



# WEEKEND HOME WORSHIP AIDE

APRIL 18-19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

**Prepare your space** | Turn off all electronics, light a candle, and sit in a comfortable chair

**Prepare your head:** Take a few moments to sit in silence, to allow your thought to calm and to focus yourself on God and being open to his word...

To help focus yourself spend a few moments meditating on this passage: "Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly Kingdom, alleluia"

Then listen to or sing an Easter hymn.

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Opening Prayer

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## **First Reading** | Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.           The word the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## **Responsorial Psalm** | PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**R: Gives thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting**

Let the house of Israel say,  
"His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,  
"His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,  
"His mercy endures forever."

**R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

I was hard pressed and was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory  
in the tents of the just:

**R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

## **Second Reading** | 1 Peter 1:-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.           The word the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel | John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. 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."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to 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 into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Reflection Questions**

1. What words/phrases or images strike you? Why?
2. How does Jesus Resurrection offer us hope?
3. The Gospel said that "Jesus did many other signs...that are not written in this book." What are the signs Jesus Christ has worked in your life that are not written here?
4. Jesus brings victory in His Resurrection: What graces do you want to ask of Him this week?

### **Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Petitions | Response: Lord, hear our prayer**

1. For all God's people, that in meditating on Christ's Paschal Mystery, we may have an increase of hope, we pray to the Lord....
2. For those in positions of leadership throughout the world, give them wisdom and prudence and may they use their influence to effect positive change and promote the common good, we pray to the Lord...
3. For the whole world, that it may truly know the peace give by Christ, especially during these trying times, we pray to the Lord...
4. For all health care workers, and all public servants who care for us, that they may have a greater outpouring of perseverance, patience and trust, we pray to the Lord...
5. For all those who are feeling the economic impact of these trying times, especially those who have lost their jobs and their families, we pray to the Lord...
6. For all those who are sick in body and spirit, those on our prayer chain and those dealing with the Coronavirus, we pray to the Lord....
7. For all those who have died, especially in our own families, and for consolation to those who mourn, we pray to the Lord...

God of life, you are the source and the destiny of our lives. Kindle your Spirit within us and hear the prayers we offer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Offertory**

**Pray**

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the oblations of your people  
(and of those you have brought to new birth),  
that, renewed by confession of your name and by  
Baptism,  
they may attain unending happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Meditate**

What do you want to offer to the Lord?  
-What struggles in your own life?  
-A person you want to offer up in prayer?  
-Something I want to thank/praise God for

**Giving**

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## Our Father...

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### Closing Prayer

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. **Stay connected!**

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YouTube	OR you can also visit our Youtube channel: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaDhY0kFJcygZcv-4L9mIsg">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaDhY0kFJcygZcv-4L9mIsg</a>

## **April 19 – Divine Mercy Sunday**

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, finishing out the “Octave” of Easter (the first eight days of Easter), is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a day to particularly remember and commemorate the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, and commending to that world to His mercy. This meditation on the Divine Mercy came from St. Faustina and was popularized by Pope St. John Paul II. You may be familiar with the image of Christ where a red and a pale blue beam shine forth from his heart and it has the words “Jesus, I trust in You.” This image was the image revealed to St. Faustina. The beams represent the blood and water which flowed from Jesus’ side, reminding us that His blood saves us and washes us clean, and it is from Christ flows our Light and our Fountain of Mercy. And we are to entrust ourselves to His mercy.

There is also a prayer called the “Chaplet of Divine Mercy,” invoking Jesus’ mercy on the world with the word, “For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

You may consider meditating with this image and praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy this week.

But when we look to Christ’s mercy, there also arises the question of how one is to live this mercy. This is where the Church has given us a great practical list of things called the “Works of Mercy.” There are the “Corporal Works of Mercy” attending to people’s physical needs and the “Spiritual Works of Mercy” attending to their spiritual needs. As you meditate on the Divine Mercy of Jesus, I would strongly encourage you to also looking at the list of the Works of Mercy, and consider how you might live those, especially how you might live the Spiritual Works of Mercy during the time of this COVID-19 Pandemic.

Here is the list:

### **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

(I **BOLDED** a couple that I think might be particularly relevant during these times, that you may focus on. Also as we are often living in closer quarters with our families, I know that sometimes tempers may rise. So I **ITALICIZED** a couple that might be particularly relevant to that experience )

1. To instruct the ignorant.
- 2. To counsel the doubtful.**
3. To admonish the sinners.
- 4. To bear patiently those who wrong us.*
- 5. To forgive offenses.*
- 6. To comfort the afflicted.**
7. To pray for the living and the dead

### **Corporal Works of Mercy**

1. To feed the hungry.<sup>[17]</sup>
2. To give water to the thirsty.
3. To clothe the naked.
4. To shelter the homeless.
1. To visit the sick.
2. To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive.<sup>[6]</sup>
3. To bury the dead.<sup>[18]</sup>

Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday and Happy Easter!

Peace,

-Fr. Kevin