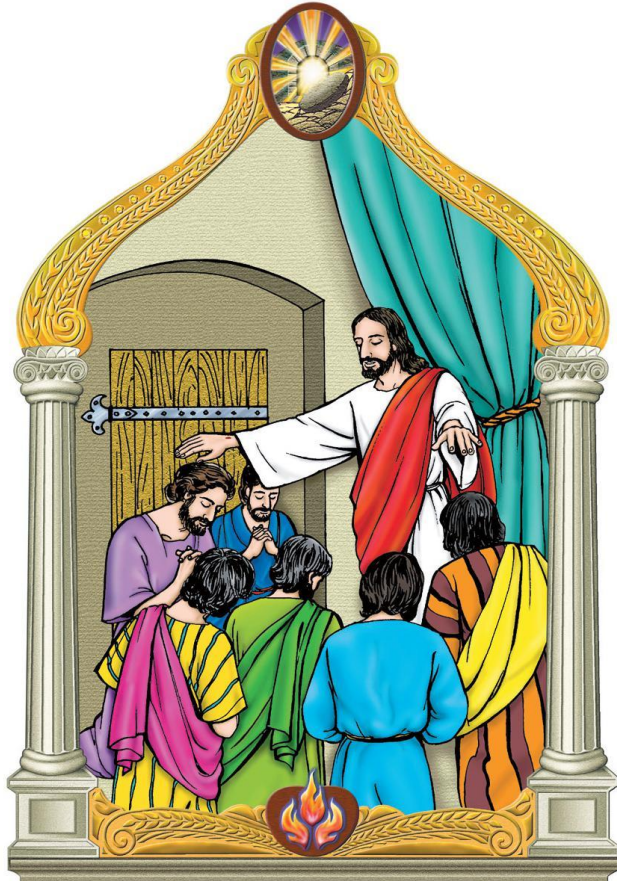


7th Station
THE RISEN CHRIST GIVES HIS
DISCIPLES THE POWER TO FORGIVE SINS



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you!

All: Because by your Resurrection you gave life to the world. Alleluia!

Read Jn 20:19-23.

Reflection

Over the centuries, the Risen Christ our Savior, bestows on us his life-giving forgiveness through the Church, in the power of the Spirit.

This is how the “Holy Church,” in spite of the frailty and sinfulness of its ministers, has been able to bring people back to life, to restore peace and hope to the hearts of those who repent and confess their sins.

God saves people through people empowered by the Spirit. Thus does Easter become an everlasting event – the experience of a new life offered to all generations and to every individual believer, through the Church.

Prayer

Thank you for the gift of your presence, Lord. • Thank you for strengthening the faith of your disciples • by showing them the marks of your suffering • which proved the reality of your Death and Resurrection. • Thank you for making them and us • sharers in your mission in the world. • Thank you for the gift of the Spirit • with whom you empowered your Church • to be the channel of your forgiveness. • Your Easter generosity overwhelms us • and makes us share in the fullness of joy • that your Resurrection brings • to each of us and all mankind. • We have nothing to offer you in return, • save our frail hearts, eager to welcome you • and live for you for ever.

Appropriate Song