

April 11 - 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Acts

Peter, standing with the eleven,
raised his voice and addressed the crowd:
“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say:
Jesus of Nazareth,
a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders,
and signs that God did through him among you,
as you yourselves know this man,
handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,
you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death,
because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

“Fellow Israelites,
I may say to you confidently of our ancestor King David
that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
Since he was a prophet,
he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him
that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.
Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,
‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’
“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from First Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By God's great mercy we have given a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead
and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God
through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice,
even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,
so that the genuineness of your faith—
being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—
may be found to result in praise and glory and honor
when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him,
and even though you do not see him now,
you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
for you are receiving the outcome of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to John

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw 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."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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."

A 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." Then 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.