



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for S Thomas (3rd July) 2026

As the priest enters the church, the following is sung:

1. Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer,
See the wounds in hand and side,
Now behold the risen Saviour
Who for Thee has bled and died,
And from death's dark pit arising,
Lives in body glorified.

2. Here behold the love victorious,
Over death triumphant now,
See the feet where nails were driven,
And Thy Faith in Him avow:
For he lives, the world's Redeemer,
Unto Whom all knees shall bow.

3. Thomas looked upon the Master:
Was it then indeed the Lord?
Were those wounds no phantom tokens?
Did the sight with truth accord?
Scarce believing, joy unbounded,
Leapt to greet the Saviour's Word.

4. Prostrate falling, Thomas worshipped:
'O my Mater, Lord and God',
Here in truth was Christ the Saviour
Who the path of suffering trod,
And, to ransom souls unnumbered,
Broke in pieces Satan's rod.

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5. Thomas, sight has now convinced thee,
Faith within thy heart has stirred;
Blessèd more those faithful servants,
Trusting in the Saviour's Word,
Who, though vision is denied them,
Still believe, and own Him Lord.

6. Grant, O Father, that among them
We Thy servants may be known,
And the ground be ever fruitful
Where the seed of Faith was sown,
Till at length in Heaven's glory,
Faith and vision are but one.

Words: GB Timms b1910
Music: Regent Square
Henry Stuart 1813 - 79

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
[And with thy spirit.](#)

Jesus said to His Apostles, "You are my friends if you obey My commands." Let us now confess our disobedience to Him.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ: Kyrie eleison.
[Kyrie eleison.](#)

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples: Christe eleison.
[Christe eleison.](#)

We often fail to walk the way of the Cross: Kyrie eleison.
[Kyrie eleison](#)

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

You are my God; I will give You praise, O my God: I will extol You for You are my Saviour. O Lord, You have searched me and known me: you know when I sit down and when I rise up. 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.

You are my God &c

During the Gloria in excelsis, the Altar, the symbol of God's Presence, may be honoured with incense.

Glory be to God on high.

And in earth peace, goodwill towards men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high,

+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray:

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; in and through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end.

[Amen.](#)

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

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.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe, Thomas, because you can see Me, says the Lord; happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!

Christ's Presence in the words of the Gospel may be honoured with incense.

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

As we honour today the memory of Saint Thomas, let us pray that their work may be continued in the Church and in the world:

Father, Your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow Him as His disciples in the way of the Cross. Strengthen and sustain those whom He has called today, marked with the cross and made His disciples within the Church: Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Son told His disciples not to be afraid, and at Easter breathed on them His gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which He sent them out and give it Your peace: Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

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Your Son calls to His service people with many different skills to build a better world. Guide and protect those who work in the construction industry to share in Your creative work: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Your Son formed around Him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and He called all those who obeyed Him His brother and sister and mother. Look with love upon our families and friends and upon the communities of which we are a part: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Your Son gave sight to the blind that He might know Your power to save. Open the eyes of all that we may see and believe: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those in distress and dis-ease, who yearn to feel Your loving touch: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Your Son promised those who followed Him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the Banquet of Heaven. According to Your promise enfold in Your eternal love those who have walked their path on earth: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Thomas, Saint Thomas More, Saint Augustine and all the saints, we ask for obedience to work Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen.](#)

We are fellow citizens with the saints and the whole household of God through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who came and preached peace to those who were afar off and those who were near.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

[And with thy spirit.](#)

As the bread and wine are brought to the Altar and prepared for the Mass, the following is sung:

Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words unto the ends of the world.

Here, while the Cherubim within the veil, adore the blest, life-giving Trinity, we in earth's worship echoing their part, hymn the thrice-holy in their company. So let all earthly cares be laid aside, that we may welcome Him Who draweth nigh, the King of Glory entering His courts, girt by the hidden armies of the sky. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The preparation of the Altar continues; incense may be used to honour the place where Christ will become present.

1. Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
Ye sons of daughters of the King,
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting. Alleluya!

2. On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek. Alleluya!

3. An Angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spake unto the three:
'Your Lord is gone to Galilee.' Alleluya!

4. That night the Apostles met in fear,
Amidst them came the Lord most dear,
And said: 'Peace be unto you here!' Alleluya!

5. When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled His Word,
He doubted if it were the Lord. Alleluya!

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6. ‘Thomas, behold my side,’ saith He,
‘My hands, My feet, the hands, the side;
‘Thou art my Lord and God,’ he cried. Alleluya!

7. No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
‘Thou art my Lord and God,’ he cried. Alleluya!

8. Blessèd are they that have not seen,
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluya!

9. On this most holy day of days,
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud, and jubilee, and praise. Alleluya!

10. And we with Holy Church unite,
As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the King of Light. Alleluya!

Words: Latin Jean Tisserant d 1419

Music: O Filii et filiae

Melody in

Airs sur les hymnes sacrae Parish 1683

Solemnes version harmonised by

EW Goldsmith 1860 - 1934

At the end:

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory and the victory
and the majesty. All that is in Heaven and earth is Thine:

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own do we give Thee.

Living God, accept our sacrifice this day, and grant that we find the
Presence of Your Son in the Church, in one another and in the poor and
wounded victims of the world for whom He gave His Life, the same
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The priest begins the great prayer of thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is indeed right and good,

That we should give You thanks and praise

Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord.

For after His Resurrection He sent out His Apostles

To preach the Gospel to all nations

And lead us in the way of Truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone,

He founded His Church to stand firm for ever

As a sign of Your holiness upon earth

And a living witness to all of the way that leads to Heaven.

And so with angels and archangels

And with all the company of Heaven,

We join the Hosts of Heaven in their triumphant song.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

+ Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his Apostles
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The priest holds up the consecrated Host for the people to see.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The priest holds up the chalice of consecrated wine for the people to see.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
By Whom and with Whom and in Whom,
Amen,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Amen,
all honour and glory are Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Instructed by saving precepts and taught by divine example, we are bold
to say:
Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
hallowed by Thy Name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

The priest holds up the consecrated elements and invites people to receive Holy Communion:

+ Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him, Who takes away the sin of the world; happy are they who are called to His Supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You; but only say the Word and my soul will be healed.

Jesus spoke to Thomas: put your hands here and see the place of the nails: doubt no longer, but believe.

Holy Communion follows.

1. Strong Son of God, immortal Love,
Whom we, that have not seen Thy Face,
By faith, and faith alone, embrace,
Believing where we cannot prove:

2. Thou wilt not leave us in the dust;
Thou madest man, he knows not why;
He thinks he was not made to die:
And Thou hast made Him, Thou art just.

3. Thou seemest human and divine,
The highest, holiest manhood Thou:
Our wills are ours, we know not how;
Our wills are ours, to make them Thine.

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4. Our little systems have their day;
They have their day and cease to be:
They are but broken lights of Thee,
And Thou, O Lord, art more than they.

Words: Alfred Tennyson 1809 – 9s

Music: Rockingham

Adapted by Edward Miller 1731 – 1807

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After Holy Communion:

Thomas said to Jesus, my Lord and my God: Jesus answered, blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe.

Let us pray:

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.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

God, Who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with our Lady, Saint Thomas and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the + blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Mass is ended. Go in the Peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

O, higher than the Cherubim, more glorious than the Seraphim, lead their praises, alleluia! Thou, bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious magnify the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth Your Grace into our hearts, we beseech You O Lord, that as we have known the Incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by His + Cross and Passion, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; in and through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1. O Thou, Who didst with love untold
Thy doubting servant chide,
Bidding the eyes of sense behold
Thy wondrous hands and side:

2. Grant us, like him, with heartfelt awe
To own Thee God and Lord,
And from his hour of darkness, draw
Faith in the incarnate Word.

3. And while that wondrous record now
Of unbelief we hear,
O let us only lowlier bow
In self-distrusting fear;

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4. And grant that we may never dare
Thy loving Heart to grieve,
But, at the last, their blessing share
Who see not, yet believe.

Words: Mrs E Toke 1812 – 72 & W Deston

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