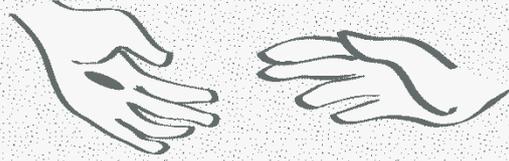


my LORD and
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2nd Sunday of Easter

Today's readings are a study in the joint action of faith and works. They see believing not as an exclusive union with God. But as an inclusive one: with God and others. They remind us that faith involves movement from the world of God toward the world of God's people. Here, doing is believing.

In the first reading, the motivation for generosity is striking. In the Greco-Roman world, repayment was expected, even from close friends. Here, the basis for giving was faith. The faith-filled charity is the ideal Christian response.

In the Gospel, the disciples react to the risen Jesus in faith: "the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." Jesus life-giving breath jump-starts their mission of offering life to all believers. Here, doing is believing.