

The Prayers of the People (Please kneel.)

After each petition the people say:

Lord, have mercy.

The Confession and Absolution

The Peace

The Greetings (Please be seated.)

At the Offertory, Anthem

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

MAGNUS sanctus Paulus,
vas electionis
vere digne est glorificandus;
qui et thronum duodecimum
meruit possidere.
Vas electionis intercede pro nobis ad
Deum, qui te legit, ut digni efficiamur
gratia Dei.

*The great Saint Paul,
the vessel of election,
is indeed worthy to be glorified;
for he also deserved to possess
the twelfth throne.
Pray for us to the God who chose thee,
that we may be made worthy of the grace
of God.*

Alleluia verse for the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

The Doxology Hymn 380 Stanza 3

OLD 100TH

Sanctus and Benedictus

The Breaking of the Bread

Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

*The Sacrament is distributed at the High Altar and, for convenience and accessibility,
also at the Chantry Chapel Altar.*

At the Communion, Agnus Dei
and Motet

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

CONSTITUES eos principes
super omnem terram:
memores erunt nominis tui, Domine,
in omni generatione et progenie.

*Thou shalt make them princes
over all the earth:
they shall remember thy name, O Lord,
from one generation to another.*

Psalm 45:17-18,

Offertory Verse for the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn 530

GOTT SEI DANK

Voluntary 'Final', from Symphonie No. 3 in F sharp minor, Op. 28

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

**THE EVE OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL
FESTAL EVENSONG — 4 p.m.**

Prelude

Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No. 3

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

Hymn 24

Versicles and Responses

ST. CLEMENT
William Smith
(1603-1645)

Psalm 119:89-104

The Book of Common Prayer, Page 496

Anglican Chant (*Armes, Marchant*)

Lessons

Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10 and Acts 9:1-22

Hymn 255		MUNICH
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis	The St. Paul's Service	<i>Herbert Howells</i>
The Greetings	<i>(Please be seated.)</i>	
Hymn 474		ROCKINGHAM
Sermon	The Rev'd Monsignor Robert Ritchie	
	Rector of Saint Patrick's Cathedral	
At the Offering, Anthem		<i>Felix Mendelssohn</i> (1809-1847)

I WAITED for the Lord, he inclined unto me,
 he heard my complaint.
 O blest are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40:1, 5

Psalm 150	<i>(Sung by the Choir.)</i>	Anglican Chant <i>(Talbot)</i>
Voluntary	Allegro moderato, from 'Sonata No. 2 in C Minor,' Op. 65	<i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>

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MUSIC NOTES

From the pen of the venerable *Palestrina* came a number of masses which were based upon Gregorian chant tunes and motifs. The *Missa Papae Marcelli* is unique among his many settings of the mass in that it bears a dedicatory title. It is recorded in 1555 that, upon hearing a thoughtlessly-sung celebration of the Good Friday liturgy in the Papal Chapel, the dismayed Marcellus II ordered that "whatever was to be performed when the mysteries of the Passion and Death of the Saviour were celebrated must be sung with properly modulated voices, and written so that everything could be understood properly." Although printed in 1567, *Missa Papae Marcelli* was composed much earlier, perhaps even before Marcellus' admonition. *Palestrina*, recognizing that the exceptional textual clarity and rhythmic vitality of this particular mass setting might satisfy the Pope's stylistic requirements, may well have dedicated it to him for those very reasons.

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

Jessica French
Bronxville, NY

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Margaret Crane Hurlbut and Mrs. James H. Ottley.

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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 Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.
Choral Evensong on Tuesday, January 26, at 5:30 p.m.
Choral Evensong on Wednesday, January 27, at 5:30 p.m.
Choral Evensong on Thursday, January 28, at 5:30 p.m.
The clergy are available to hear confessions by appointment.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
11 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS AND CHORAL EUCHARIST
 Sermon by Father Fletcher
4 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG
 Sermon by Father Andrew

PARISH NOTICES

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

All, including our young people, are invited to the Living Room and Dining Room of the Parish House to join in fellowship at a **coffee hour** following the 11 a.m. service.

Nursery care is available for infants and young children. Parents may bring their children to the third floor of the Parish House before the 11 a.m. liturgy. The Nursery now has **Parent Pagers** for parents of infants and young children. If you wish to receive a pager, please tell the nursery staff when you arrive to drop off your child.

Saint Thomas Sunday School classes for all youth and children from 3 years old to high school seniors are held on the third floor of the Parish House beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, or to register, please contact Father Erdman at 212.757.7013 or jerdman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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.

We welcome today at 11 a.m. **the Rev'd Dr. William G. Rusch**, an esteemed patristics and ecumenical scholar in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. For several years Dr. Rusch was director of Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A. He is currently a professor on the faculty of the Divinity School of Yale University. At 4 p.m. we welcome our neighbor, **the Rev'd Monsignor Robert T. Ritchie**, the rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, as our preacher. Monsignor Ritchie has been a priest of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York since 1971, serving as pastor in various parishes and executive director of the Catholic Youth Organization prior to coming to St. Patrick's in 2006.

The Bookstore, located on the first floor of the Parish House, is open today following the 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. services. Continuing in stock: the latest disc by our Choir of Men and Boys, *American Voices*, *The Anglican Psalter Pointed and Edited For Chanting* by John Scott, *To the Isles Afar Off* by Robert C. Harvey and *Wonderously Sheltered* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The Bonhoeffer is a book compiled from his writings offering intimate theological reflections. Books for our Adult Education classes are available including the two supplemental texts for the 2010 Rector's Christian Doctrine Class: *A Short World History of Christianity* by Robert Bruce Mullin and *Café Theology* by Michael Lloyd. **The Bookstore is having a sale today on selected items.** Major credit cards are accepted.

The fourth program in the series **Six Saturdays with Louis Vierne** takes place this Saturday, January 29, at 4 p.m. here at Saint Thomas Church. This week John Scott performs Vierne's *Symphony No. 4 in G minor, Op. 32*. All are welcome to attend.

2009 Contribution Statement: The Finance and Development Offices expect to have the Year End Contribution statements in the mail by mid-February. To ensure the deductibility of your Church contributions, please do not file your 2009 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the Church. Please know how appreciative we are of your contributions to Saint Thomas Church in 2009.

The 2010 Every Member Canvass: The 2010 EMC has received almost 570 pledges totaling over \$1.125 million. We are ahead of last year and off to a strong start, but we need to raise another \$200,000 to reach the record set by the 2008 EMC. If you have not

yet pledged to the 2010 Every Member Canvass, please do so now. Saint Thomas depends upon each and every one of us to support its mission. You can find pledge cards in the narthex or you can pledge online at www.SaintThomasChurch.org. This is an opportunity to give back to Saint Thomas which gives so much to so many.

Saint Thomas Church will host a Mardi Gras bash. Gumbo, wine and beer and dancing to CJ's Dixie Stompers. Let the *bons temps rouler!* Tuesday, February 16, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. Price: \$25 per person, \$45 per couple and \$50 for a family. Costumes or festive dress. Contact Linda Morfi at 212.757.7013 ext321 or by e-mail: lmorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org to reserve. Your reservation is **not** confirmed unless we have received your check. **(There will be no sign-up sheet at the reception desk).**

Relief to Earthquake victims in Haiti: Bishop Sisk has sent the following message about the catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti's capital on January 12th: "For any community an earthquake as devastating as the one that struck Haiti on January 12 would be a disaster on a massive scale. For the people of Haiti, already struggling with a level of poverty incomprehensible to most of us in the United States, it is truly catastrophic. I urge you to join with me in prayer for the dead and the injured, for those in Haiti who survive amid ruins, and for our Haitians brothers and sisters here in the Diocese of New York, who have loved ones at home." For those wishing to make a financial contribution toward the relief efforts, please make a check payable to "Saint Thomas Church", note "Haiti Relief" in the memo section, and send to the attention of the Finance Office. We will collect all donations and send a check for the total to the Diocese.

Due to concerns about H1N1 (Swine Flu), we suggest the following precautions. 1) If you are not feeling well, refrain from contact in passing the Peace and from either sipping from or intincting (dipping the Host) into the Chalice. Receiving in One Kind only (normally the Host) is ancient tradition (practiced widely in the Roman Catholic Church), and one receives complete Holy Communion under either form of Bread or Wine. 2) The Common Cup is an ancient privilege particularly enjoyed by Anglicans for 500 years and has not been associated with the spread of disease. However, dipping one's own Host (and sometimes finger-tips) into the Chalice is less sanitary than simply sipping from it (as Christ himself commanded). If you have concerns about the Chalice, receive in One Kind with the Host only, then cross your arms over your chest as a signal not to receive from the Chalice minister, and then depart from the altar rail as usual.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This Monday, January 25, a special short series will begin. "**On Human Dignity**": three weekly talks by parishioner (and NYU legal philosopher) Jeremy Waldron. Each one-hour session will be divided into about a half hour for the talk and a half hour for questions. This week's talk is titled, "Pico, Pope, and Pinker." For a packet of suggested readings, see Father Austin. **The class meets this week on the fifth floor of the Parish House** at 6:30 p.m.

This Tuesday, the topic for the **Rector's Christian Doctrine Class** is "the Holy Trinity," in which we examine the ancient and expansive Athanasian Creed. Anyone who is interested in the topic is welcome. Besides being a good overview of Christian faith and practices, the doctrine class is preparation, for those who want it, for confirmation or reception in the Episcopal Church: In Andrew Hall, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, the new course of readings in the trinitarian theology of Robert Jenson continues. The text is Jenson's *Systematic Theology: Volume One*, on "The Triune God." This week the group will begin reading "The Persons of God's Identity," pp. 75 and following: What does it mean that God is in three "persons"? Anyone who wishes to struggle with the text is welcome: Andrew Hall, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Sunday 10 a.m. class in adult Christian education plans to finish **Ezekiel** before Lent. Today's study is on chapters 37-39. Newcomers are welcome any week: on the fifth floor of the Parish House.

“**Good Books and Good Talk**”: The book for discussion on February 22 is *A Clockwork Orange* by Anthony Burgess. Anyone who has read the book is welcome to the seminar.

Weekly updates on theology available by e-mail at: vaustin@SaintThomasChurch.org.



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