healing.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For our beloved dead, may they rest in peace.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For each of us, and all whom we love,
through the grace of the Holy Spirit may we grow ever closer to our Lord.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions... (pause).

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

*Father, in your goodness hear our prayers today and answer them,
we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.*