

# The Lessons Appointed for Use on the Second Sunday of Easter

Year A  
RCL & Trial Lectionary (OT & Psalm)



Exodus 15:1-11  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31  
Psalm 111

## The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

### Exodus 15:1-11

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my might,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him;  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a warrior;  
the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;  
his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea.<sup>[b]</sup>  
The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power—  
your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.  
In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;  
you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble.  
At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.  
The enemy said, ‘I will pursue; I will overtake;  
I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have its fill of them.

I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them'  
You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 111**

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.  
The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

## **The Epistle**

### **1 Peter 1:3-9**

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.

## **The Gospel**

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then 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." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told 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 in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and 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 answered him, "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 yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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