

Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

2nd Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 1 Pt 2: 2
Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-16
The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

PSALM: Ps. 117:2-4.22-27. R.v1

R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **(R)**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R)**

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **(R)**

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19
I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 20:29
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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Jn 20:27
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



I must drink it, your will be done." "The Father and I are One", he said on another occasion. In that One-ness, and by the gift of his human self, Jesus can say to His disciples, his priests, "Receive the Holy Spirit..." giving them for ever his power and authority over sin.

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A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

73. The parable then asks us to take a closer look at the passers-by. The nervous indifference that makes them pass to the other side of the road – whether innocently or not, whether the result of disdain or mere distraction – makes the priest and the Levite a sad reflection of the growing gulf between ourselves and the world around us. There are many ways to pass by at a safe distance: we can retreat inwards, ignore others, or be indifferent to their plight. Or simply look elsewhere, as in some countries, or certain sectors of them, where contempt is shown for the poor and their culture, and one looks the other way, as if a development plan imported from without could edge them out. This is how some justify their indifference: the poor, whose pleas for help might touch their hearts, simply do not exist. The poor are beyond the scope of their interest.

In God there is No Need to Fear

Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life in fear. Rather look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose you are, will deliver you out of them. He has kept you hitherto. Do you but hold fast to His Dear Hand, and He will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand, He will bear you in His Arms. What need you fear, my child, remembering that thou art God's and that He has said: 'All things work together for good to them that love Him.' Do not look

forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped.' He is not only with me but in me; and I in Him.

Francis de Sales

