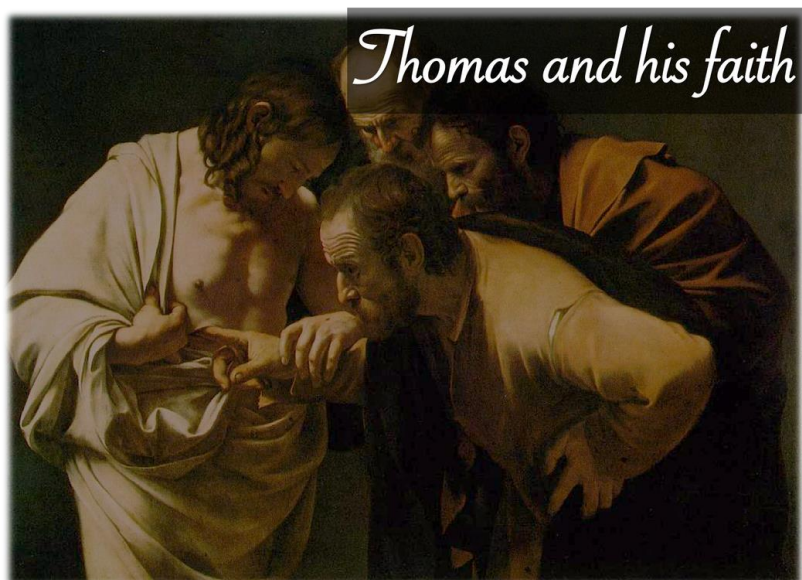


Quote or the Week



Thomas and his faith

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Visits - If you know of someone in this Parish who is sick or shut-in and would like a visit, please let us know! Rev Wendy would love to visit.

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**We thank Rev. Lid Haugen-Strand for leading us
in worship this morning.**

St. James Anglican Church

2nd. Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Service of Holy Eucharist,

Processional Hymn Lord of the Dance RB – 306

The Grace

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Glory to God

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

People: and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect for the Day:

(Together): Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Acts 2: 22-32

Psalm 16

I 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

(Together): Gracious God, we bless your holy name for the heritage you have given us. Show us the path of life, that we may follow it in hope, and come to know the joy of the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Gradual Hymn: Be Thou My Vision RB- 253

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Sermon:

The Apostles Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Church News

Greater Moncton Anglicans are invited to gather today, Sunday, April 16th to: further discuss/clarify the proposal of forming one parish; share what is unique about each of our Congregations; and discuss ideas on community partnerships that could support our church building costs.

The meeting will begin with a pot-luck lunch at 12:30 pm. Location the Moncton Garrison.

Vestry Meeting next Sunday, April 23 – after the service.

Combined Choir – Evensong 3 pm May 19 – St George’s – Commemoration of the 175th Anniversary – 8th Canadian Hussars
Their patron, Princess Anne, will be in attendance. There will be limited seating for choristers so we are seeking some commitment now. Several rehearsals will be scheduled in May, and Carolyn Keirstead will be the Choir Director.

Bible Study – Gospel Based Discipleship – St James with St George’s – Will resume Wed April 19 – 6:30 pm – 7:45.

Community Breakfast – Our next brown bag community breakfast will be on Sat, May 20

1st Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday. We take our offerings to the food bank after the first Sunday of the month. Our support to the Moncton Food Bank is so greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Prayer Shawls Available – Please ask if you would like a prayer shawl to give to someone. Please ask Loretta or Rev Wendy.

Concert – St George’s Church – Tues, April 25 – 7:30 pm.
Chamber Choir of Oxford Reformed Christian School, Mount Elgin, ON. Free Will Offering for St George’s Community Meals and Breakfast Program.

Prayers of the People
The Second Sunday of Easter

Priest: Almighty God, we gather together today on the first day of the week as witnesses of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ: Be present with us and breathe the peace of Christ's Holy Spirit upon us as we pray: Let everything that has breath, praise God. **Hallelujah!**

Reader 1: Loving God, you have given your people the confidence to come before you through the new and living way that Jesus Christ has opened for us. Grant your church grace to provoke one another to love and good deeds, encouraging one another in Christ. In the church we pray for David our Archbishop, Brent our Archdeacon, Wendy our Priest and all in leadership roles. May they lead us to understand the love of Jesus and His message. Bless your Church and her members as we labour in your vineyard, that we may be fruitful, as we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel, and live faithfully in your loving presence. Gracious One, you have made your Church to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God: Bless all who minister in your name, that we may extend your gift of forgiveness to all creation, and through believing, may have life in your name. Let everything that has breath, **praise God. Hallelujah!**

Reader 2: Almighty One, you have overcome all powers and authorities to reveal yourself in Christ as the Alpha and Omega: Visit our secular leaders and all who exercise power throughout the world, that they may embrace your Spirit of peace and extend your reconciliation to everyone. Let everything that has breath, **praise God. Hallelujah!**

Reader 3: Compassionate One, you visited the disciples in their fear and comforted your grieving servant Thomas: Be present with all who are haunted by painful memories and with those who huddle in fear behind locked doors; breathe your healing Spirit of peace upon them. Let everything that has breath, **praise God. Hallelujah!**

Reader 4: Loving One, you are in the midst of us in this community and you invite us to welcome and include as friends those who have not yet experienced the reality of Christ's risen life: Help us to offer our acceptance and love to all of our neighbors, that we may be a community of reconciliation and peace. Let everything that has breath, **praise God. Hallelujah!**

Reading 5: Healing One, you have absorbed all human suffering and pain into your body through Jesus and raised him with power to become our wounded healer: Grant the comfort of your grace to those for whom we pray especially (Add Prayer List). You have loved us and freed us, O God: Hear our grateful thanks for all the blessings of our lives. You have overcome death through the victory of Christ: Grant your resurrection life to those whom we remember. Let everything that has breath, **praise God.**

Hallelujah!

(Together): Receive our doubts, O God, and let the Risen One visit us and fill us with your joy, that we may be grateful witnesses of Christ's resurrection, sharing the liberating breath of your Holy Spirit throughout creation, for to you is glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant; Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

People: Amen.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Musical Selection

Prayer Over the Gifts:

(Together): God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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 forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer after Communion:

(Together): Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

Doxology: Celebrant : Glory to God,

People: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn

41 Thine Be the Glory verses 1,2, 6 & 7

Prayer Requests: Sharie Belanger, Kelly Campbell, Canon Richard McConnell, Fred, Louise, Trisha Corner, Sawyer, Susan Goguen, Sydney, Jeff Lewis, Lloyd Hines.