

PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST THOMAS

COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,
allowed your holy apostle Thomas
to doubt the resurrection of your Son
till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also
may believe and so confess Christ as our
Lord and our God;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 2.1–4

I will stand at my watch-post,
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.
Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
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.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2.19–end

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

GOSPEL

John 20.24–29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one
of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus
came. 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.'

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.'
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.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord
and my God!' 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.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of
flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach
the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.