



# All Together

## The story of Thomas



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022, 10am  
**St John's Kidlington**

## **Words of welcome.**

## **Call to Worship**

Loving God

We thank you for gathering us here today.

This morning we will reflect on Thomas and how he wanted to believe and how he also wanted proof that it was you Lord who was alive again.

### Opening Responses:

Whether this morning we feel You are near to us or far away from us

**We know You are with us.**

Whether this morning we have great faith or are filled with doubts

**We know You are with us.**

Whether this morning we are hungry, tired and fed-up or filled with joy

**We know You are with us.**

## **Song: My Lighthouse**

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus My Lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh)  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore  
I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are my light

Chorus

Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms (x4)

Chorus

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### **We Say Sorry**

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom.

Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future.

We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life.

Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Saviour, Jesus the Christ, we pray.  
Amen.

May the God of love  
bring *us* back to himself,  
forgive *us our* sins,  
and assure *us* of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Bible Reading: John 20 vs24 – 29**

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

### **Activity – True or False Quiz**

#### **Hymn – God of Faith, I offer you might doubt**

God of my faith, I offer you my doubt,  
For life at times seems far too dark for me,  
And my belief becomes more insecure,  
When worldly cares produce uncertainty

God of my hope, I offer you my fear,  
When I am scared by my anxiety,  
When all I hear is suffering and woe,  
In all my shadows you will walk with me.

God of my joy, I offer you my grief,  
When I sink down in sadness or despair,

When in depression I cannot be touched,  
I pray in all my depths to find you there.

God of my love, I offer you my pain,  
When I'm alone and feel nobody cares,  
In aching age or in rejected youth,  
You bear my cross and dry my human tears.

God of my life, I offer you my dreams,  
Light in the darkness where I hide from view,  
Light in my faith, my hope, my joy and love,  
Light in my life and all my life in you.

## **Activities**

## **Reflection**

## **Song Open the eyes of my heart, Lord**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You (x2)

Chorus To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You (x2)

Chorus (x3)

Holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy  
You are holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you (x8)

## Prayers

### **Final Hymn – Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder**

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow with humble adoration,  
And then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Chorus

## Sending Out

Leader: Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?

**People: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**

Leader: I do not see him. I don't believe you.

**People (louder): Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**

Leader: Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.

**People: We are Christ's body; We are Christ's feet.**

Leader: You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?

**People: We are going into the world to be the body of Christ.**

Leader: Let us go together, let us partner with others.

**People: For we are the body of Christ: let us share the Good News!**

## The Peace

God is love  
and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## Blessing

Jesus said, 'I am with you always.'  
May God the Creator bless you.  
May God the Son walk with you.  
May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.

**Amen.**

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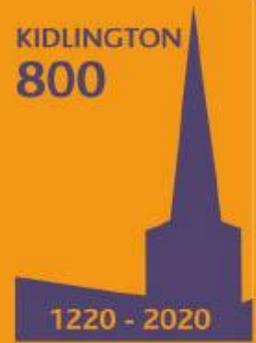
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