



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK

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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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 2010

CHORAL EVENSONG — 4 p.m.

Prelude	Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir a 4, alio modo, manualiter, BWV 687	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> (1685-1750)
Hymn 445		GERONTIUS
Versicles and Responses		<i>Thomas Ebdon</i> (1738-1811)
Psalm 145, The Book of Common Prayer, Page 520		Anglican Chant (<i>Hanforth</i>)
Lessons		Jeremiah 23:16-32 and Romans 12:1-21
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis	The Second Service	<i>William Byrd</i> (c. 1540-1623)
The Greetings	(<i>Please be seated.</i>)	
Hymn 471		BRESLAU
Sermon	Father Fletcher	
At the Offering, Anthem		<i>William Byrd</i>

CIVITAS sancti tui facta est deserta: Sion deserta facta est:
Jerusalem desolata est.

*The city of thy sanctuary is become a desert: Sion is become a desert:
Jerusalem a desolation.*

Isaiah 64

Lent Prose (*Sung by the Choir.*) *Plainsong (Mode V)*

HEAR us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy
pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Refrain

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of
Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Refrain

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping
children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Refrain

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more
we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Refrain

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners
sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Refrain

Voluntary Aus tiefer Not schrei' ich zu dir *Johann Sebastian Bach*
a 6 in organo pleno con pedale doppio, BWV 686

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MUSIC NOTES

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963) was one of 20th-century France's most colorful and individual composers. During the First World War he worked as a typist for the Admiralty in Paris and became one of the six French composers (with Honneger, Auric, Tailleferre, Durey and Milhaud) known as Les Six, who rejected the overwhelmingly popular romanticism and impressionism of the day. His music was initially light-hearted and ironic in style, very much the 'salon' music of Parisian café culture but the death of a friend in a car accident in 1935 saw Poulenc adopt a new and more profound style. After a deeply-affecting pilgrimage to Rocamadour, *Poulenc* returned to the Catholic Faith in 1936 and his *Mass in G* was written in 1937.

In the Sanctus we hear the never-ending hymn of praise in a figure of captivating elegance and charm, concluding with a 'Hosanna' of thick chords in gloriously rich harmony. The Agnus Dei sees *Poulenc* at his most intimate, weaving a solo treble line into a movement of sublime beauty, the top note of the chord on the final 'Dona nobis pacem' seeming almost to reach to heaven itself.

Pierre Villette (1926–1998) studied with Maurice Duruflé before attending the Paris Conservatoire. *Villette's* music is a product of a French musical heritage that includes Fauré and Debussy as well as Poulenc and Messiaen. His tender and expressive setting of *Ave verum corpus* dates from 1944, when Paris was liberated.

All of today's organ music is by *Johann Sebastian Bach*, in honor of the 325th Anniversary of the composer's birth - (21st March 1685).

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

Eugene Lavery
White Plains, NY

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, March 23, at 5:30 p.m.
Festal Evensong for the Eve of the Annunciation on Wednesday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m.
Festal Eucharist for the Feast of the Annunciation on Thursday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m.

The clergy are available to hear confessions by appointment.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 — PALM SUNDAY
11 A.M. THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST
Homily and Greetings by the Rector
4 P.M. SOLEMN EVENSONG
Sermon by Father Austin

PARISH NOTICES

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

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 28, Sunday School students may join the procession at the 11 a.m. Eucharist. Gather at 10 a.m. as usual in the Sunday School Room (the library on the third floor of the Parish House). We will leave as a group and gather for the procession. Teachers and students will sit in rows reserved at the front of the nave. If you wish to participate, please send an e-mail to 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. Currently in stock: *Theology and the Context of Science* by John Polkinghorne, *Love in the Ruins* by Walker Percy, *The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son* by Jon Levenson, 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.

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 24, at 7:30 p.m. We will discuss *ἀγάπη*, the love of God. For more information, or to be added to the 20s and 30s e-mail list, contact Fr. Erdman at jerdman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Women of Saint Thomas Lady Day Dinner: The Women of Saint Thomas will meet this Thursday, 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. **The deadline is tomorrow, Monday, March 22.**

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 recipients include children at New Destiny in Bed-Stuy, Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen and The Children's Advocacy Center with Safe Horizons. 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 Today.**

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 Fathers Mead and Austin continue with the Great Vigil of Easter, and next week we will conclude with the Palm Sunday liturgy. All interested persons are welcome to the fifth floor of the Parish House at 10 a.m., with coffee and tea in the room. (On Palm Sunday, the class will be shortened to 30 minutes.)

Tomorrow, March 22, in the series “**Good Books and Good Talk**”: a discussion of *Stations of the Cross*, meditations by Sara Maitland accompanied by paintings by Chris Gollon. Anyone who has read the book is welcome to the seminar. Andrew Hall, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

The Holy Eucharist is the subject this week in the **Rector’s Christian Doctrine Class**: Tuesday, March 23, in Andrew Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We will look at the parts of the service, its traditional ceremonies, its profound meaning and importance to the Christian life. Anyone interested in the topic is welcome to the class.

The Wednesday reading group in Robert Jenson’s trinitarian theology will begin the short chapter, “The Patrological Problem,” this week: March 24, in Andrew Hall, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Looking ahead: The next book seminar will be on Walker Percy’s *Love in the Ruins*, on Monday, April 12.

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



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