



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK
The Reverend Andrew C. Mead OBE, DD, Rector
John Scott, LVO, D.Mus, Organist and Director of Music
The Reverend Charles F. Wallace, Headmaster

Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.
Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

Please switch off all cellular telephones and pagers.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2010

AN ADVENT PROCESSION
Together with the Choral Eucharist at 11 a.m.

PRELUDE Four Advent Chorale Preludes from the Orgelbüchlein *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685-1750)

Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599
Gott, durch deine Güte, BWV 600
Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn, BWV 601
Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott, BWV 602

Fantasy on Veni Emmanuel *Kenneth Leighton*
(1929-1988)

The People remain seated for the Mattins Responsory and the Bidding.

MATTINS RESPONSORY, *Aspiciens a longe* adapted from *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
(c. 1525-1594)

V. I look from afar:
R. And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
V. Go ye out to meet him and say:
R. Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
V. High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
R. Go ye out to meet him and say:
V. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
R. Tell us, art thou he that should come?
V. Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come
R. To reign over thy people Israel.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
R. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
V. Go ye out to meet him and say:
R. Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

THE BIDDING

Officiant:

Beloved in Christ, we are met together on this first day of Advent to prepare ourselves in heart and mind for the coming of the Lord Christ, our Saviour and our Judge, to hear in Holy Scripture and Sacred Song the message of Salvation wrought by him, and to be put in remembrance of the great day of Judgment.

Let us therefore implore our Heavenly Father that of his mercy he will forgive our past sins, mindful of the perfect sacrifice of his Son that bought us once for all on Calvary's tree, and let us seek his grace to amend our sinful lives, that we may follow the pattern of his Son's perfect life.

THE CONFESSION

The People kneel.

We confess to God Almighty,

All the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us; forgive us all our sins; deliver us from all evil; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT

Officiant:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON Daniel 7

God reveals Christ and his kingdom to the prophet Daniel.

All stand to sing as the Choir enters

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| L o! he comes, with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign. | 3. Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars! |
| 2. Every eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see. | 4. Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone. |

Words Charles Wesley *Tune* Helmsley

The People sit.

THE SECOND LESSON Isaiah 40

The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.

BENEDICTUS DOMINUS DEUS ISRAEL

Philip Moore
(b. 1943)

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies: might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.
 And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face
 of the Lord to prepare his ways.
 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins,
 Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
 To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet
 into the way of peace.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Towards the end of the Benedictus the Crucifer and Torches take their position.
 The People stand.*

The Officiant sings the Versicle Let us proceed in peace.
The Choir sings the Response In the Name of Christ. Amen.

The Procession forms and moves to the Chantry as the People sing.

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| <p>HARK! a thrilling voice is sounding;
 "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 "Cast away the works of darkness,
 O ye children of the day."</p> | <p>3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
 Comes with pardon down from heaven;
 Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
 One and all to be forgiven;</p> |
| <p>2. Wakened by the solemn warning,
 Let the earth-bound soul arise;
 Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
 Shines upon the morning skies.</p> | <p>4. So when next he comes with glory,
 And the world is wrapped in fear,
 May he with his mercy shield us,
 And with words of love draw near.</p> |
| <p>5. Honor, glory, might, and blessing
 To the Father and the Son,
 With the everlasting Spirit
 While unending ages run.</p> | |

Words c. Sixth Century Latin

Tune Merton

COLLECT

Officiant: Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our
 sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,
 with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The People sit for the Motet.

MOTET

*Francisco Guerrero
 (1528-1599)*

CANITE tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini.
 Ecce venit ad salvandum nos: erunt prava indirecta,
 et aspera in vias planas: venit Domine et noli tardare.

*Blow ye the trumpet in Sion, for the day of God now is near at hand.
 See, he cometh and will save us: he will make the crooked ways straight,
 the rough places will he make plain: Come then, O Lord, and do not tarry.*

First Antiphon at Lauds

The People stand to sing as the Procession moves from the Chantry to the Narthex.

- C**OME, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
3. Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
4. By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone:
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words Charles Wesley

Tune Stuttgart

COLLECT

Officiant: Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People sit and from the Narthex doors is read

THE THIRD LESSON Saint Luke 1
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

MOTET

A Hymn to the Virgin

Charles Wood
(1866-1926)

HAIL! Blessed Virgin Mary,
For so when He did meet thee,
Spake mighty Gabriel,
And thus we greet thee.
Come weal, come woe, our hymn shall
never vary.
Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary!
Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary!

Ave, ave Maria!
To gladden priest and people,
The angelus shall ring
From every steeple,
To sound his Virgin birth, Alleluia!
Ave, ave Maria!
Ave, ave Maria!

Archangels chant, Osanna,
And, Holy, holy, holy,
Before the infant born
Of thee, thou lowly;
Aye maiden child of Joachim and Anna;
Archangels chant, Osanna,
Archangels chant, Osanna!

17th century Italian carol

The People stand. The Procession moves from the Narthex to the Chancel. All sing stanzas 3-6.

Choir Only

COME, thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest thy virgin-birth:
Let every age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

Choir Only

2. Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The promised fruit to man displayed.

All

3. The virgin womb that burden gained
With virgin honour all unstained;
The banners there of virtue glow;
God in his temple dwells below.

All

4. Forth from his chamber goeth he,
That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one,
Rejoicing now his course to run.

All

5. From God the Father he proceeds,
To God the Father back he speeds;
His course he runs to death and hell,
Returning on God's throne to dwell.

All

6. All laud, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost forevermore. Amen.

*Words St. Ambrose (340-397) Translation J.M. Neale and others
Tune Puer Nobis Nascitur, adapted by Michael Praetorius (c.1571-1621)*

GREETINGS AND HOMILY

The People sit.

The Rector

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

*Gabriel Jackson
(b. 1962)*

SALUS aeterna indeficiens mundi vita,
Lux sempiterna et redemptio vera nostra,
Condolens humana perire saecula
per tentantis numina,
Non linqens excelsa,
adisti ima propria clementia.
Mox tua spontanea gratia assumens humana,
Que fuerant perdita omnia salvasti terrea,
Ferens mundo gaudia.
Tu animas et corpora
Nostra Christe, expia
Ut possidemus lucida
Nosmet habitacula.
Adventu primo justifica,
In secundo nosque libera,
Ut cum, facta luce magna, judicabis omnia,
Compti stola incorrupta,
nosmet tua subsequamur
mox vestigia quocumque visa.

*Saviour eternal, health and life of the world unfailing,
light everlasting, and in verity our redeemer.
Grieving that the ages of men
must perish through the tempter's subtlety,
still in heaven abiding,
thou camest earthward of thine own great clemency.
Then freely and graciously deigning to assume humanity,
to lost ones and perishing gavest thou thy free
deliverance, filling all the world with joy.
O Christ, our souls and bodies cleanse
by thy perfect sacrifice, that we as temples
pure and bright fit for thine abode may be.
By thy former advent justify,
by thy second grant us liberty,
that when in the might of glory thou descendest,
judge of all,
we in raiment undefiled bright may shine,
thy footsteps blest,
where'er they lead us.*

11th Century Sequence from the Sarum Missal

At the 4 p.m. service please turn to page 7 for the Blessing.

SETTING

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Mass for Five Voices

William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)

The People stand. The Celebrant faces them and sings

The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer and concludes "O Father Almighty, world without end."

All AMEN.
Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and says
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says the following invitation
Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that takest away the sins of the world.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. The Sacrament is distributed at the High Altar and, for convenience and accessibility, at the Chantry Chapel Altar.

During the ministrations of Communion, Agnus Dei.

HOSANNA to the Son of David. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Blessed be the King of Israel. Blessed be the King that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places; Hosanna, in the highest heavens.

from *Saints Matthew 21:9, Mark 11:10, Luke 19:38*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

The People kneel and join in saying this prayer.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

The People kneel and the Celebrant says

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven and visit thy people in peace: Send forth thy Spirit from on high that their hearts may be uplifted unto thee: O Lord, who for our sakes wast born of a virgin, make holy thy people and bless thine heritage: And the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

VESPER RESPONSORY

The People stand.

adapted from *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

- V. Judah and Jerusalem, fear not nor be dismayed;
- R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.
- V. Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
- R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.

All sing.

- O** COME, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*
2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*
4. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*
5. O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*
6. O come, thou Day-spring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our King of Peace.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Words Ninth Century Latin *Tune* Veni, veni, Emmanuel

VOLUNTARY

Allegro Risoluto, from Symphonie no. 2 in E minor Op. 20

*Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)*

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

Mark Pacoe
New York, NY

The greens today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Arthur Trumbull Hill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut and Linda Griffith Vorsanger.

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*Sunday Services: 8, 9, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Monday through Friday Services: 8 a.m., 12:10 and 5:30 p.m.
(The Tuesday 12:10 p.m. Eucharist includes a healing service.)
Saturday Holy Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.
The clergy are available to hear confessions by appointment.*

*Festal Eucharist for the Feast of St. Andrew on Tuesday, November 30, at 5:30 p.m.
Choral Evensong on Saturday, December 4, at 4 p.m.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
11 A.M. LITANY AND CHORAL EUCHARIST
Sermon by The Rector
4 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG
Sermon by Father Austin

PARISH NOTICES

Please Note: Unauthorized recordings at SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE are prohibited.

You are invited to **Coffee Hour**, which takes place in the Parish House living room and dining room following the 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday services. The Welcome Committee will be happy to give you a name tag, and the clergy will be happy to meet you. Also, if you'd like to hear from us, please sign the Parish Guest Book.

Christmas Pageant: You are invited to attend "A New York Carol" as it makes its return to Saint Thomas **Sunday, December 12 at 1 p.m.** in the nave. This annual Youth Group and Sunday School produced Christmas pageant will be followed by the Youth and Sunday School Christmas Party in Andrew Hall. Contact Father Spurlock at mspurlock@SaintThomasChurch.org by December 7 to RSVP for the Christmas Party.

Sunday School: Saint Thomas Church offers Sunday School classes that meet on the third floor at 10 a.m. for grades one to six. Engaging lessons are prepared for the students in keeping with our commitment to the Christian formation of our young members. We look forward to welcoming your child or grandchild to our classes. For more information, contact mspurlock@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Nursery: We welcome our youngest members and guests to Saint Thomas Church. Nursery care is available for infants and young children of parents attending the 9 and 11 a.m. liturgies. If your child would like to attend the nursery please ask one of our ushers or staff to kindly direct you. Once at the nursery, parents will be asked to sign their children in and will receive a silent pager for use during the service.

There is a guided tour of the Church following the voluntary at the end of this service. All who wish to join the tour are asked to meet the tour guide by the gallery stairs in the Narthex.

The Bookstore, located on the first floor of the Parish House, is open following the 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. services. Currently in stock: Timothy Keller's *Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just*, Father Austin's *Up with Authority*, Calvin R. Stapert's *Handel's Messiah: Comfort or God's People*, Peter J. Leithart's *First and Second Kings*, Eliza Griswold's *The Tenth Parallel: Dispatches from the Fault Line between Christianity and Islam*, Oliver O'Donovan's *The Word in Small Boats* and the latest disc by our Choir of Men and Boys, *American Voices*. Also available: the 2011 Christian Pocket Calendar and Advent calendars and books for Advent and Christmas. Major credit cards are accepted.

The annual election for the Vestry of Saint Thomas Church will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2010. Ballots for this election have been mailed to qualified Parishioners. They should be returned to the Rector no later than 6 p.m. on November 30, or personally deposited in the ballot box in the Living Room of the Parish House between 5 and 6 p.m. on that date. This year we are voting for one Warden for a term of two years and for three Vestry Members each for a term of three years.

The Concert Series invites you to a **special one hour concert** on Thursday, December 16, from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** The program features the Boys of Saint Thomas Choir in Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* and Rutter's *Dancing Day*, with harpist Anna Reinersman. **All tickets are \$40**—open seating first come first served with a reserved section up front for Friends of Music donors.

It is not too early to think about Christmas Flower Memorials: Contributions are now being received for Christmas flowers in memory of departed loved ones and as thank offerings. The names of the Faithful Departed in whose memory the Church will be adorned are listed in the Christmas Service Leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation, to the Parish House receptionist. The deadline is Friday, December 10.

Tickets for Handel's *Messiah* on Tuesday, December 7, and Thursday, December 9, are selling rapidly, but there are still good seats available. Following the 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. services, volunteers will be taking ticket orders in the Narthex, where you may also purchase CDs by our Choir. Alternatively, you may purchase tickets online at www.SaintThomasChurch.org or call the office at 212.664.9360.

Following the 11 a.m. service today, the Choir School Boys are holding a **Bake Sale**. Proceeds from this event will benefit the School. Please stop by the reception area of the Parish House and support our Choristers in their endeavors.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday morning Bible study for adults: through December, on 1 Kings. Here is an opportunity to learn about Solomon's downfall and the subsequent division of the kingdom. Newcomers welcome any week, at 10 a.m. on the fifth floor of the Parish House.

Tuesday, November 30, the "**Basic Christianity**" class on *The Word in Small Boats* by Oliver O'Donovan will conclude with sermons on selling possessions, death, and other cheery topics. The class meets in Andrew Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; visitors are welcome.

The Little Prince will be discussed at the next "**Good Books and Good Talk**" seminar on Monday, December 13. Anyone who has read the book is welcome to the discussion.

If you drop a note to vaustin@SaintThomasChurch.org you can receive weekly updates about classes at Saint Thomas.

CHORAL EVENSONGS AND EUCHARISTS DURING ADVENT

Festal Eucharists will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30, for the Feast of Saint Andrew and on Tuesday, December 21, for the Feast of Saint Thomas. Both of these Eucharists are sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys.

Choral Evensong will be sung on the following days during Advent: On Tuesday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m.; on Wednesdays December 15 and 22, at 5:30 p.m.; on Thursday, December 23, at 5:30 p.m.; on Saturdays, December 4 and 11, at 4 p.m. The Evensong of December 14 will be sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. The Evensongs of December 4, 15, 22 and 23 will be sung by The Gentlemen of The Choir. The Evensong on December 11 will be sung by The Choir of Jesus College, Cambridge. The complete December calendar may be found on our website at www.SaintThomasChurch.org.



ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Victor Lee Austin, Ph.D., *Theologian-in-residence*

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2010 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AND SERVICES AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH



Tuesday, December 7, and Thursday, December 9

7:30 p.m.

Handel's *Messiah* sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys, soloists and Concert Royal



Thursday, December 16

5:30 p.m.

A Ceremony of Carols – *Benjamin Britten*

Dancing Day – *John Rutter*

The Boys of Saint Thomas Choir

Anna Reinersman, *harp*



Saturday, December 18

4 p.m.

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

Music of *Warlock, Ord, John Rutter, Andrew Carter* and *John Joubert*



Sunday, December 19, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Music of *David Willcocks, Philip Ledger, Wishart, Jan Sandström, John Rutter, Pearsall, Mathias* and *Barry Rose*



Wednesday, December 22

12:10 p.m.

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

Sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Warlock, Ord, John Rutter, Andrew Carter* and *John Joubert*



Friday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols and The Blessing of the Creche

The Rector's Christmas Message to the children

Music of *Alan Gibbs, Leo Nestor, John Rutter* and *Simon Lindley*

10:15 p.m. (Doors open at 10 p.m.)

FESTIVAL MUSIC FOR TRUMPET AND ORGAN

11 p.m.

THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

Music of *Malcolm, Handel, David Willcocks, John Rutter* and *Darke*

Sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rector



Saturday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

11 a.m.

SOLEMN EUCHARIST

Music of *Richard Shephard, Sweelinck, John Rutter* and *Simon Preston*

Sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rector