

**“MY LORD AND MY GOD!”  
A PRESENTATION FOR ST. THOMAS SUNDAY**

(May also be presented following Agape Vespers of Pascha)

Based on the Homily for April 13<sup>th</sup>: “On Thomas’s proof by experience” in *The Prologue from Ochrid* by St. Nikolai Velimirovich.

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Cast: Any number of readers, who may be children and/or adults.

There are three sections:

SECTION 2 is the main presentation which can be done alone.

SECTIONS 1 and 3 are optional.

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**SECTION 1 - OPTIONAL, MAY BE READ BEFORE SECTION 2**

*The Gospel account (John 20:19-29) is read by one or more readers:*

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

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[So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”]<sup>1</sup>

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Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.”

So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

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And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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<sup>1</sup> These verses could be skipped without interrupting the narrative about St. Thomas.

## SECTION 2 - MAIN PRESENTATION, A RESPONSIVE READING

*Each reader reads one line below, and all the people reply with the refrain: "My Lord and my God!" The refrain will be more effective if sung to a simple melody, such as the one shown.*

When the Apostle Thomas touched the wounds of the Lord Jesus, he cried:  
"My Lord and my God!"

When Mary Magdalene heard the voice of the Risen One in the garden, she exclaimed in her soul:  
"My Lord and my God!"

When Saul saw the light and heard the words of the Risen One, he acknowledged:  
"My Lord and my God!"

When the pagans saw how countless martyrs endured terrible sufferings with joy, they asked, "Who is this Christ?" and the martyrs answered:  
"My Lord and my God!"

When people ridiculed the army of monks, and asked them, "For whom do you take on these ascetic labors?" the monks had one reply:  
"My Lord and my God!"

When people ridiculed maidens vowed to virginity and asked them, "For whom do you give up marriage?" the maidens had one reply:  
"My Lord and my God!"

When lovers of money asked those who gave up their wealth, "For whose sake did you give away your riches and become poor?" they answered the same thing:  
"My Lord and my God!"

Some saw Him, and said:  
"My Lord and my God!"

Some only heard Him, and said:  
"My Lord and my God!"

Some touched Him, and said:  
"My Lord and my God!"

Some perceived Him in the fabric of events and in the destinies of peoples, and said:  
"My Lord and my God!"

Some came to know Him by some sign, and cried out:  
"My Lord and my God!"

Some felt His presence in their lives, and cried out:  
"My Lord and my God!"

And some heard about Him from others, yet believed and cried out:  
"My Lord and my God!"

Truly, these last are the most blessed!

However we have come to discover and know about Him, let us also cry with our whole hearts:  
"My Lord and my God!"



### SECTION 3 - OPTIONAL, TO BE DONE IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 2

Readers read the following, with the words “My Lord and my God” being read (not sung, until the last refrain) in as many languages as desired:

Let all the peoples of the earth cry out: “My Lord and my God!”

In all languages let them cry out: “My Lord and my God!”

In Greek: “O Kyrios mou kai Theos mou!”

In Russian: “Gospod moi i Bog moi!”

In Romanian: “Domnul meu si Dumnezeul meu!”

In German: “Mein Herr und mein Gott!”

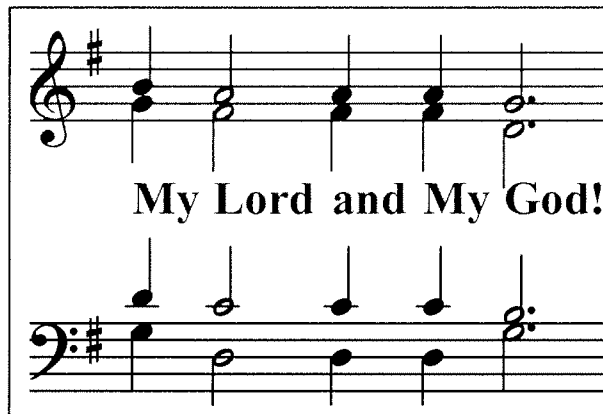
In French: “Mon Seigneur et mon Dieu!”

In Spanish: “Seno mio y Dios mio!”

In Swahili: “Bwana wangu na Mungu wangu!”

*etc., etc.*<sup>2</sup>

And in English, let us all now sing: “My Lord and my God!”



<sup>2</sup> Other languages may be found by looking up John 20:28 on [www.BibleGateway.com](http://www.BibleGateway.com) and clicking on “Passage Lookup.”