



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the
CITY OF NEW YORK

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*
Dr. Jeremy Filsell, *Organist and Director of Music*
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.

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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 17, 2019

CHORAL EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.

Setting	Communion Service	<i>Richard Felciano</i> (b. 1930)
Prelude	Arioso	<i>Leo Sowerby</i> (1895-1968)
Hymn 665		MICHAEL
The Opening Acclamation and the Collect for Purity		
Gloria in excelsis		
The Collect of the Day		
The Lesson	Malachi 4:1-2a	
Psalms 98		Anglican Chant (<i>Suter</i>)
<i>(Sung by the Choir. Please remain seated.)</i>		

O SING unto the Lord a new song;* for he hath done marvellous things.
2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm,* hath he gotten himself the victory.
3 The Lord declared his salvation;* his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel;* and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands;* sing rejoice, and give thanks.
6 Praise the Lord upon the harp;* sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
7 With trumpets also and shawms,* O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.
8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is;* the round world, and they that dwell therein.
9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord;* for he is come to judge the earth.
10 With righteousness shall he judge the world,* and the people with equity.
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	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	
Hymn 592		CARLISLE
The Holy Gospel	Luke 21:5-19	
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 Peace
The Greetings
At the Offertory, Anthem

(Please be seated.)

Harold Friedell
(1905-1958)

DRAW us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
We will serve thee faithfully.

Percy Dearmer

The Great Thanksgiving
Sanctus and Benedictus
The Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
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. Gluten free hosts are available; please ask the priest at the altar rail.*

At the Communion, Agnus Dei
and Anthem

arranged by *Nicholas White*
(b. 1967)

STEAL away, steal away to Jesus,
Steal away, steal home, ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul.
Green trees are bendin', poor sinners stand a-tremblin';
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul.

African American Spiritual

The Postcommunion Prayer
The Blessing and Dismissal
Hymn 596
Voluntary

KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS
Rhapsody no. 4
Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

*Healing and intercessory prayer will be offered by clergy and trained lay volunteers in
the Chantry Chapel at the conclusion of today's service for anyone who desires it.*

CHORAL EVENSONG — 4 p.m.

Prelude	Psalm Prelude Set 1, no. 1	<i>Herbert Howells</i> (1892-1983)
Hymn 688		EIN FESTE BURG
Versicles and Responses		<i>Kenneth Leighton</i> (1929-1988)
Psalm 89, The Book of Common Prayer, Page 450	Anglican Chant (<i>Vann, Day, Battisbill</i>)	
Lessons	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-2:1 and Luke 16:1-13	
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in E		<i>Herbert Murrill</i> (1909-1952)
The Greetings	(<i>Please be seated.</i>)	
Hymn 701		JESU, MEINE FREUDE
Sermon	Mother Turner	
At the Offering, Anthem	'The Glory of the Lord'	<i>Norman Coke-Jephcott</i> (1893-1962)

THE trumpeters and singers were as one,
to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord;
and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals
and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying:
For he is good; his mercy endureth forever:
the house was filled with a cloud even the house of the Lord;
for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

from Chronicles 5:13

Psalm 150	(<i>Sung by the Choir.</i>)	Anglican Chant (<i>Talbot</i>)
Voluntary	Allegro giocoso, from Sonata in E-flat major	<i>Edward Bairstow</i> (1874-1946)

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

Marco d'Avola
Sicily, Italy

MUSIC NOTES

Composed in 1964, Richard Felciano's *Communion Service* draws inspiration from "the physical world and the context it provides for its inhabitants." Scored for two-part chorus and organ, the vocal lines are imitative and concise. The Benedictus is lyrically set for trebles only over an angular organ accompaniment.

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Sarah Aurelia Brush, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Alice Mary Hyde, Linda Griffith Vorsanger,
Thomas Burks Yuille and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burks Yuille.

DAILY OFFICE AND MASS

Monday through Friday Services: 8 a.m., 12:10 and 5:30 p.m.

(*The Tuesday 12:10 p.m. Healing Eucharist includes the laying on of hands and anointing of the sick*)

Saturday Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.

This Mass is in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Choral Evensong on Tuesday, November 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Wednesday, November 20, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Thursday, November 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday's service will be sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Prayers at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue

Monday through Saturday at 12 p.m.

*Intercessions may be sent via the website by using the Prayer Request Tab
or by leaving a written request in the box near the Shrine itself.*

Confessions in the Resurrection Chapel, Saturday, November 23 from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Confessor – The Rector

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

8 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST

9 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Sermon by Mother Turner

11 A.M. FESTAL EUCHARIST

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Sam Wells

Vicar, St. Martin-in-the-Fields

London, United Kingdom

4 P.M. FESTAL EVENSONG

Sermon by the Sister Promise Atelon SSM

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

Vincent Carr

Bloomington, Indiana

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

On Thursday, November 28, there will be a Solemn Eucharist at the High Altar. The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys will sing music of *Hurd, Hancock* and *Friedell*. Fr. Moretz will preach. The service begins at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

PARISH NOTICES

If you are a visitor this morning, **we welcome you to Saint Thomas Church** and hope that you are with us again soon. We encourage you to complete a Welcome Card which you can find in the narthex at the front of the church.

You are invited to **Coffee Hour**, which takes place in Andrew Hall following this service. To get there, take the Great Staircase to your left at the front of the nave. Also, if you would like to hear from us, please sign the Parish Guest Book.

There is a **guided tour** of the church following the voluntary at the end of this service. To join the tour, please meet the tour guide by the gallery stairs in the narthex.

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 who will 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.

Sunday School. Children who are in pre-school through 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School classes at Saint Thomas Church. Class usually meets on Sundays at 11 a.m., and the children are brought down to church during the service prior to Holy Communion. Registration is open for both Nursery and Sunday school using an online form found on the Saint Thomas website under Families/Sunday School.

A quiet area is available in the Chantry Chapel for **Children and Families** who wish to worship together. Accompanied young children are welcome to use this space during the 9 and 11 a.m. liturgies, where they are invited to enjoy a range of Bible stories and soft toys.

Faith Alive. A new group for children and teens will meet each month at 10 a.m. in the Sunday School room on the third floor of the parish house. If you are 11+ years old, were confirmed last May or are about to be confirmed next year, this group is for you. The Sunday meetings for the remainder of 2019 are **TODAY** and December 15. For more information, please contact Mo. Alison Turner at ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Searching for Saints. All parents and children are invited to attend the annual, family, guided tour of Saint Thomas Church on Sunday, November 24, at 1 p.m. The tour will be led by Pamela Lewis. Please gather in the Sunday School room on the third floor of the parish house.

COME STAY GROW GIVE. The 2020 Annual Appeal now enters its ninth week, and Fr. Turner will speak about the progress made by the five Task Forces which developed from the thorough and collaborative work of the Strategic Plan. The successful implementation of the strategies and goals outlined by these Task Forces will guide the future of the church and the school for many years to come. Please show your support for all of our ministries and our Strategic Planning work by making a pledge to the 2020 Appeal. On September 22, when we launched the 2020 Appeal, it seemed as though we had so much time before the close of the Appeal's active phase, and yet, here we are just one week before the tenth and final week of the active phase of the 2020 Annual Appeal. **If you have not yet pledged, please act now and pledge** online at our website www.SaintThomasChurch.org or pick up one of the pledge cards available in the pews, the narthex or at reception.

Annual Appeal Sermon Series. For the Fall season, our parish will take part in a sermon series as a part of our parish's Annual Appeal for 2020. This 11 a.m. series will include our clergy and guests who will be preaching on themes that will explore the joys and responsibilities of our common life.

November 17: The Rector – The Strategic Plan

November 24: The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells, *Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Field, London, UK* (Commitment Sunday)

The **Annual Election for the Vestry of Saint Thomas Church** will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. The following parishioners are standing for election: As warden, Jesse Adelaar; and for the vestry, Stephen Gauster-Filek, Brett Moore and Gregory Zaffiro. All three are incumbents. The by-laws of the parish define those eligible to vote as follows: "Persons of full age belonging to the Parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants at its worship and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to such election or special meeting, shall be qualified voters at any such election or special meeting." Ballots have been mailed. If you have not received one and are a qualified voter, please contact Amy Cheresnowski at ACheresnowski@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Once again, as part of its fundraising efforts, the **Choir School is offering Thanksgiving pies and cakes for sale from "Heidi's Kitchen"**. Orders are being taken from now until Thursday, November 21. You may place your order by completing an order form found at the reception desk of the parish house or by emailing Wanda Matos, Choir School Office Manager, at WMatos@ChoirSchool.org. Baked goods may be collected from the Choir School between 2 and 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, November 25, 26 or 27. Payment is due at time of pickup. Thank you for supporting the Saint Thomas Choir School.

Fr. Turner and Fr. Spencer invite members of the Society of Mary, the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham, and those who are interested, to join them for Mass on **Saturday, November 23, at 12:10 p.m.** in the Chantry Chapel. Then, at **12:45 p.m., the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary** will be prayed at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue. Following this, a simple lunch will be served in the living room of the parish house with a presentation on the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, along with a discussion on re-establishing a prayer cell here at Saint Thomas. Contributions of \$10 for the lunch are invited. Because of the provided lunch, we are asking for all those interested in taking part to sign up at the reception desk.

The Middler's Group. Saint Thomas Church is introducing a new social group into the life of our parish community. The Middler's Group (people bordering on 40 into their 50's) is a new initiative designed to foster greater community engagement and inclusion for people in this age group. It will include both married/partnered and single people. We are hosting a simple meal in the living room of the parish house on Saturday, November 23, at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to know more about this group, contact Fr. Bennett who is overseeing the group. Email: Middlers@SaintThomasChurch.org. Please RSVP for dinner by Thursday, November 21. A donation of \$15 is appreciated.

Get ready to help us make a child's face light up with joy this Christmas! Our annual Angel Tree will be up on Thanksgiving Day. On it, you will find tags with specific requested gifts for children in need. You can help by taking a tag and supplying the requested present. Alternatively, you can donate funds online via the website, or by check made out to Saint Thomas Church with "Angel Tree" written in the memo section. This year we are supporting children from San Andreas Episcopal Church in Yonkers, as well as children staying in a Safe Horizon shelter with their mothers who are survivors of domestic abuse. Please bring the gift you choose, unwrapped, to the parish house no later than Thursday, December 12. You are also welcome to order online and have the gift mailed directly to Saint Thomas Church, Attention: Linda Morfi. For more information, email LMorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Join us for Advent candle/wreath decorating on Sunday, December 1, at 1 p.m., in the parish house living room. Decorate a beautiful candle or wreath to bring home. All members of all ages are encouraged to come. There is a \$10 fee, which include all supplies and simple refreshments. Any donation of greenery is gratefully accepted. Contact Linda Morfi at LMorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org for questions or see Damara Greene at coffee hour.

The Bookstore and Gift shop is located on the first floor of the parish house, and is open following the 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. services. Currently in stock: *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity in Modern English*, by Richard Hooker; *The Art of Advent: A Painting a Day from Advent to Epiphany*, by Jane Williams; *Ancient Christian Devotional: A Year of Weekly Readings, Lectionary Cycle A*, edited by Thomas C. Oden and Cindy Crosby; and *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*, by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe; 2020 Christian Pocket Diary, Books on Advent and Christmas, as well as Advent Calendars. Contact: Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org. Major credit cards accepted.

The Soup Kitchen meets every Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the parish house to prepare bag lunches for distribution on foot along eight routes in mid-Manhattan beginning at 11 a.m. Distribution is completed about 12:15 p.m. You are welcome to join this ministry to the homeless. For further information, please contact Frank Reinauer 212.249.4026.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Theology Class. Today, at 10 a.m., on the fifth floor of the parish house, Fr. Cheng will continue a five-part series on **Richard Hooker's** theological masterpiece, *The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*. Richard Hooker, a sixteenth-century priest in the Church of England, is widely acknowledged as the founder of the Anglican theological tradition and one of the great Anglican theologians. This week, we will discuss Book I of *The Laws*. A modern English translation of the preface and first four books of *The Laws* will be available for purchase in the parish bookstore. The bookstore will also carry an introduction to the life and thought of Richard Hooker.

Friday Bible Study. All are welcome to join the parish's Friday lunchtime Bible Study. The class runs for an hour in the parish house living room following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. The class is currently studying the Gospel According to John, including an in-depth exploration of the text as a group.

For regular email updates on the life of the parish and notices from the Rector, please contact Fr. Moretz at MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org, or text STC5THAVE to 22828. For more information about the parish's Adult Christian Education program, please contact Fr. Cheng, Theologian in Residence, at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org. For regular email updates on Adult Christian Education, please text THEOLOGY to 22828.