

not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

[NRSV John 20:19-31]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, ***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Sentence

Jesus 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.'

Second Sunday of Easter

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Prayer of the Day

Living God,
for whom no door is closed,
no heart is locked:
draw us beyond our doubts,
till we see your Christ
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

Chapter 5 beginning at Verse 27

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,^[a] yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.^[b] ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

[NRSV Acts 5.27–32]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God***

Psalm 118.14–29

14 The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.

15 The sounds of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.

16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:
the right hand of the Lord raises up.

17 I shall not die but live:
and proclaim the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has disciplined me hard:
but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.

21 I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25 O Lord, save us, we pray:
O Lord, send us prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.

27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light:
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God and I will praise you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

A reading from the book of Revelation,

Chapter 1 beginning at Verse 4

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of
the earth.

To him who loves us and freed^[a] us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and
made^[b] us to be a kingdom, priests serving^[c] his God and Father, to him 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 on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
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. [NRSV Revelation 1.4–8]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,

Chapter 20 beginning at verse 19

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors
of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews,
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 him, "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, which are