

3 July

**Thomas
Apostle**

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

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Thomas is mentioned among the number of the apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but it is in John's gospel that his significance is revealed. First, he is heard encouraging the other disciples to go the Judea with Jesus; then, not knowing what Jesus meant when he talked about where he was to go, elicited the answer that Jesus was himself the Way. But probably most famously he was the apostle notably unconvinced by reports of the resurrection of Jesus, causing Jesus to show him the marks in his hands and side. Thomas then acclaims the risen Christ with the words that have been described as the great climax to John's gospel: 'My Lord and my God!'

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