


	Jesus appears to Thomas	
Presence of God	Considering how God looks at me.	
History John 20, 24- 29	<p>24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”</p> <p>26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”</p> <p>28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”</p> <p>29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”</p>	
Petition	<i>Lord, may I know you more clearly, love you more deeply and follow you more nearly in this time of triumph and jubilation!</i>	
Contemplation	<p>vv 24 – 25 Thomas, an incredulous disciple <i>Do you remember the last prayer when we contemplated that Jesus – resuscitated and in his full glory – appeared to his disciples who had their doors locked for fear? Jesus always visits those who are sad, all his friends, to console them.</i> <i>But that day, one of the disciples was not present: doubting Thomas. What did Thomas think when his friends, all excited, told him that Jesus had resuscitated and was alive? He didn't believe them and said: “Unless I put my hand ...”</i> <i>Imagine the disciples telling Thomas that Jesus was alive!!!!</i> <i>Imagine... What did Thomas think? Why didn't he believe what he was being told?</i></p> <p>vv 19 – 20 Jesus comes to console them <i>Jesus did not get mad at Thomas' doubting; on the contrary, He came to see him in person to let him touch His glorified scars.</i> <i>First He greeted them: “Peace be with you”, to mean: “I have not come to reproach you for your doubts”. And once again, in a very patient, loving and tender fashion, He consoles them and us over and over again until we accept Him as our friend.</i> <i>Imagine you are Thomas, and Jesus calls you and shows you the scars in his chest and his hands. Imagine you touch his scars... What did Thomas feel?</i></p> <p>vv 21 – 23 Jesus is patient <i>Jesus is head over heels in love with each of us. Like a good shepherd, He is always going after us so that we can be with Him. He feels sad when we feel sad, alone, when we doubt and do not look for his protection. St. Ignatius tells us that Jesus behaves like a friend who comes to console his friends.</i> <i>Imagine Jesus ... He is always trying to make you happy. He is always watching over you, wherever you go, to protect you, to prevent you from getting lost, to help you be better day after day. Imagine Jesus is with you when you are at home, at school, at the club, when you go camping, when you are with your friends.</i></p>	<p>Jesus consoles and calls us all so that “no one of those given to the Son” should be lost.</p> <p>When Jesus resuscitated and appeared to his friends, He still had his scars/ wounds to show that He was the same who hung in a cross. It is the token of his love for us, because He suffered terribly to stay with us. These scars tell us that He is the Lord.</p> <p>Everyone of us has been witness to different occasions in our lives, when the Lord has gone after us like a good shepherd. The challenge is to feel his loving Presence wherever and whenever we are.</p>

Colloquy

*Let's sit on the carpet, on the promised land, near Jesus, to hear him in the silence of our hearts. .
Imagine you are hugging Jesus who is full of life, light, love, peace, strength, and glory. Put your hand on his heart and tell him slowly: My Lord and my God! Look at him and tell him how you are feeling now.*

