

# Office Propers – Saint Thomas

*These are the proper texts for the Office on the feasts of Apostles, which you should substitute for the seasonal texts provided in the booklet.*

## Venite Antiphon:

The Lord is the King of the Apostles; O come, let us adore Him.

## Office Hymn:



A-men.

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,  
The Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing;  
And while due hymns of praise we pay,  
Our thankful hearts cast grief away.

In these the Father's glory shone;  
In these the will of God the Son;  
In these exults the Holy Ghost;  
Through these rejoice the heavenly host.

The Church in these her princes boasts,  
These victor chiefs of warrior hosts;  
The soldiers of the heavenly hall,  
The lights that rose on earth for all.

Redeemer hear us of Thy love,  
That, with this glorious band above,  
Hereafter, of Thine endless grace,  
Thy servants also may have place.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,  
The unconquered hope that never faints,  
The love of Christ that knows no shame,  
The prince of this world overcame.

## Psalm:

(139) O LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me : thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed : and spiest out all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue : but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast fashioned me behind and before : and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me : I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit : or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there : if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning : and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me : and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me : then shall my night be turned to day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day : the darkness and light to thee are both alike.  
12 For my reins are thine : thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.  
13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made : marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.  
14 My bones are not hid from thee : though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.  
15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect : and in thy book were all my members written;  
16 Which day by day were fashioned : when as yet there was none of them.  
17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God : O how great is the sum of them!  
18 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand : when I wake up I am present with thee.  
19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God : depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.  
20 For they speak unrighteously against thee : and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.  
21 Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee : and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?  
22 Yea, I hate them right sore : even as though they were mine enemies.  
23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart : prove me, and examine my thoughts.  
24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

### **Reading:**

A Reading from the Book of Job.

Job answered the LORD: "I know that thou canst do all things, and that no purpose of thine can be thwarted. `Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. `Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees thee; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

### **Responsory:**

Thou shalt make them princes in all lands.  
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They shall remember Thy Name, O Lord.  
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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:  
They shall remember Thy Name, O Lord.

### **Benedictus Antiphon:**

As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you, says the Lord.

### **Magnificat Antiphon:**

In the regeneration, when the Son of Man shall sit upon the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit and shall judge the twelve tribes of Israel, saith the Lord.

### **Collect:**

Almighty and everliving God, Who for the more confirmation of the Faith didst suffer Thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in Thy Son's Resurrection: Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

### **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 may also believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and God; Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

### **First Reading:**

A Reading from the Letter to the Church in Ephesus.

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### **Psalm:**

O praise the Lord, all you nations; ♦ praise him, all you peoples.  
For great is his steadfast love towards us, ♦ and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

### **Gospel:**

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but 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;

and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." 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 believe."