

**Collects and Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter**  
**11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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**COLLECT**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son  
to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



**John 20:19-end**

**GOSPEL**

19 It was evening on 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.'  
20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'  
22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;  
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'  
24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.  
25 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.'  
26 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.'  
27 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.'  
28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'  
29 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.'  
30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples,  
which are not written in this book.  
31 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.

**SECOND READING**

**Acts 4.32–35**

32 The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul,  
and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions,  
but everything they owned was held in common.  
33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,  
and great grace was upon them all.  
34 There was not a needy person among them,  
for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.  
35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## **INTERVIEW with Judith Smith, from the chaplaincy team at Send Prison**

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### **FINAL PRAYER**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life;  
and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you this day and remain with you until we meet again. Amen.

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