

When it was evening on that day,
and the disciples had the doors locked
for fear of what might happen to them,
Jesus came and stood in their midst.
He said to them, "Peace be with you."
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples rejoiced at seeing him. Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
He breathed on them and said,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of others,
they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of others, they are retained."

But one of their number, Thomas,
was not with them when Jesus came.
So the others told him, "We have seen the Lord."
But Thomas said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands,
and put my finger into the nailmarks and my hand into his side,
I will not believe."

A week later, Jesus' disciples were again inside
and Thomas was with them.
Jesus came, although the doors were locked,
and stood in their midst.
Again he 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 said, "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 have believed."

These signs have been recorded to help you believe
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and to know that through this belief
you may have life in his name.

GOD'S WORD

Second Sunday
of Easter / Year B
Adapted from
John 20:19-31

We Listen

Imagine your
feelings if you were
with the disciples
when Jesus
entered the room.

How would you
react if you, like
Thomas, heard the
story later?

We Reflect

What is it like
for you to feel
the presence of
someone you
cannot see?

What is it like
for you to feel
the presence
of Jesus?

We Respond

How can you share
with others the
presence of Jesus?

How can you share
the peace of Jesus?

PSALM 118

Let us give thanks, for God is good.
God's love is everlasting.