

Second Sunday of Easter | Year A

April 16, 2023 (Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Pet 1:3-9 | John 20: 19-31)

The Acts of the Apostles recounts many signs and wonders done through the apostles; those who believed in God and the risen Jesus came together in prayers and devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life. Let us pray and give thanks to God.

1/ “Let those who fear the Lord proclaim the enduring mercy of God.” For all the peoples of God. We pray that, led by Pope Francis, the faithful always come to recognize the enduring mercy and the everlasting love of God. Let us pray.

2/ In his Letter, Peter blessed the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For all those who live in fear. Even though all the follies and madness of this world can at times obstruct the path of humanity toward God, we pray that we, the faithful, fear no evils. For God and the risen Jesus are always with us. Let us pray.

3/ On the first day of his resurrection, Jesus appeared and gave assurance to the disciples, saying: “Peace be with you!” For those who are victims of violence and despair, particularly those who were killed in the mass shooting at the Old Capital Bank in Louisville. We pray that the risen Jesus may give them eternal peace and comfort to their families. Let us pray.

4/ Seeing the risen Jesus, Thomas called him, “My Lord and my God!” For our sisters and brothers who have died with their faith in Jesus. We pray that at present they be in the bosom of “Our Lord and our God.” Today we remember **[at 4:30 PM]** Hattie and Wallace Frakes, Robert and Hazel Hardesty and Deceased Family Members, Jace Kullmann, and Ann Sipes; **[at 10:00 AM]** Nick Ford, Jim Nall, Jace Kullmann, and Ann Sipes. Let us pray.

Oh Lord our God, who is resurrection and who is life. Your Son Jesus whom you raised from the dead promised the state of blessedness to those who have not seen him, and yet believe in his resurrection. Increase, we pray, the faith of all of us here who have not seen you, and yet placed our trust in you. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.