

YEAR B

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 11th April 2021

John 20:19-29

On the Sunday after Jesus had died his disciples sat huddled together in a locked room, hidden away for fear of being arrested. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the room with them. "Peace be with you," he said, and showed them the wounds in his hands and feet.

His disciples were overjoyed to see their master again. "As my father sent me, I am sending you," said Jesus.

Then, breathing on them, he said,

"Receive the Holy Spirit, and know that whoever you forgive, I will forgive also." The disciples called Thomas, who was not with the others when Jesus had appeared, and because he had not seen him with his own eyes, he did not believe Jesus was alive.

A week later Jesus appeared to them again and greeted them with the words, "Peace be with you." He showed his wounds to Thomas and said, "Doubt no longer, Thomas." At once, Thomas fell to his knees and cried, "My Lord and my God."

Jesus said to him, "You believed because you have seen me with your own eyes. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Reflection

Can we see the risen Jesus today? Jesus lives among us, and we can recognise his presence in the people around us. A kind action or a loving remark are signs of Christ's power working through other people.

When Thomas recognised Jesus as the risen Lord, he said, "My Lord and my God." We use these words quietly at the consecration of the bread and wine, when we believe that they become Christ's body and blood. We cannot see Jesus, but we believe that he is really there.

Closing Prayer

Today we pray for those like Thomas, who cannot believe without seeing.
Increase their faith, Lord, and help them recognise you
in the people they meet everyday.

Amen



Speak, Lord



Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 117
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

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THE APOSTLES SEE JESUS AGAIN ... ALIVE

1 The first time THOMAS was not there ...



It can't be true.
I refuse to believe.

2 The second time THOMAS was there.

MY LORD
AND MY
GOD,
I believe.



↑ Draw a picture of Jesus facing Thomas.

Jesus said to them:

"P _ A _ E B _ W _ T _ Y _ U."