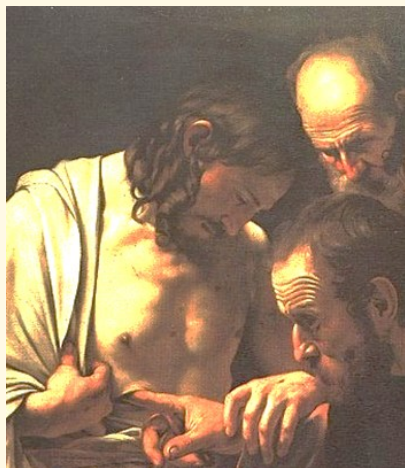


St. Thomas the Apostle

“We do not know... how can we know the way?”
Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.
Because He loved your awkward counter-point
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Malcolm Guite



Carravaggio



26th March 2025

From next Sunday's reading: **John 20: 28-31**

28 “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

29 Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

Purpose of the Book

30 The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

Our Prayer of Approach:

It is not always easy to believe with our minds
and trust with our hearts.

Loving Christ, Open the eyes of our faith
that we may behold the work of your redemption.

Open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord:
your resurrection glory, your light everlasting.

May this time together be a worthy response
to your love and your sacrifice for us.

Amen.



We pray for people, places & concerns

Lord in your mercy – **Hear our prayer.**

My Notes

Leader: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night

All: **Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

Pray for Julie, Laurence, Josiah & Esther,
Tom & Phyllis.

Remember the bereaved families, including the families of Susan Harvey, Margaret Anderson, Margaret Morton, Eileen Smith, Anne Ness, Archie Campbell, Jean, Wullie & Fiona Wilson, Don Ross, Pauline Wilshin & Liz Campbell

Girvan Valley Church & family of Anne Johnston
Grace & Alan, Margaret B. and Linda K.

This month's charity – SU Holiday Fund

The Fellowship & The Guild;

Teams, AV Team & Praise Band,

Union Steering Group

Café Connect & Baby & Toddlers.

Our youth groups & BB

School & SU Group

Campsie & MoCPC Kirk Sessions

Foodbank collection this week

Women of Holy Week Study

Kilombero Rice sales & Howard (rice farmer)

Care Homes

Ecumenical Study Group

Holy Week & Easter Services

**Give thanks for SU Camp
& GoMAD & GoMAD Xtra**

WORLD CONCERNS

Ukraine/Russia ;

The Middle East; Sudan

1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed

Dunblane

