



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK

The Reverend Andrew C. Mead, OBE, DD, *Rector*
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The Reverend Charles F. Wallace, *Headmaster*

Welcome to Saint Thomas, 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: LAETARE

MARCH 14, 2010

FESTAL EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.

Setting	Mass in G	<i>Franz Schubert</i> (1797-1828)
Prelude	Prelude and Fugue in F Minor, BWV 534	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> (1685-1750)
Hymn 458		LOVE UNKNOWN
The Opening Acclamation and the Collect for Purity		
The Summary of the Law		
Kyrie eleison		
The Collect of the Day		
The Old Testament Lesson	Joshua 4:19-24; 5:9-12	
Psalm 34:1-8		Anglican Chant (<i>Watson</i>)

(Sung by the Choir. Please remain seated.)

I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord;* his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord;* the humble shall hear thereof, and
be glad.
3 O praise the Lord with me,* and let us magnify his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me;* yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened;* and their faces were not ashamed.
6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him;* yea, and saveth him out of all his
troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.
8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is:* blessed is the man that trusteth in
him.
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.

The Epistle	II Corinthians 5:17-21
Hymn 309	O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN
The Holy Gospel	Saint Luke 15:11-32
Sermon	The Rector
The Nicene Creed	
The Prayers of the People <i>(Please kneel.)</i>	
<i>After each petition the people say:</i>	
Lord, have mercy.	

The Confession and Absolution

The Comfortable Words

The Peace

The Greetings

At the Offertory, Anthem

(Please be seated.)

‘Greater love hath no man’

John Ireland
(1879-1962)

MANY waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified,
in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
that ye should shew forth the praises of him
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, accept-
able unto God, which is your reasonable service.

St. John 15; 1 Peter 2; 1 Corinthians 6; Romans 12

At the Presentation, Hymn 707

Sanctus and Benedictus

The Breaking of the Bread

Invitation to Communion

HOLLINGSIDE

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 Anthem

Henry Loosemore
(fl. 1627-1670)

O LORD, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in Thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity, and patience, in all our adversities,
sweet Jesus, say Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn 690

Voluntary

O Welt, ich muß dich lassen,
from ‘Elf Choralvorspiele’, Op. 122, No. 3

CWM RHONDDA
Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

FESTAL EVENSONG — 4 p.m.

Prelude

Scherzo, Op. 2

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

Hymn 440

Versicles and Responses

LIEBSTER JESU
William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)

Psalm 19, The Book of Common Prayer, Page 363

Lessons

Anglican Chant (*Walmisley*)

Jeremiah 14:1-9, 17-22 and Romans 8:11-25

Hymn 691		OLIVET
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in E minor		<i>Pelham Humfrey</i> (1647-1674)
The Greetings	<i>(Please be seated.)</i>	
Hymn 532		OLD 104TH
Sermon	Father Erdman	
At the Offering, Anthem		<i>Henry Purcell</i> (1659-1695)

I WAS glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel, and
 to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
 For there is a seat of judgement: even the seat of the house of David.
 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
 Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.
 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, word without end, Amen.

Psalm 122:1, 4-7

Hymn 467		ST. BEES
Voluntary	Voluntary in G	<i>Henry Purcell</i>

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5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL
 Nicholas Bideler
Cincinnati, OH

We welcome today The Anglican Singers of New London, CT
Mr. Simon Holt, Director.

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
George Arents, Sarah Remsen Burnham, Lucy Chauncey, Mr. William Andrews Clark,
Margaret Crane Hurlbut, William Henry Hurlbut, Rhoda D. Newman,
and Gertrude Seney Robinson .

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Sunday Services: 8, 9, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
 Monday and Tuesday Services: 8 a.m., 12:10 and 5:30 p.m.
(The Tuesday 12:10 p.m. Eucharist includes a healing service.)

Wednesday Service: 8 a.m. only

Thursday and Friday Services 8 a.m., 12:10 and 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Tuesday, March 16, at 5:30 p.m.
 This service is sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir.

The clergy are available to hear confessions by appointment.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21
11 A.M. LITANY AND CHORAL EUCHARIST
 Sermon by Father Austin
4 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG
 Sermon by Father Fletcher

PARISH NOTICES

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

Stained Glass Window Project: Why do we need to restore our windows? What is the status of this project? You can get the answers today at a parish presentation, which will start in the nave immediately after the 11 a.m. Festal Eucharist. Presenters include: William H.A. Wright II, Barbara Pettus and Julie L. Sloan. **Everyone is invited to a coffee hour reception in Andrew Hall after the presentation.**

There is no guided tour of the Church today. The tours resume next Sunday, March 21.

This Wednesday, March 17, there will be one service at 8 a.m. The Church will close after that due to the Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

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 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.

Youth Confirmation Classes continue next week, Sunday, March 21. Our topic will be **The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation**. Each class will be on Sunday at 10 a.m. In order to be confirmed this year, students must participate in six out of eight sessions of Confirmation Class. For a complete calendar of Youth Confirmation Classes, please contact Father Erdman.

The Bookstore, located on the first floor of the Parish House, is open today following the 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. services. New this week: *Theology and the Context of Science* by John Polkinghorne, *Love in the Ruins* by Walker Percy and *The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son* by Jon Levenson. Continuing in stock: the latest disc by our Choir of Men and Boys, *American Voices* and *Stations of the Cross* by Sara Maitland. Books for our Adult Education classes are available including the 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. Also available, books for Lenten reading: *Following Christ (A Lenten Reader To Stretch Your Soul)* by Carmen Acevedo Butcher and *Lent and Easter with the Holy Fathers* compiled by Peter Celano. **The Bookstore is having a sale today on selected items.** Major credit cards are accepted.

For five Wednesdays in Lent, the 20s and 30s Fellowship will have a small dinner followed by a book and Bible Study on the themes in C. S. Lewis's book *The Four Loves*. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. We will discuss **ἔρως**, romantic love. For more information, or to be added to the 20s and 30s e-mail list, contact Fr. Erdman at jerdman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

The Saint Thomas concert series invite you to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the publication of Monteverdi's *Vespers of 1610* in a concert this Friday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. You can look forward to experiencing something very close to what audiences heard originally at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice as His Majestys Sagbutts & Cornetts, England's leading early wind ensemble, and Concert Royal Strings accompany the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys and soloists under the direction of John Scott. 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.

Women of Saint Thomas Lady Day Dinner: The Women of Saint Thomas will meet on March 25, Lady Day. The evening begins with the 5:30 p.m. Festal Eucharist and will be followed by dinner in Andrew Hall at 6:30 p.m. The new time slot is our way of having the Women of Saint Thomas more inclusive of all the women in our Parish. Nancy Mead will give a talk entitled “Holy Week in Spain.” In honor of the day, all are encouraged to wear blue. Our outreach focuses on children from both Holy Apostles and New Destiny Project. Please bring Easter chocolates or wrapped Easter candy to include in their Easter baskets. If you would like to attend, please leave a check for \$25 with WOST in the memo section for Linda Morfi at the front desk. If you have questions, please call Linda during the week or email her at lmorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Women of Saint Thomas Easter Outreach Program: Please bring wrapped chocolate bunnies, foil-covered eggs and treats for Easter baskets to the reception area of the Parish House before Palm Sunday, March 28. The children of New Destiny in Bed-Stuy and Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen are the recipients. If you would like to help purchase Easter outfits for the children, see the sign-up board in the Narthex. For further information please see Mae Eversley or contact Linda Morfi at lmorfie@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Contributions are now being received for Easter 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 will be listed in the Easter service leaflet. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, to the Parish House receptionist, together with a list of those in whose memory you are making your donation. **The deadline for submitting names is next Sunday, March 21.**

Relief to Earthquake victims in Haiti: 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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday adult study of **The Liturgies of Holy Week:** Today and next week the class will be on the Great Vigil of Easter. The focus is on the meaning and texts of these ceremonies and how they are celebrated at Saint Thomas. The class meets on the fifth floor of the Parish House at 10 a.m., with coffee and tea in the room.

Sacramental Confession is the subject this week in the Rector’s Christian Doctrine Class: Tuesday, March 16, in Andrew Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. What does the Episcopal Church teach about confession, “the reconciliation of a penitent”? How does a person prepare for a confession? What happens in one? If you are interested in the topic, you are welcome to attend the class.

The Wednesday reading group in Robert Jenson’s trinitarian theology will **not** meet this week. The next class will be Wednesday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m.

Good Books and Good Talk: on Monday, March 22, a discussion of *Stations of the Cross*, a book of meditations by Sara Maitland with paintings by Chris Gollon. This book can also be used for Lenten meditations. You can see the book in our bookstore—and purchase it, if it appeals to you. The book seminar meets in Andrew Hall from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. (The next book is Walker Percy’s *Love in the Ruins*, to be discussed on Monday, April 12.)

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



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