

Thomas, Apostle and Martyr

Year B

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,
allowed the apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son
until word and sight convinced him:
grant that we, who have not seen, may also believe,
and so receive the fullness of your Son's blessing;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

A reading from the Prophet Habakkuk,

Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 1

¹ I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. [NRSV Habakkuk 2:1-4]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

Psalm 117

- ¹ O praise the Lord, all you nations:
O praise him, all you peoples.
- ² For great is his loving-kindness toward us:
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
Praise the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians,
Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 19

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

[NRSV Ephesians 2:19-22]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,
Chapter 20 beginning at Verse 24

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "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."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ 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."

[NRSV John 20:24-29]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, ***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Sentence

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.