

**LITURGY NOTES FOR THE  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ESASTER  
April 11, 2021**

On this Divine Mercy Sunday we recall the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas: "Mercy consists in bringing a thing out of non-being into being." We see this transpire concretely in the life of the early Church. The community of believers "was of one heart and mind" and "they had everything in common." They were filled with awe; they were witnesses of wondrous signs; they dedicated themselves to the good of the other; they were selfless and generous. They lived with the faith that "conquers the world" That is what the Apostle Thomas is looking for in the Lord's open side. "The secret of Christ's heart is revealed to us through the clefts of his body" (Saint Bernard).

*[-Magnificat](#)*

***Entrance Antiphon***

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow  
to salvation, alleluia.

**Collect (Opening Prayer)**

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**Communion Antiphon**

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be  
unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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