

Readings + St. Thomas, Apostle + Sunday, July 3, 2022

Prayer of the Day

Ever-living God, you strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in the resurrection of your Son. Grant that we too may confess our faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading Judges 6:36-40

³⁶ Gideon said to God, "In order to see whether you will deliver Israel by my hand, as you have said, ³⁷ I am going to lay a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will deliver Israel by my hand, as you have said." ³⁸ And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water. ³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, "Do not let your anger burn against me, let me speak one more time; let me, please, make trial with the fleece just once more; let it be dry only on the fleece, and on all the ground let there be dew." ⁴⁰ And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

Psalmody Psalm 136:1-4, 23-26

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

**Give thanks to the God of gods, for God's
mercy endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for God's
mercy endures forever;

**who alone does great wonders, for God's
mercy endures forever;**

who remembered us in our low estate, for God's
mercy endures forever;

**and rescued us from our enemies, for God's
mercy endures forever;**

who gives food to all creatures, for God's mercy
endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for God's
mercy endures forever.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:11-16

Paul writes: ¹¹ The gifts Christ gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Holy Gospel John 14:1-7

Only John has this account.

Jesus said to the disciples, ¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."