

Lectionary

You are invited to follow the first two readings while seated, and as is the custom, to just listen, standing if possible, as the Holy Gospel is proclaimed.

Sunday 5th July 2026

'The Festival of Thomas the Apostle'

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. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Habakkuk 2:1-4

A reading from the book of Habakkuk.

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.

This is the word of the Lord,
All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament: Ephesians 2:19-end

A reading from Pauls letter to the Ephesians.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are citizens with the saints and also mem-
bers 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.

This is the word of the Lord,
All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: John 20:24-29

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.*

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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 bold-
ness 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. **Amen.**

