

Cantate

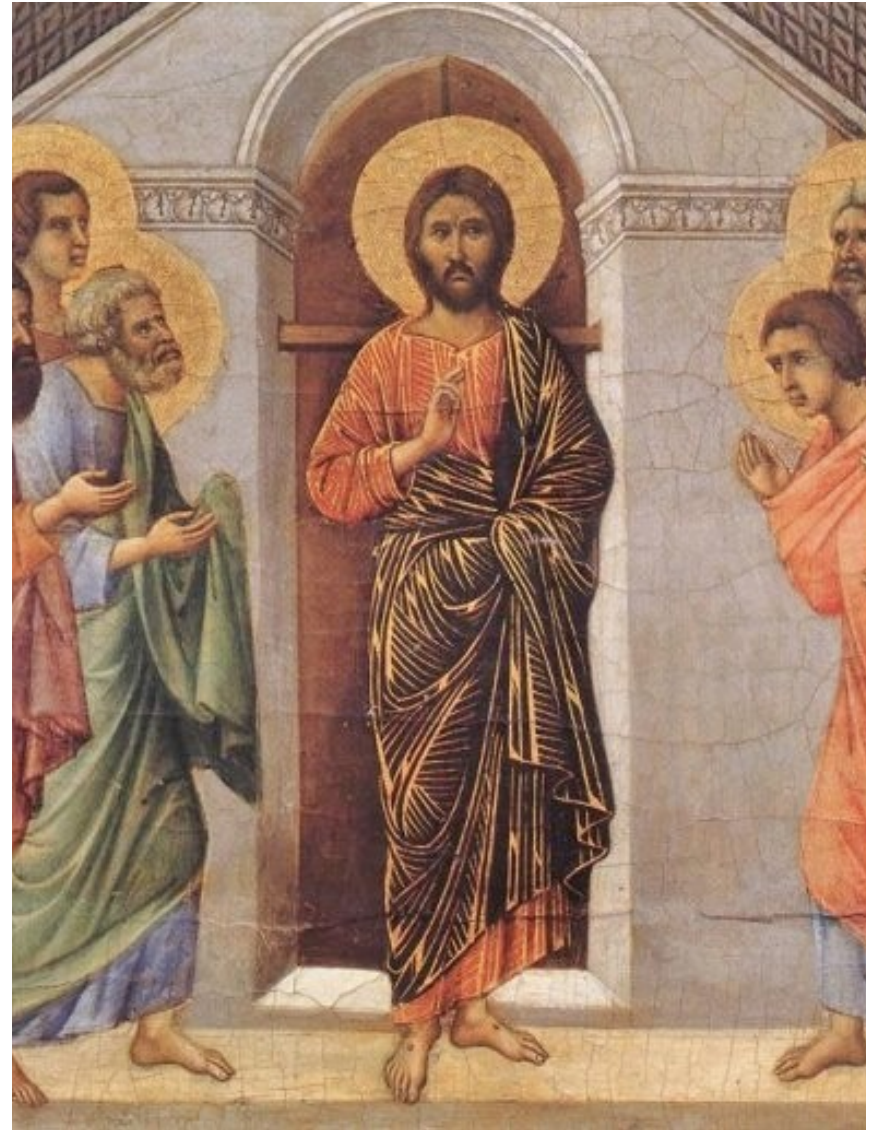
Cantate means “sing.” This is the first Word of Psalm 98, also the first Word of the Introit appointed for today. Psalm 98 is a joyous Psalm that ascribes glory and praise to God for His great redemptive work – giving His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for the sins of the world, and then to rise to new life on the first Easter morning. Christ is the Right Hand and Holy Arm of God, God enfleshed. Christ is the Righteousness revealed to the nations. Christ is our salvation, “the salvation of our God.” By God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we, like all Christians of all time, are saved. Those who follow the Propers carefully will note that Gospel readings appointed for Jubilate (last week), Cantate (this week), and Rogate (next week), are all written in the 16th chapter of the Gospel of St. John.

Cover Art – *Christ Appears to the Apostles Behind Closed Doors*

Duccio di Buoninsegna, Siena, Tuscany, ca. 1308-11

Tempera on panel

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**The Fourth Sunday
After Easter**