



# 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 FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

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## FESTAL EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.

Setting	Missa Aedis Christi	<i>William Mathias</i> (1934-1992)
Prelude	Fantasie Choral no. 1 in D-flat major	<i>Percy Whitlock</i> (1903-1946)
Hymn 494		DIADEMATA
The Opening Acclamation and the Collect for Purity		
Gloria in excelsis		
The Collect of the Day		
The Lesson	Jeremiah 23:1-6	
Psalms 46		Anglican Chant ( <i>Luther</i> )

*(Sung by the Choir. Please remain seated.)*

**G**OD is our hope and strength,\* a very present help in trouble.  
2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,\* and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;  
3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell,\* and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.  
4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God;\* the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.  
5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed;\* God shall help her, and that right early.  
6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved;\* but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.  
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;\* the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord,\* what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.  
9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world;\* he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.  
10 Be still then, and know that I am God:\* I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.  
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;\* the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
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  
Hymn 445

Colossians 1:11-20

GERONTIUS

Gospel Alleluia

*Please stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*



*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Choir* At the name of Jesus every knee should bow;  
And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*People* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel  
Sermon

Luke 23:33-43  
The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells  
Vicar, St. Martin-in-the-Fields  
London, United Kingdom

The Nicene Creed

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

*Gerre Hancock*  
(1934-2012)

**J**UDGE eternal, throned in splendor,  
Lord of lords and King of kings,  
With thy living fire of judgment  
Purge this land of bitter things;  
Solace all its wide dominion  
With the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining  
For the hour that brings release,  
And the city's crowded clangor  
Cries aloud for sin to cease;  
And the homesteads and the woodlands  
Plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;  
Cleave our darkness with thy sword;  
Feed all those who do not know Thee  
With the richness of thy word;  
Cleanse the body of this nation  
Through the glory of the Lord.

*Henry Scott Holland*

At the Presentation, The Doxology, Hymn 380, Stanza 3  
The Prayer for the Parish  
The Great Thanksgiving  
Sanctus and Benedictus  
The Eucharistic Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer, The Hymnal, S-119  
The Breaking of the Bread  
Invitation to Communion

OLD 100TH

*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

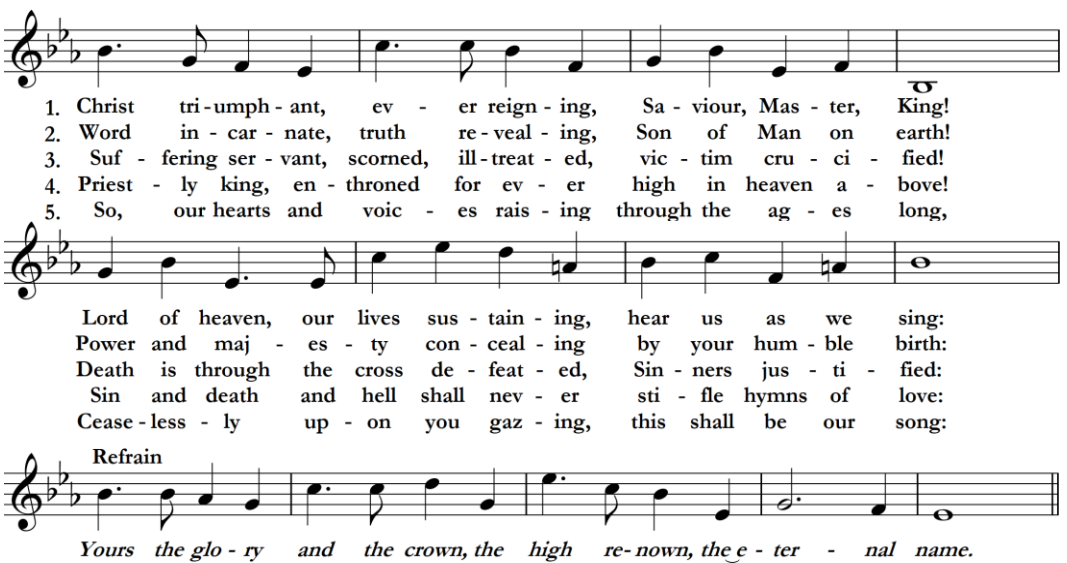
Irish Melody  
arranged by *Michael McCarthy*  
(b. 1966)

**T**HE King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.  
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.  
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.  
In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.  
Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!  
And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

*Psalm 23, paraphrased by Henry Williams Baker*

The Postcommunion Prayer  
The Blessing and Dismissal  
Hymn

GUITING POWER



1. Christ tri - ump - ant, ev - er reign - ing, Sa - viour, Mas - ter, King!  
2. Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing, Son of Man on earth!  
3. Suf - fering ser - vant, scorned, ill - treat - ed, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!  
4. Priest - ly king, en - throned for ev - er high in heaven a - bove!  
5. So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing through the ag - es long,  
Lord of heaven, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing:  
Power and maj - es - ty con - ceal - ing by your hum - ble birth:  
Death is through the cross de - feat - ed, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied:  
Sin and death and hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love:  
Cease - less - ly up - on you gaz - ing, this shall be our song:  
Refrain  
Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.

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Voluntary

Jubilate, Op. 67, no. 2

*William Mathias*

*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.*

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**FESTAL EVENSONG — 4 p.m.**

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Prelude	Praeludium Circulare, from Symphony no. 2	<i>Charles-Marie Widor</i> (1844-1937)
Hymn 481		GOPSAL
Versicles and Responses		<i>Dan Locklair</i> (b. 1949)
Psalms 145, The Book of Common Prayer, Page 520		Anglican Chant ( <i>Garrett, Major</i> )
Lessons		Zechariah 9:9-16 and Luke 19:11-27
Hymn 451		MILES LANE
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in G		<i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i> (1852-1924)
The Greetings	<i>(Please be seated.)</i>	
Hymn 483		ST. MAGNUS
Sermon	Sister Promise Atelon SSM	
At the Offering, Anthem		<i>T. Frederick Candlyn</i> (1892-1964)

King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love Thee;  
And that love may never cease,  
I will move Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art,  
I will sing Thee,  
And the cream of all my heart,  
I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
And alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise Thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise Thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enroll Thee;  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol Thee.

*George Herbert*

Final Prayer and Blessing  
Psalm 150  
Voluntary

*(Sung by the Choir.)*  
Prelude in c, BWV 546

Anglican Chant (*Talbot*)  
*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

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**5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL**

Vincent Carr  
*Bloomington, Indiana*

**MUSIC NOTES**

William Mathias was a Welsh composer and pianist whose prolific pen created a large body of music for orchestra, organ and piano. Mathias paid a visit to Saint Thomas Church in 1983, during which he conducted the choir in a Service of Evensong which featured his compositions, among which was 'Let the people praise thee', written at the request of the Prince of Wales for the celebrated royal wedding.

The *Missa Aedis Christi* was composed in 1983 for Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford in memoriam of one of the College's more famous alumni, Sir William Walton.

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

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## DAILY OFFICE AND MASS

Monday through Wednesday 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)*

**Thursday: Solemn Eucharist at 11 a.m. for Thanksgiving Day**

**Friday and Saturday Eucharists: 12:10 p.m. only**

*Choral Evensong on Tuesday, November 26, at 5:30 p.m.*

*Choral Evensong on Wednesday, November 27, at 5:30 p.m.*

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

## 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.

Saturday Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.

### 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 30 from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Confessor – Bishop Andrew St. John

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**8 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST**

**9 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST**

Sermon by Father Bennett

**11 A.M. ADVENT PROCESSION AND CHORAL EUCHARIST**

Sermon by The Rector

**4 P.M. ADVENT PROCESSION**

Sermon by the Reverend Canon K. Jeanne Person

*Canon for Pastoral Care, Diocese of New York*

**5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL**

Nicholas Quardokus

*Assistant Organist*

## 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.

**Searching for Saints.** All parents and children are invited to attend the annual, family, guided tour of Saint Thomas Church TODAY, 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.

**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. December 15 is the remaining Sunday for 2019. For more information, please contact Mo. Alison Turner at [ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**COME STAY GROW GIVE.** The 2020 Annual Appeal now enters its tenth and final week as we celebrate Commitment Sunday with the Reverend Dr. Sam Wells, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. On Commitment Sunday, the 2020 Annual Appeal pledge cards are brought to the altar to be blessed on behalf of everyone who has undertaken a financial commitment to Saint Thomas for the coming year. We are deeply grateful to our members and friends who have pledged, and we humbly give thanks to God, whose Providence sustains us all. If you have not yet pledged, what better time to do so than today? Pledge cards are in the pews and the narthex, or you can pledge through our secure website, [www.SaintThomasChurch.org](http://www.SaintThomasChurch.org).

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](mailto:ACheresnowski@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](mailto:LMorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org) for questions or see Damara Greene at coffee hour.

**Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials** are now being received in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25. 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 6.**

**Concerts at Saint Thomas** presents three holiday concerts beginning with **Handel's Messiah** on **Tuesday, December 10, and Thursday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m.** Hear the world-renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys and period-instrument ensemble New York Baroque Incorporated conducted by Jeremy Filsell in a performance of this annual favorite. The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir return on **Thursday, December 19, at 5:30 p.m.** to sing Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* along with other favorites. They are joined by harpist Sara Cutler and organist Benjamin Sheen. Tickets are available online at [www.SaintThomasChurch.org](http://www.SaintThomasChurch.org), by phone at 212.664.9360 and by email at [Concerts@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:Concerts@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**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](mailto:LMorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**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](mailto: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 his 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 Books II and III of *The Laws*. A modern English translation of the preface and first four books of *The Laws*, as well as an introduction to the life and thought of Richard Hooker, is available for purchase in the Bookstore. Next Sunday, December 1, Fr. Bennett and Fr. Brown will continue their series on the **Classics of Christian Spirituality** with a class on **St. Teresa of Avila**.

**"Introduction to Anglicanism" Lecture Series.** Our 2019-20 Visiting Lecturer, Dr. Christopher Wells, the Executive Director of the Living Church Foundation, will deliver part two of his lecture series on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the first week of December (December 3, 4 and 5), from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Andrew Hall. The upcoming lectures are entitled "An Introduction to Anglicanism: **Communion Transformations**." Topics to be covered will include the emergence of a wider Anglican "communion" beyond England and the contributions of the Episcopal Church, including the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral.

There will be no **Bible study** on Friday, November 29, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. It will resume the following Friday, December 6, at 12:45 p.m.

**Pilgrims' Course 2020.** Newcomers to Saint Thomas Church and those not yet members of the church are invited to join our "**Pilgrims' Course**," which is a comprehensive introduction to the Christian faith, as received and understood by the Episcopal Church. The first session will be held in mid-January, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Each session will begin with a simple meal, and the class itself will run from 7 to 8 p.m. The sessions continue on most Tuesday evenings through mid-May. Although the course is specifically designed for **adults who are considering baptism, confirmation, or reception** into the Episcopal Church, it is fitting for anyone who wishes to explore Christianity or to deepen his or her faith. Please email Fr. Cheng at [PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org) if you would like to attend the class.

For regular email updates on the life of the parish and notices from the Rector, please contact Fr. Moretz at [MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto: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 [PCcheng@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:PCcheng@SaintThomasChurch.org). For regular email updates on Adult Christian Education, please text THEOLOGY to 22828.



### ASSISTING CLERGY

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The Reverend Alison J. Turner, *Associate for Children and Family Ministry*  
The Reverend Dr. Patrick S. Cheng, *Theologian in Residence*  
The Reverend Ryan Bennett, *Assistant Priest*  
Sister Marie Promise Atelon SSM, *Seminarian*

### HONORARY CLERGY

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The Reverend John C. Smith, *Honorary Assistant*  
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