

**Year B; Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
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**Lectionary Texts**

- Acts 4:32-35
- Psalm 133
- 1 John 1:1-2:2
- John 20:19-31

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from John 20*)

One: When it was evening on that day and the doors of the house where the disciples met were locked for fear of the Jews...

**All: Jesus came and stood there saying "Peace be with you."**

One: He showed him his hands and his side.

**All: Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.**

One: But Thomas was not with them when Jesus came.

**All: And Thomas said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put his finger in the mark of the nails and my hands in his side, I will not believe."**

One: But Jesus offered that he might do just that and told him "Do not doubt but believe."

**All: And Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!"**

One: But what of us, who have not seen our Lord physically?

**All: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Let us worship the risen Lord!**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from 1 John 1*)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. Let us confess our sins humbly before God.

**\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from 1 John 1*)

**Merciful God, your scriptures say that you, O God, are light and in you there is no darkness at all. We cannot have fellowship with you if we are walking in darkness. We, though, continue to walk in darkness at times through our disobedience and rebellion, through our doubts and unbelief, and through our lack of repentance. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us around into repentance. Turn us away from darkness and into your all-consuming light. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from 1 John 1)*

The scriptures also testify that if we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Let us walk in the light and know that we are forgiven.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(IN UNISON)*

**God of grace and mercy, you are the Almighty, the Alpha and the Omega. You, O God, are perfectly loving and perfectly just. You are all knowing and all powerful. In your grace and mercy, though, you do not demand perfection from us. As with Thomas, you, also, accept out doubts, our failures, even our sin. You continue to call us back to you and to repentance. You offer us abundant life and eternal life. With thanks for your forgiveness and your other, many benefits, we give these gifts for the work of your church in the world. Amen.**

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