

Church of St Leonard, Southminster
Church of St Lawrence and All Saints, Steeple
Sunday 3rd July 2022
Third Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Ephesians 2.19-22

Gospel: John 20. 24-29

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Song: Jesus Shall Take the Highest Honour

(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaiRYYOB0Y>

Invitation to Confession:

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Confession:

Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Absolution:

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed be the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer
therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Reading 1: Ephesians 2.19-22

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the

apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

*This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Gospel: John 20. 24-29

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.*

Talk: (click link) <https://youtu.be/W-BipwXCmK0>

The Creed:

Let us declare our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.

Amen.

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Prayers of Intercession:

*God has the authority and the desire to forgive our sins
completely and set us free from guilt.*

We pray for all who have the care of souls,
who look after us spiritually,

and are entrusted with helping others to repentance,
to admitting that we need God's forgiveness,
and giving them good counsel.
Give them your inspiration as they counsel us.
We pray for those called to speak God's values,
whatever the danger and regardless of popularity.

Silence

Work in us, Lord:
work in us for good.

We pray for those who refuse to allow injustice or evil to go unchallenged;
for all who are under pressure
to behave wrongly
or keep quiet about something they know to be wrong.

Silence

Work in us, Lord:
work in us for good.

We pray for more loving forgiveness
in all our relationships,
for more self-knowledge,
the grace to recognise where we are in the wrong,
and the courage to seek God's forgiveness.

Silence

Work in us, Lord:
work in us for good.

We pray for all imprisoned by guilt, resentment,
bitterness and self-pity,
that they may come to know the relief of being forgiven.
We pray for all innocent victims,
that their scars may be completely healed.

Silence

Work in us, Lord:
work in us for good.

We pray for those who have died.
We thank you for those have put their faith in Jesus Christ.
Have mercy on all of us.

Silence

Work in us, Lord:
work in us for good.

Thank you, Lord God,
for the wideness of your mercy
and the completeness of your forgiveness,
which restores us to you in such joy.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Silence

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 also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves
and all that we offer to God
and give Him thanks.*

Song: Jesus Stand Among Us
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzawG-biEf8&list=PL-KViJf0sbsj37RU6ww59ITESHgXAG2Wr&index=12>

Blessing:

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Song: When Peace Like a River (All is well with my soul)
(Click link) *in English, Spanish, Russian and Ukrainian*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRTVx3gPoWA&list=PL-KViJf0sbsj37RU6ww59ITESHqXAG2Wr&index=2>

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