

# Mass at Home

## Second Sunday of Easter 2021

### Year B

Link for this week's Mass is <https://youtu.be/mRWgiVW7bh8>





## Introduction

The compassion of God is beyond all telling. We gather in the hope of the resurrection and know that we share in the joy of the promise of an eternal inheritance offered to us through the Mass

## Penitential Rite

The mercy of God reaches down from the heavens into the hearts of those who turn to the Lord

Lord, you offer us the gift of faith Lord have mercy

Lord, you show us the way of the Father. Christ have mercy

Lord, you turn our hearts to love. Lord have mercy

## Opening Prayer:

God of mercy, we believe that Jesus is risen and alive,  
and is for all people the Lord of life and death.  
Increase in our minds and hearts our trust in him,  
to bring us safely home, where he lives and reigns  
with you as one God in three persons, forever and ever.

## First Reading: *Acts 4: 32-35*

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

This is the word of God

## Responsorial Psalm

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.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.

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 and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

## **Second Reading**

*1 Jn 5: 1-6*

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world. .*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth. This is the word of God

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel:**

*Jn 20: 19-31*

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into

my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The word of the Lord

## Homily



## Prayers of intercession

### Presider:

Compassionate God, on this Sunday when we celebrate the mercy of God, be merciful to us as we pray for our needs and the needs of the world .

### Reader:

For the Pope and the bishops of the Church, we pray that they may shepherd the Church with love and the witness of service to others. Lord hear us

For the world leaders, we pray that they may build peace upon the foundations of justice and care for those who are weakest and most vulnerable in society. Lord hear us

For all families, we pray that in the struggles and joys of family life they may know the presence of the God who loves them and walks with them. Lord hear us

For people in Indonesia and Timor Leste who are affected by floods and landslides, we pray that God will bring them comfort, protect the vulnerable, and help those working to rescue the stranded. Lord hear us

For those who are sick, we pray that they may find the perseverance to endure and wait for God’s healing. Lord, hear us

For those who have died, especially those who have died in the pandemic, we pray that they find eternal rest and rise in glory. Lord hear us

***Let us pray our PARISH PRAYER***

God, Creator and Life-giver we thank you for the gift of one another in our Parish of St Paul Apostle. Bless us and our families with the power of your Spirit.

Inspired and motivated by St Paul's courage and commitment to the person of Christ, may we continue to be open to change and challenge!

Make us passionate and courageous in our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Presider:**

Merciful God, strengthen our faith, deepen our hope and help us love generously all those we meet in the week ahead. We ask you to hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Anima Christi Prayer (Spiritual Communion)**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;  
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;  
From all harm protect me;  
At the hour of my death, call me;  
And close to you bid me; So that with your saints,  
I may praise you forever and ever. Amen

**Prayer after Communion:**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament  
may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**CONCLUSION**

May the mercy of the Father enrich you all the days of your life.  
May the love of the Son nurture you in this coming week.  
May the power of the Holy Spirit inspire your actions this day.  
And may almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen



