



All my doubts I give to Jesus
A prayer service for belief amidst doubt

P: Dear Lord, we meet in your presence today as a family of believers to ask for renewed faith and trust in you. In these dark times of doubt and calamity, may we rest in knowing the steadfastness that only comes from you. Help us to rely not on our own understanding but only on Your infinite knowledge and love. May we submit and surrender our plans, desires, and ambitions to You, knowing that Your ways are higher and wiser than ours. May our days be proof of untampered faith, and our lives be proof of the unmistakable surety that comes from knowing you. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

*Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Author: Robert Lowry (1874), Tune: CHRIST AROSE

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P. †Glory be to the Father our Creator, to the Son our Redeemer and to the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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

C. Blessed is He that has come and is to come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P. Holy art thou, O God.

C. Holy art thou, Almighty Lord.

P. Holy art thou, Immortal Lord.

C. O Lord, the Messiah who was crucified for us † have mercy on us.

(To be repeated thrice)

P. O Lord, have mercy on us.

C. O Lord, have mercy on us and bless us.

P. O Lord, accept our prayers and worship and have mercy on us.

C. Glory be to you, O God.

P. Glory be to you, O Creator.

C. Glory be to you, O King the Messiah; who has mercy on us sinners. Bless us, O Lord.

(Let us sing together the prayer that Jesus taught us)

All: *Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is done in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

(Cong. to be seated)

Lesson 1 – Isaiah 45:21-25

Lesson 2- Revelation 1:9-20

L: Meditation - Doubting Thomas

Poor Saint Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as “Doubting Thomas” ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: “My Lord and My God!” and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29).

Saint Thomas should be equally well-known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous—since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown—but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of his enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, “Let us also go to die with him” (John 11:16).

Reflection

Saint Thomas shares the lot of Peter the hot-headed, James and John, the “sons of thunder,” Philip and his foolish request to see the Father—indeed all the apostles in their weakness and lack of

understanding. We must not exaggerate these facts, however, for Christ did not pick worthless men. But their human weakness again points up the fact that holiness is a gift of God, not a human creation; it is given to ordinary men and women with weaknesses; it is God who gradually transforms the weaknesses into the image of Christ, the courageous, trusting, and loving one.

Saint Thomas spread the ministry of Christ in India. His faith was put to the test at the end of a spear. He was killed on a hill now known as St. Thomas Mount near Chennai, driven by hostility from local religious leaders who viewed his preaching as a threat. His faith at that time, was never in doubt.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-thomas/>

L: The Doubter's Prayer'

"Eternal power of earth and air,
Unseen, yet seen in all around,
Remote, but dwelling everywhere,
Though silent, heard in every sound.

If e'er thine ear in mercy bent
When wretched mortals cried to thee,
And if indeed thy Son was sent
To save lost sinners such as me.

Then hear me now, while kneeling here;
I lift to thee my heart and eye
And all my soul ascends in prayer;
O give me – give me Faith I cry.

While Faith is with me I am blest;
It turns my darkest night to day;
But while I clasp it to my breast
I often feel it slide away.

Then cold and dark my spirit sinks,
To see my light of life depart,
And every fiend of Hell methinks
Enjoys the anguish of my heart.

What shall I do if all my love,
My hopes, my toil, are cast away,
And if there be no God above
To hear and bless me when I pray?

If this be vain delusion all,
If death be an eternal sleep,
And none can hear my secret call,
Or see the silent tears I weep.

O help me God! for thou alone
Canst my distracted soul relieve;
Forsake it not – it is thine own,
Though weak yet longing to believe.

O drive these cruel doubts away
And make me know that thou art God;
A Faith that shines by night and day
Will lighten every earthly load.

If I believe that Jesus died
And waking rose to reign above,
Then surely Sorrow, Sin and Pride
Must yield to peace and hope and love.

~Anne Brontë

Hymn

I leave all things to God's direction;
He loves me both in joy and woe.
His will is good, sure His affection;
His tender love is true, I know.
My fortress and my rock is He:
What pleases God, that pleases me.

God knows what must be done to save me;
His love for me will never cease.
Upon his hands He did engrave me
With purest gold of loving grace.
His will supreme must ever be:
What pleases God, that pleases me.

God gives me help in all temptation,
His loving goal my soul to save.
Calm in the face of life's frustration,
All earthly trouble I will brave.
His will be done eternally:
What pleases God, that pleases me.

My God has all things in His keeping;
He is my ever-faithful friend.
He gives me laughter after weeping,
And all His ways in blessings end.
His love endures eternally:
what pleases God, that pleases me.

Author: Salamo Franck (1685); Translator: August Crull (1923), Tune: NEUMARK

(Congregation to stand)

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

P: Lord God, you are perfectly faithful in everything you do. You show your faithfulness to me in caring for us, protecting us, and providing for our needs.

C: Forgive us for the times we question you, grumble about our circumstances, or turn our backs on you.

P: Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. We want to be like Moses and trust you even when we feel unsure and our confidence is shaky.

C: We want to declare your faithfulness with certainty to those around us so they will put their faith and trust in you. May we never forget that you are the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega.

P: Without you, there is no life. May our deliverance be derived from your love alone.

C: Forgive us, restore us and renew us so that we can in turn, encourage and offer a helping hand to those who struggle to believe among us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

Thanksgiving

L: The Potter's Hand – Malayalam Hymn
Shape me in Your holy hands, O Lord,
Like clay before the potter's wheel so true;
In Your care, day by day, transform me,
Mold me as You will, forever new.

C: To be sung
Thirukarathal vahichuene
Thiruhitham'pol nadathename
Kusavan kaiyil kalimannu njan
Anudhinam nee paniyename

When I meditate on Your holy Word,
My soul finds rest, my spirit is revived;
In the valley of deep, unending night,
Your words shine forth like lamps that ever guide.

C: To be sung
Nin'vachanam dhyaniumpol
En hridhayam aaswasikum
Kurirulin thazhvarayil
Deepamathal nin'mozhikal

When tempests rage and waves my boat assail,
Tossing me wildly in the ocean's might,
My dearest Jesus stands aboard with me—
He'll bring me safely to my home that night.

C: To be sung
Aazhiyathin olangalal
Valanjidumpol en padakil
Ente priyan yeshuvunde
Chernnidume bhavanamathil;-

He gave His life for us, our boundless Savior,
Prepared for us redemption vast and free;
With eyes of faith, I see it clear before me—
This land of Canaan, heaven's eternity.

C: To be sung
Avan namukai jeevan nalki
Orukiyallo valiya reksha
Drishtikalal kanunnu njan
Swargga Kanaan Dheshamathil;-

Thirukarathal vahichuene
Thiruhitham'pol nadathename
Kusavan kaiyil kalimannu njan
Anudhinam nee paniyename

Intercessory Prayers

L: Lord,

I lift up those whose hearts are troubled by doubt.
Where their faith feels fragile, bring strength.
Where questions overwhelm them, bring peace.
Remind them that even in uncertainty, You are present.
Let their trust grow deeper than their fears.
Amen.

To be Sung

All my doubts I give to Jesus:
I've His gracious promise heard.
I shall never be confounded;
I am trusting in his word.

*I am trusting, fully trusting,
Sweetly trusting in is Word:
I shall never be confounded
Sweetly trusting in is Word.*

L: Heavenly Father, we pray for those lost in confusion and unanswered questions. Shine Your light into their minds and hearts. Clear the fog of doubt and replace it with understanding. Help them to see Your truth even when the path is unclear. We bring before You those who feel discouraged and uncertain. Breathe new hope into their spirits. Let them know they are not alone in their struggle. Restore their confidence in Your promises and Your love. In our day-to-day life, where fear feels like the only sure thing on most days, may we search deep within us for moments of happiness and pockets of peace, so that our reassurance is only You.

C: To be Sung

All my fears I give to Jesus:
Rest, my weary soul, on Him!
Though my way be hid in darkness,
Never can his light grow dim. ...Chorus

L: God of peace, we pray for those whose doubts have turned into anxiety. Calm their restless thoughts. Quiet the inner voices that pull them away from hope. Fill them with a deep, unshakable peace that comes only from You. Abba Father, we also submit those facing trials that shake their belief. Help them trust You even when circumstances seem against them. We submit the innocent people of Iran, Palestine, Lebanon and Israel who are watching their precious lives crumble in front of their eyes. Give them deliverance, protect them with your mighty hand. We pray for wisdom for those in power so that they make decisions that are not in haste or greed, but which will be uplifting to all, especially the poor. No one is lesser in the eyes of the Lord. We are all deserving and equal in Your sight. May our actions reflect this ideal and when we fall into the trap of disbelief and revoking you, may our doubt be used as a doorway to deeper faith. Trusting, fully trusting.
Amen.

To be Sung

All I am I give to Jesus:
All my body, all my soul,
All I have and all I hope for
While eternal ages roll. ...
Author: John C. Morgan, Tune: Stebbins

Gospel Reading

P: †Peace be with you all.

C: May the Lord make us all worthy to listen to His Word.

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which proclaims life and salvation to the world as recorded by **Apostle John**.

C: Blessed is He that has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent him for our Salvation. May His blessings be ever upon us.

P: In the days of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, the Word of life, God incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary, it happened in this way.

C: So, we believe and affirm.

John 20:24-29

(After reading the Gospel, the priest says, †'Peace be with you all')

C: With you also. We thank you, Lord, that you have given us your gospel which is indeed the light of the world, that we may be drawn closer to you through the living words from your gospel which we have now heard.

The Nicene Creed – To be sung

We believe in the one true God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven, Maker of earth,

We believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all world;

God of God, Light of Light, Of all things invisible, and all in light.
God of God, Light of Light, of all things invisible and all things right.

Being one with the Father, by whom all things were made,
who for our salvation, came down from heaven,
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin and was made man.

In the days of Pilate, He was crucified,
He suffered and died and was buried.
The third day He rose again, ascended into heaven,

He will come again for the living and the dead
and of His kingdom there will be no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;
together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;
God of God, Light of Light,
who spoke through the prophets and the apostles.

We believe in one Holy Church,
One baptism for the remission of sins;
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the new life to come.

Amen

(Cong to be seated)

Birthday, Wedding Anniversary & Thanksgiving

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save me from its guilt and power.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save, and save by grace.

Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Lyrics: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778)
Music: Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

Announcements

Offertory

Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance,

This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

Message

(Congregation to stand)

Closing Prayer

P: Dear Lord, You are our creator, protector, comforter and advocate; you are bigger than our circumstances. We know that you are on our side. As the brokenness of the world is vividly displayed before us, may we seek your face with increased willingness. When news becomes overwhelming, draw us to the beauty of your creation.

C: Help us to submit to you all the fears, worries and doubts which creep into our minds. We want to trust you in all situations. Help us God, to have the courage to share your care, your love and promises with others. Lord, you are our strength as we deal with the loss in the world. We thank you for your guidance and your wisdom in our lives so that we need not be afraid. Help us to be humble and prayerful. Set our hearts right with you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Benediction

P: The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us. We are forgiven, loved and restored, receiving the gift and promise of new life and resurrection now. Leave your doubts and worries and go live the wondrous news of God's love in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Doxology and Kiss of Peace

Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea:
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee:
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Author: Edward Hopper (1871), Tune: PILOT (Gould)