



II SUNDAY OF EASTER

27 april '25 - Cycle C

DIVINE MERCY



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SETTING

Grant us, Lord, the gift of peace, that we may all live in peace. We remember the countries at war and ask that their governments seek paths of dialogue and remember that the value of each person's life is above all else.

May our prayer today be open to encounter and bring light to the people and countries that need it.

Let us open our hearts to our surroundings; may your mercy inspire us to good works, and may we work for one another with all our heart.

SONG. I JUST KEEP TRUST IN THE LORD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGWhNSQ1xZQ>

GOSPEL – John 20, 19-31

"On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced to see the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and put my finger into the print of the nails and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Jesus stood in the midst while the doors were shut and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands; bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not unbelieve but believe." Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God." Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book. These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

To go deeper into the Word today (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

Acts: 5,12-16. A painting, always relevant, in which the unanimity of their conduct, beyond all reproach, provokes admiration and incites many to believe. Psalm 117. Blessed is he who comes to heal us! Let his light shine in our eyes!

Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17, 19. In a few dazzling strokes, typical of John's way of expressing himself, the text offers us an icon of the Risen One to keep before our eyes throughout this Easter Season!

John 20:19-31. This is the first time the Risen Jesus meets his disciples. In their minds, the last words Jesus spoke on the cross still resonate: "It is finished!" Thus ends the account of the Passion in the Gospel of Saint John. It seems that this phrase, "It is finished," means: "God's plan has been fulfilled." And it is in this state of mind that John experiences his first encounter with the Risen Lord. As if by chance, the event takes place in Jerusalem! Jerusalem, the city made for peace, as its name indicates. And it is there that Jesus proclaims and gives his peace. Jesus says "Shalom," and because he is God, and finally recognized as such, his Word is effective and creative. The disciples are joyful: John recalls the words spoken by Christ on the last evening: "Now you are distressed, but I will

see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one can take this joy from you” (Jn 16:22). “It happened on the first day of the week at evening.” It must be kept in mind that, in Jesus' time, this first day of the week was a day like any other; however, the seventh day, Saturday, was the day of rest and prayer: the Sabbath. But it turns out that Jesus rose again on the day after the Sabbath and that time and again, he revealed himself alive to his apostles after the resurrection, and always on the first day of the week: this explains why, for Christians, “the first day of the week” turned out to be, for them, the first day of the New Age. Thus, just as the seven-day week of the Jews recalled the seven days of Creation, the new week that began with the Resurrection of Christ proved to be, for Christians, the beginning of the new Creation. And it was precisely on that day, the first day of the week, that Jesus gave his Spirit to his disciples, just as the prophet Ezekiel had announced. Jesus “breathed” on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit.” As for the phrase “Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; whose sins you retain, they are retained.” It can be translated as: “Go, proclaim that sins are forgiven. Be ambassadors of universal reconciliation. If you do not go, the Good News of Reconciliation will not be proclaimed. It is the father who entrusts you with this urgent and indispensable mission.”.

Prayer clues

- "Peace be with you." What does this phrase say to your life?
- Share your experience with Jesus.
- How can you make peace where you are?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC. AQUARELL SECRET GARDEN

<https://youtu.be/IGE-glhCdOA?si=ISs9b4EBs4E5CaTM>

IT IS UP TO US

We are the people,
the people of Easter.
Those who have seen
the light.
Those born of water

and of the spirit.
It's up to us.
To be open minds
to love, to commitment.
It's up to us to think big,

to that humanity that
searches for traces and
sets out on paths.
It's up to us.
To be a compassionate
gaze
that wants to see things
straight,
to welcome needs,
to seek answers,
to ensure care,
to sustain over time,
to provide what is
needed.
It's up to us.
To be hands that heal,
that don't reject,
that embrace and feel,
that support and
encourage,
that lift and straighten,
that open door
wide.
It's up to us.
To be a heart that
dreams,

a passion that takes
flight,
a heartbeat that
converges,
a contagious
enthusiasm,
a serenity that
accompanies,
a strength that sustains,
a feeling that does not
condemn.
It's up to us.
To be humanity
that springs forth in
gestures
and speaks words
kind and true,
a humanism that
promotes,
transforms, and
dignifies.
Holy Easter,
the Easter of the Lord.
We are with you, Easter.

CANTO. RESUCITÓ EL SEÑOR - CRISTÓBAL FONES, SJ

<https://youtu.be/TQpJDXt7ecY?si=TvP0oBXYOHGycSe4>



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