

# Integral Faith

"Homily helps and liturgy resources highlighting care for our common home."



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## Homily Resources and Petitions for the Second Sunday of Easter Cycle C (April 28, 2019)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture passages to note:

**Acts 5:** People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

**Psalm 117:** This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Let the sons and daughters of Israel say that his love endures forever.  
The Lord our God is our Light.

**Book of Revelation 1:** "Write down all that you see in a book."  
"Do not be afraid; it is I, the Alpha and the Omega; I am the Living One. I died, but now I live forever."

**John 20:** "Peace be with you," he said. And he showed them his hands and his side.  
After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven..."

#### † Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

Any technical solution which science claims to offer will be powerless to solve the serious problems of our world if humanity loses its compass, if we lose sight of the great motivations which make it possible for us to live in harmony, to make sacrifices and to treat others well. (#200)

Religious classics can prove meaningful in every age; they have an enduring power to open new horizons. (#199, citing *Evangelii Gaudium* #256)

Today, in view of the common good, there is urgent need for politics and economics to enter into a frank dialogue in the service of life, especially human life. (#189)

Is it realistic to hope that those who are obsessed with maximizing profits will stop to reflect on the environmental damage which they will leave behind for future generations? Where profits alone count, there can be no thinking about the rhythms of nature, its phases of decay and regeneration, or the complexity of ecosystems which may be gravely upset by human intervention. (#190)

For new models of progress to arise, there is a need to change "models of global development"; this will entail a responsible reflection on "the meaning of the economy and its goals with an eye to correcting its malfunctions and misapplications". (#194, citing Pope Benedict's *Message for the 2010 World Day of Peace*)

### † **Comment for the day:**

When Jesus appears to his disciples, he shows them the wounds in his hands and his side. In this way he makes it clear that the Glorified One who stands in their midst is one and the same as the Jesus who lived among them and suffered on the Cross. Here we note that even in his glory, Jesus carries the marks of his history among us, wounds and all. In the first reading, we hear of all the people who turn to the apostles for healing. In light of what we read in the Gospel, we know that healing does not erase our wounds, as if they never happened. Rather, healing transforms them so that they no longer weigh us down. On this Sunday when we place our focus on the Mercy of God, we are aware that this mercy takes us in, with all our wounds and failings, hopes and triumphs. God's mercy envelopes us in our entirety and heals us. Jesus is our redemption.

When we contemplate all God's creation, the Scriptures tell us—and *Laudato Si'* reminds us—that God's redemption ultimately extends to all creation. In our own day, we witness the marks of our own impact on nature. Yet as Christians who have witnessed the Resurrection of Jesus, we hope and have faith that God's redemption will renew us and the Earth itself. This hope and faith is what Christians bring to the care of God's creation.

### † **Related Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Option 1:** That we all may grow in our appreciation that divine life is present in everyone, everywhere, even when it is difficult for us to see it, let us pray to the Lord...

**Option 2:** With confidence in the mercy of Jesus, we pray that God guide us to act for the benefit of the common home we share with all people and all God's creatures, let us pray to the Lord...

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