

I have seen the Lord

Reader: John 20: 19-31

Leader:

Thomas needed proof that he had seen the Lord! Do I need proof that I have seen the Lord?

Pause

Reader 1:

When I gather with friends in prayer, worship and parish activities, do I see the Lord in our actions with each other? When I visit a friend who is in need of companionship due to loneliness or bereavement, do I see the Lord in her eyes? When I greet others at the church doors in hospitality or my neighbour on the street, do I see the Lord?

Refrain: My Lord and my God, I DO believe

Pause

Reader 2:

Is something holding me back? Is there a stumbling block to prevent me from seeing the Lord? Have my thoughts ... my aspirations my words my actions caused me to feel worthy to be one of your apostles? May I receive the Holy Spirit so that I may live in harmony with the People of God.

Refrain: My Lord and my God, I DO believe

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Reader 3:

Thomas needed proof that his friends had seen the Lord. Do we need proof that the Lord is present? Do I need to touch the side of Jesus to believe? When I receive a smile from a small child or elderly person, is this not proof? If a kind word is spoken when I am in a distressful situation, is this not proof?

Refrain: My Lord and my God, I DO believe

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Reader 4:

As a follower of the Lord, I trust that I will know when the Lord has graced me with His presence. When I see a glorious sunrise in the Annapolis Valley or the Cape Breton Highlands, I know that the Lord is present in His glory. When I hear the birds chirping or a Nova Scotia singer share their God-given talent, I know that the Lord is present. When I feel the gentle breezes from the wind blowing across the lakes or the gusts forcefully coming from the ocean, I know that the Lord is present. When I feel the touch of a newborn baby or elderly resident in a nursing home, I know that the Lord is present. When I am thankful for food on my table and supply food for those who are so fortunate, I know that the Lord is present. Knowing that my faith has given me these precious gifts, I know that the Lord is present.

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Reader 5:

As I gather these experiences into my liturgical worship in the Church, especially receiving the Eucharist, I welcome the peace that accompanies it. I am aware of this peace when I come in contact with the Lord.

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Reader 5:

Eventually when I know that I have seen the Lord in my earthly journey, I will rejoice that the Lord is indeed present and walking by my side each day.

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Hymn: Open My Eyes, Lord.