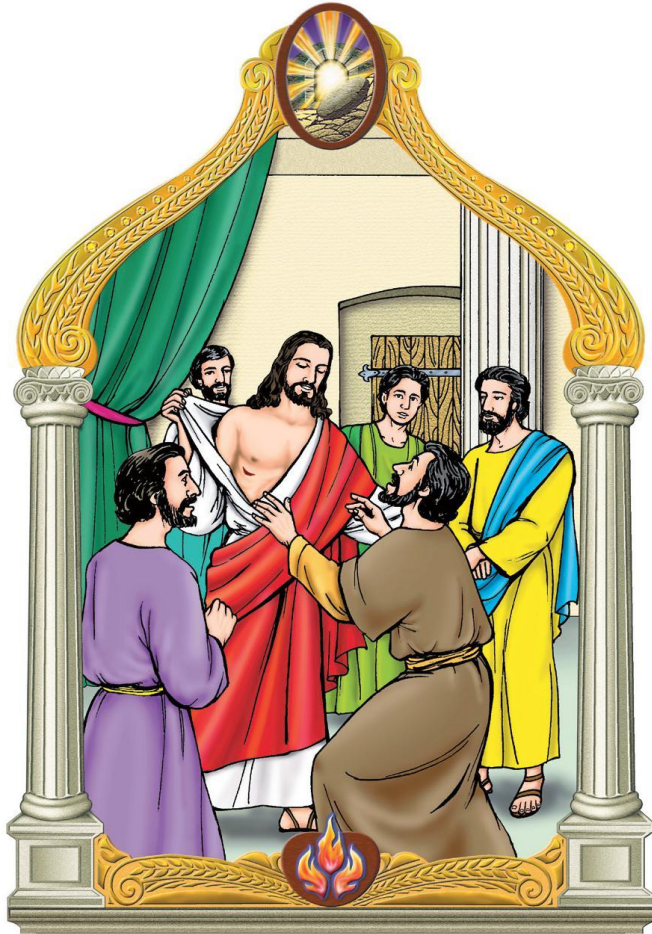


8th Station
THE RISEN CHRIST APPEARS TO THOMAS



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you!

All: Because by your Resurrection you gave life to the world. Alleluia!

Read Jn 20:24-29.

Reflection

Thomas the “positivist,” the “rationalist,” is the prototype of the world of today which refuses to believe, unless it can see, and touch and verify what the Church proclaims . . .

How will “the world” believe in the reality of the Resurrection if it does not see “proofs” that Christ is alive even today? . . . The Church as the community of Christ’s disciples should be the first “sign” of the reality of the Resurrection.

Each one of us should be a “sign” of the Resurrection. Are we? . . . Does our way of thinking, our way of speaking, our way of living proclaim convincingly that Jesus is our Lord and our God?

Prayer

Forgive us, Lord, for our slowness to believe. • Forgive, O Lord, our temerity • in daring to demand that you give us proofs • of the reality of your Resurrection, • while closing our eyes to the numberless signs • of your love for us • at every step, every moment of our life. • Forgive us, Lord, for our failure • to be to those around us a clear sign of the reality of your Resurrection. • May all our attitudes, words and deeds • be a constant witness to the reality of the new life • which you bestowed on us through your resurrection. • Do fill us, Lord, • with the blessings that you have in store • for those who believe without having seen you.

Appropriate Song