

# St. Thomas, Apostle December 21

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## Introit

How precious also are Your thoughts to / me, O  
God!

How great is the / sum of them!



O Lord, You have / searched me  
and / known me.

You know my sitting down and my / rising up;  
You understand my thought a- / far off.

You comprehend my path and my / lying down,  
And are acquainted with / all my ways.

For there is not a word / on my tongue,  
But behold, O Lord, You know it alto- / gether.

You have hedged me behind / and before,  
And laid Your hand u- / pon me.

Such knowledge is too wonder/ ful for me;  
It is high, I cannot at- / tain it.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\*  
and to the Holy / Spirit

as it was in the be / ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

How precious also are Your thoughts to / me, O God!

How great is the / sum of them! (Antiphon: Ps 139:17, Psalm 139:1-6, NKJV)

## Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, as you through the Word of your beloved  
Son mightily strengthened the faith of the apostle Saint Thomas, keep  
also us in the faith by that same Word through all our days; through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever. AMEN. (Lutheran Worship, p.95)

## Old Testament: Habakkuk 2:1-4

## Gradual: Psalm 139:17-18

How precious also are Your thoughts to / me, O God!

How great is the / sum of them!

If I should count them, they would be more in number / than the sand;

When I awake, I am / still with You.

## Ephesians 2:19-22 ( or Ephesians 1:3-6)

## Alleluia Verse

Alle- / luia.

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Rejoice in the Lord, O you / righteous!

For praise from the upright is beautiful. Alle- / luia.



## Holy Gospel: St. John 20:24-31

## Offertory Psalm

The heavens declare the glo- / ry of God;

And the firmament shows His / handiwork.

Day unto day / utters speech,

And night unto night reveals / knowledge.

There is no speech nor / language

Where their voice / is not heard.

Their line has gone out through / all the earth,

And their words to the end / of the world.

In them He has set a tabernacle / for the sun,

Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a  
strong man to / run its race.

Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the / other end;

And there is nothing hidden / from its heat. (Psalm 19:1-6)

## Secret

Bestow on us, O Lord and God, the gifts of Thy Body and Blood, so that we  
render to Thee the duty of our service and offer to Thee the sacrifice of praise in  
the glorious confession of the blessed apostle Thomas and the duty of our  
service; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

## Communion Psalm

Then He said to / Thomas,

“Reach your finger here, and look / at My hands;

and reach your hand here, and put it in- / to My side.

Do not be unbelieving, but be- / lieving.” (John 20:27)

### **Postcommunion**

Come to our assistance, O merciful God, and mercifully preserve Thy gifts bestowed upon us; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

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