



Doubting Thomas by Albrecht Dürer, 1511

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

April 23, 2017

**The Second Sunday of Easter:
Doubting Thomas Sunday**

PRELUDE Little Prelude and Fugue in B^b Major Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand as you are able until the Lessons.

OPENING HYMN #178 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks *Alleluia No. 1*

Morning Prayer: Rite II

Today's service begins with one of the Easter sentences on page 77 in The Book of Common Prayer (red book). Morning Prayer has a number of options, but the service will generally continue forward in the book. An exception is the Prayers of the People that are later in the book, following which we return to Morning Prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Page 79 in The Book of Common Prayer.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Page 80 in The Book of Common Prayer.

THE ANTIPHON FOR EASTER

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

VENITE

Page 82 in The Book of Common Prayer, read by all.

THE ANTIPHON FOR EASTER IS REPEATED

All: **Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David* spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption."
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE *The Canticle will be announced, please stand as you are able, then be seated for the reading.*

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE *The Canticle will be announced, please stand as you are able until after the Gospel.*

GRADUAL HYMN

#203 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

Alleluia! O sons and daughters, let us sing!

O filii et filiae

NOTE: This hymn *Begins and Ends* with an Antiphon. It is *Not* a refrain between verses, but is only sung once at the beginning and again once at the end of all the verses.

John 20:19-31

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed *Page 96 in The Book of Common Prayer*

THE PRAYERS *Page 97 in The Book of Common Prayer*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People, the page number in *The Book of Common Prayer* will be announced

The Peace

Deacon: La Paz del Señor sea siempre con usted. (*The peace of the Lord be always with you.*)

People: **Y también contigo.** (*And also with you.*)

Announcements, Birthday, and Anniversary Blessings

OFFERTORY HYMN #205 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

Pledgers, please place your offering in an envelope and write your name on it so the treasurer can easily identify your giving. Thank you.

The General Thanksgiving

Page 101 in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Officiant: A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Dismissal

Deacon: Bendigamos al Señor. Alleluia, alleluia. (*Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.*)

People: **Demos gracias a Dios. Alleluia, alleluia.** (*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*)

POSTLUDE O Filii et Filiae (*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*)

Alec Wyton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's offers a work-day Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:10.

Please join in the coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall. Exit the door on the front left of the church, the Parish Hall is the next building over.

HUB (*Helping Urban Bicyclists*) needs your financial support. Donation of bicycles, or parts, are also welcome. See Deacon Steve for additional information.

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