Vesper Propers
Thomas Sunday
Second Paschal Sunday

All page numbers refer to the Paschal Vespers Book.

Psalm 140 - Tone 1 samohlasen

O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; receive the voice of my pray'r when I call upon you. Hear me, O Lord! Let my pray'r ascend to you like incense and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord!

O Lord, set a guard before my mouth
and set a seal on the door of my lips.

Let not my heart be inclined to evil,
nor make excuse for the sins I commit.

Let me never share in sinners' feasting.
If a just man strikes or reproves me it is kindness

but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.
Let my prayer be ever against their malice.

The princes were thrown down by the side of the rock;
then they understood that my words were kind.

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As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground, 
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of the grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned; 
in you I take refuge; spare my soul!

From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe; 
keep me from the snares of those who do evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set 
while I pursue my way unharmed.

Psalm 141 With all my voice I cry to the Lord, 
with all my voice I entreat the Lord.

I pour out my trouble before him; 
I tell him all my distress while my spirit faints within me.

But you, O Lord, know my path. 
On the way where I shall walk they have hidden a snare to entrap me.

Look on my right and see: 
there is no one who takes my part.

I have no means of escape, 
not one who cares for my soul.

I cry to you, O Lord. 
I have said: "You are my refuge, all I have in the land of the living."

Listen, then, to my cry for I am in the depths of distress.

Rescue me from those who pursue me for they are stronger than I.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Bring my soul out of this prison 
and then I shall praise your name.

When the doors were closed and the disciples were gathered together,
you suddenly appeared in their midst, O Jesus our almighty God. You granted them peace and filled them with the Holy Spirit; you commanded them to wait and not depart from Jerusalem until they were clothed with power from on high. We therefore cry to you, O Lord: Glory to you, our Light, our Resurrection, and our peace.

Cantor: Around me the just will assemble because of your goodness to me. All repeat "When the doors were closed...."

Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Psalm 129

(8) & (7) Lord, hear my voice!

Eight days after your resurrection, O Lord, you appeared to your disciples in the room where they were gathered; you greeted them, saying: Peace be with you! Then you showed your hands and side to the doubting disciple.
He therefore cried out in an act of faith: My Lord and my God, glory to you!

Cantor: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. All repeat "Eight days after your Resurrection...."

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

EVEN THOUGH THE DOORS WERE CLOSED, you came to your disciples, O Christ,

and Thomas, called the Twin, was not with them. Therefore, he did not believe what they told him. You did not deem him unworthy for his lack of faith,

but in your goodness, you confirmed his faith by showing him your pure side and the wounds in your hands and feet. He touched them, and when he saw you,

he confessed you to be neither an abstract God nor merely human; and he
cried out to you: My Lord and my God, glory to you!

Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. 

All repeat "Even though the doors were closed...."

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak,  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord. 

On the eighth day the Savior came to the doubting disciples. He granted them peace and said to Thomas: O Apostle, come and touch my hands which were pierced by nails. How wonderful is this doubt of Thomas! 

It brought the hearts of believers to the knowledge of God. Therefore he cried out with fear: My Lord and my God, glory to you!

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. Repeat "On the eighth day..."

Cantor: (Tone 2) Praise the Lord all the nations;  
(on 2) acclaim him all you people. 

Psalm 116 

Aft er your Res ur-rection, O Lord, you appeared in the midst of your
dis-ciples and granted them peace as they gathered together behind closed doors.

And Thomas was convinced after seeing your hands and your side; therefore, he confessed that you are Lord and God, and Savior of those who put their trust in you. O Lover of us all, glory to you!

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

Although the doors were closed, Jesus appeared to his disciples. He took away their fear and granted them peace. Then he called Thomas and said to him: Why did you doubt my Resurrection from the dead? Place your hand in my side; see my hands and my feet. Through your lack of faith everyone will come to know of my Passion and Resurrection, and they will cry out with you:
My Lord and my God, glory to you!

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

Although the doors were locked, you appeared to your disciples, O Christ; but through providence, Thomas was not with them. For he said, I will not believe until I see the Lord, until I see the side from which the blood and water of our baptism came forth, until I see the wound by which he healed all people from the great wound, and I see that he is not pure spirit, but a person made of flesh and bones. Therefore, O Lord, who trampled Death and made Thomas firm in his belief, O Lord, glory to you!

The service continues on page 12 of the Paschal Vespers book.
Manifesting the brightness of your divinity, you appeared, although the doors were closed, O Lord. Standing in the midst of your disciples, you uncovered your side and showed them the wounds of your hands and feet, delivering them from the sadness that had overcome them. You spoke to them clearly and said: As you see, my friends, I have assumed flesh; I am not a pure spirit. You spoke to the disciple who had doubted, and asked him to touch your wounds, saying: Explore my wounds and doubt no longer. The disciple touched you with his hand and discovered both your divinity.
and humanity; filled with fear, he cried out in faith:

My Lord and my God, glory to you!

Touch my side with your hand, O Thomas; feel the traces of the nails, be no longer unbelieving but believing, said Christ. When Thomas touched the Lord, he cried out in a loud voice: You are my Lord and my God; glory to you!

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Doxastikon

Although the doors were closed and the disciples reunited, the Savior appeared in the midst of them where they were gathered. Standing in the midst of them, he said to Thomas: Come and touch my wounds and see the

Tone 8 samohlasen
marks of the nails; do not persist in your unbelief, but with faith proclaim my Resurrection from the dead.

Aposticha

Tone 4 samohlasen

O marvelous wonder! The lack of faith gave birth to a certainty of faith; for Thomas said: Unless I see, I will not believe! Therefore, when he touched your side, he acknowledged that you were the incarnate Son of God, and he knew that you truly suffered in the flesh; and thus he proclaimed your resurrection from the dead, saying: My Lord and my God, glory to you!

Cantor

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!
O marvelous wonder! For grass has touched the fire and was not burned.

Thomas placed his hand into the fiery side of the Savior, and he was not consumed by touching him. Truly, his soul was changed from doubt to faith, and he exclaimed from the depth of his spirit: You are my Master and my God who arose from the dead. O Lord, glory to you!

Cantor

He has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed the children within you.

O marvelous wonder! John leaned on the bosom of the Word, and Thomas was made worthy to touch his side. The first discovered the depth of
the-ol-o-gy, and the oth-er was privileged to announce the plan of sal-va-
tion;

for he clearly revealed the mystery of Christ's Resur-rec-tion, say-ing: My Lord

and my God, glo-ry to you!

Cantor: (Tone 5) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Aposticha doxastikon - Tone 5 samohlasen

How great is your infinite compassion, O Lover of us all; for be-cause of your

long-suffering you were struck by your en-e-mies; you were touched by

an a-pos-tle and deep-ly pierced by those who de-nied you. How did you

be-come in-car-nate? How were you cru-ci-fied, O Sin-less One?

Teach us to cry out as Thom-as: My Lord and my God,
The service continues on page 19 of the Vesper book.

**Troparion**

The following troparion is sung three times:

**Troparion of Thomas Sunday - Tone 7**

Though the tomb had been sealed, O Life, from the grave you arose, O Christ our God. Though the door had been locked, you appeared among the disciples, O Resurrection of All. Through them you renewed an upright spirit in us according to your great mercy.

The service continues with the Blessing of Bread, found on page 29 in the Appendix.