Second Sunday of Easter
Year B

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31
Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions ...

Acts 4:32a
How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1
Unity in Peace

Bernard Romain
Brussels, Belgium
But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another ...

1 John 1: 7a
Potluck Meal Mural
When it was evening on that day ... Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

John 20:19ac
Christ Appears to the Disciples -- Duccio, Altar of Duomo, Siena, Italy
When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20:22
Holy Spirit
National Cathedral
Washington, DC
But Thomas ... one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

John 20:24
Disciples, detail from Doubting Thomas -- Hosios Loukas Monastery, Boeotia, Greece
So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them,

John 20:25a
"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."

John 20:25b
Christ with the Mark of the Nails and the Wound in his Side

Church of St. Joseph
Leiden, Netherlands
A week later ... Thomas was with them ... Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

John 20:26
Jesus Appears to Thomas
Jacek Andrzej Rossakiewicz
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."

John 20:27
Christ and Thomas -- 'Via Lucis' near the catacomb of St Callistus, Rome, Italy
Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:28
Christ with Thomas Rowan and Irene LeCompte
Washington Cathedral, DC
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."

John 20:29
Jesus Appears to Thomas -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon