Second Sunday of Easter

LSB Three Year Lectionary
Year A

Today's Appointed Psalm: Psalm 148

Acts 5:29–42

29 But Peter and the other apostles replied, "We must obey God
rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you
had killed by hanging Him on a tree. 31 God exalted Him to His right
hand as Prince and Saviour, in order to grant repentance and
forgiveness of sins to Israel. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and
so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

33 When the Council members heard this, they were enraged, and
they resolved to put the apostles to death. 34 But a Pharisee named
Gamaliel, a teacher of the law who was honoured by all the people,
stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for
a short time.

35 "Men of Israel," he said, "consider carefully what you are about
to do to these men. 36 Some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be
somebody, and about four hundred men joined him. He was killed, all
his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. 37 After him,
Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and drew away
people after him. He too perished, and all his followers were
scattered.

38 So in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone. Let
them go! For if their purpose or endeavour is of human origin, it will
fail. 39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop them. You may
even find yourselves fighting against God."

40 At this, they yielded to Gamaliel. They called the apostles in
and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the
name of Jesus, and released them.

41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been
counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Every day, in the
temple courts and from house to house, they did not stop teaching
and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Notes

1 Peter 1:3–9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His
great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, reserved in heaven for
you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power for the salvation
that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may
have had to suffer grief in various trials 7 so that the proven character
of your faith—more precious than gold, which perishes even though
refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honour at the
revelation of Jesus Christ.

8 Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and though you
do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with an
inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 now that you are receiving the goal of
your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19–31

19 It was the first day of the week, and that very evening, while the
disciples were together with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus
came and stood among them. "Peace be with you!" He said to them.
20 After He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has
sent Me, so also I am sending you." 22 When He had said this, He
breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive
anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from
anyone, it is withheld."

24 Now Thomas called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with
the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We
have seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands, and put
my finger where the nails have been, and put my hand into His side, I
will never believe."

26 Eight days later, His disciples were once again inside with the
doors locked, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came and stood
among them and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at My
hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and
believe."

28 Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, you have
believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His
disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But 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.

Notes

Looking Ahead: **Easter 3**

First Reading	Acts 2:14a, 36–41
Psalm	Psalm 116:1–14
Epistle	1 Peter 1:17–25
Gospel	Luke 24:13–35

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