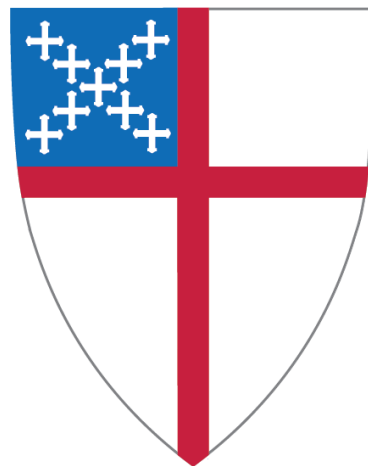


**The Lessons Appointed for Use on the**

**Second Sunday  
of Easter**

**Year A, RCL**

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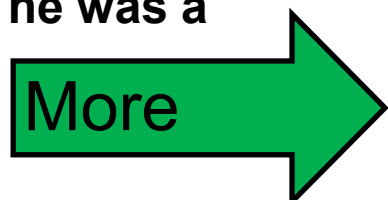
*(First Reading)*

## **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are 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 freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,**

**'I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be  
shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue  
rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your  
presence.'**

**"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our  
ancestor 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.”**

**Leader: The Word of the Lord.**

*(People: Thanks be to God.)*





*(The Epistle Reading)*

## **A Reading from first letter of Peter**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us 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.**

*Leader:*           **The Word of the Lord.**

*(People:*           *Thanks be to God.)*



## Prayers of the People

*Celebrant: O Christ Risen! How often have we simply walked through the penitence of Lent, the excitement of Palm Sunday, the passion of Holy Week, and the joyful celebration of your miraculous resurrection, taking it all for granted because it happens for us every year? In this time of trial, open our hearts to truly REJOICE as if for the first time. You have suffered, died, and resurrected for each of us. Thomas saw and believed, let us simply believe in the gift of our salvation. We pray:*

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: O Christ Risen! Refresh and renew those who guide us in your church as they seek and find ever more creative ways to reach us with the Good News of the miracle of our salvation. For the whole body of Christ and all who bear his holy name, and for bishops, clergy, and all who offer ministries, that we**

**may serve Christ with glad and generous hearts. We pray:**

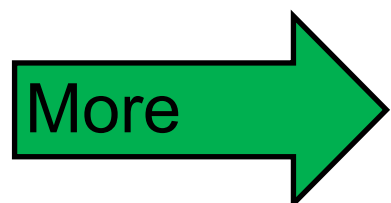
*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: O Christ Risen! Grant us new courage to refresh our faith in the eternal life ahead, and the energy to strive in this life to challenge the leaders of this planet, this nation, and this community, to provide a just, safe, and merciful life for all your people. We pray:**

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: O Christ Risen! Guide and comfort all in mental anguish and whose faith is racked by doubt, that they may be led with Thomas the apostle to cry out, My Lord and my God.”**

**We pray:**



*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: O Christ Risen! Inspire all gathered here out of love for you, that we may know and share the gospel as an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. We pray:**

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: O Christ Risen! Ease the hearts of those who are sick or fearful, and grant energy, strength, and resilience to all who give them care. We now join our voices to pray for those in need...**

*(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)*

Intercessor: **O Christ Risen! Our joy at your resurrection is tempered with our grief at the loss of those we love. Yet in faith we rejoice knowing they are with you in the miracle of their own resurrections into your eternal promise. We pray:**

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

