

**Collect:** Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Acts 4.32–35**

<sup>32</sup> The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### **John 20.19–29** (Good News Translation)

<sup>19</sup> It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. <sup>20</sup> After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the

Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting and believe!" <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

**Post Communion:** Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers requested for St Andrew's, Moscow:

Dear friends,  
We'd appreciate prayers for our community at St Andrew's and for the British Embassy here, following the expulsions, both for those sent home and for those who are staying behind. There has been a great deal of sadness and deep sense of loss. Pray that the conflict stays at the political level and does not affect continued good relations between British people and Russians both here and in the UK. Pray for wisdom for our government in its response to the Moscow expulsions, and a greater understanding which will lead to a reduction in the fear which is felt on both sides. Pray too that St Andrew's can continue to be faithful to the work of proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection, of serving the ex-patriot community and being a place for reconciliation between East and West, as we seek to live here as God's people.  
Rev Canon Malcolm Rogers, Chaplain of St Andrews, Moscow  
The Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia

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