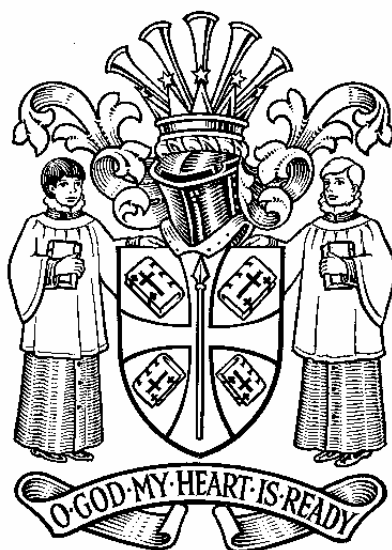


THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST
OF
THE NATIVITY
MIDNIGHT MASS



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
THE REVEREND CARL F. TURNER, *RECTOR*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019
AT 11 P.M.

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 Church, 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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CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR ORGAN AND BRASS

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| Sinfonia to Cantata 'Wir danken dir, Gott', BWV 29 | | <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> (1685-1750) arranged by <i>Graham Dixon</i> (b. 1977) |
| 'Les Bergers', from 'La Nativité du Seigneur' | | <i>Olivier Messiaen</i> (1908-1992) |
| 'Christmas' Concerto, Op. 8, no. 6 | Vivace- Grave- Allegro | <i>Arcangelo Corelli</i> (1653-1713) arranged by <i>Paul Erion</i> |
| Vom himmel hoch, da komm ich her, BWV 606 | Adagio- Allegro- Adagio | <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> |
| Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, BWV 604 | Vivace- Allegro | <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> |
| Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich, BWV 605 | Pastorale | <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> |
| March Pontificale, Op. 13, no. 1 | | <i>Charles-Marie Widor</i> (1844-1937) arranged by <i>Hans Zellner</i> (b. 1968) |
| 'Dessains eternels', from 'La Nativité du Seigneur' | | <i>Olivier Messiaen</i> |

Scott McIntosh, *Trumpet*
Kevin Quill, *Trumpet*
Christopher Komer, *French Horn*
Paul Bellino, *Trombone*
Joh Hill, *Tuba*
Frank Cassara, *Timpani*
Benjamin Sheen and Nicholas Quarkdokus, *Organ*

THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY
WITH THE SAINT THOMAS BRASS — 11 p.m.

SETTING

Messe Salve Regina

Yves Castagnet
(b. 1964)

THE GREETINGS

The Rector

The People remain seated for the Introit.

INTROIT

William Prendergast
(1868-1933)

BEHOLD! I bring you good tidings of great joy: Which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born in the city of David: A Saviour which is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

Winchester Antiphons

Please stand as the Choir and Sacred Ministers enter.

AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN

ADESTE FIDELES
arranged *David Willocks*
(1919-2015)

- O** COME, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
2. God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
3. See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
4. Lo! star-led chieftains
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
5. Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
6. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Eighteenth Century Latin

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please sit for the Gloria and stand for the Collect.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir.

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

The Lector concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the Psalm appointed.

Psalm 96, The Book of Common Prayer, Page 459

Anglican Chant (*Thalben-Ball*)

THE EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

HYMN

GLORIA
arranged by *Julian Wachner*
(b. 1969)

ANGELS we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the new-born King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4. See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Traditional French Carol

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Plainsong and Colin Mawby
(1936-2019)

Please stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Choir The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

The Deacon announces The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.
The Choir and People sing Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says The Gospel of the Lord.
The Choir and People sing Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rector

THE NICENE CREED *Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.*

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel.

The Prayers end

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,
our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

The Celebrant and People say

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The Celebrant says

Unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given.
And his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

Jeremy Filsell
(b. 1964)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance:

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance

*Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor, this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance:

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance:

Traditional English Carol

Ding, dong! merrily on high

Stephen Hough
(b. 1961)

Ding Dong! merrily on high
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

E'en so here below, below
Let steeple bells be swungen
And i-o, i-o, i-o
By priest and people sungen
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

Pray you dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

George Ratcliffe Woodward

Please stand.

HYMN

ANTIOCH
arranged by *Julian Wachner*

JOY to the world! the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation is arranged in four systems. The first system has two staves: the top staff is for the Celebrant and the bottom for the People. The second system also has two staves. The third system has one staff for the Celebrant. The fourth system has one staff for the People. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.'

The Celebrant continues

IT is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir.

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
In nomine Domini
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please kneel.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

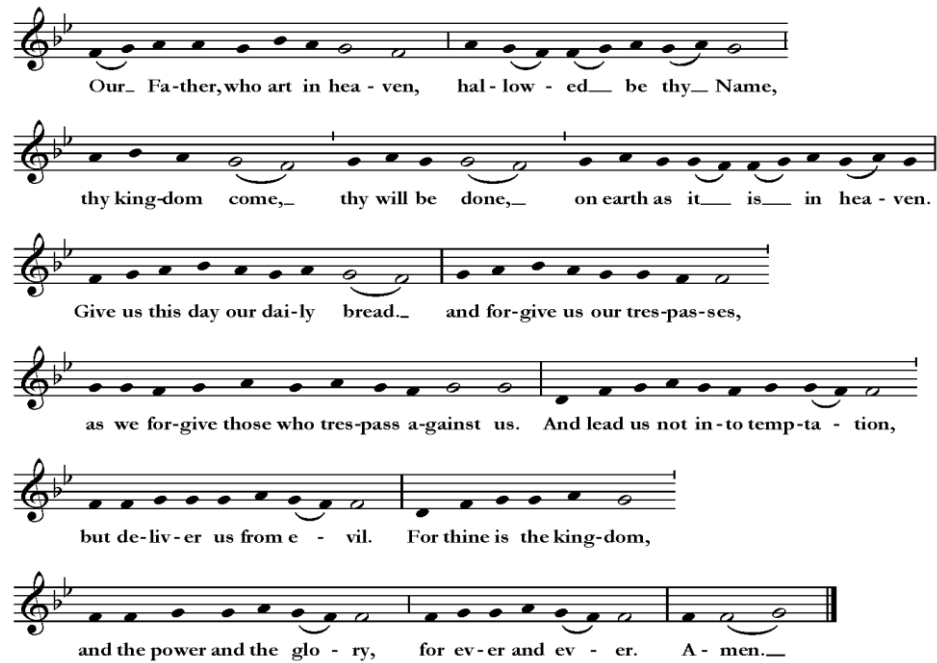
By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant
All

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name,
thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom,
and the power and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir.

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion; please follow the directions of the ushers.
In this Church, we receive in both kinds; if you wish to receive by intinction,
the minister will take the host and dip it into the chalice for you and place it on your tongue.*

*Holy Communion will be administered standing at various stations around the Church;
please help the minister by guiding the chalice with two hands.*

Gluten-free hosts are available; please ask the priest at the altar rail.

If you are unable to come forward for Holy Communion, please inform an usher, and a priest will bring Communion to you.

AT THE COMMUNION, CAROLS

Sung by the Choir.

O beatum et sacrosanctum diem

Peter Philips
(1562-1621)

O BEATUM et sacrosanctum diem,
in qua Dominus noster de Virgine Maria
pro nobis nasci dignatus est.
Gaudeat itaque universus orbis, et cantemus illi,
in sono tubæ, cithara, psalterio et organo.
Congratulemur cum multitudine
angelorum exercitus,
semper suas laudes cantantibus. Noë.

*O blessed and most holy day
on which our Lord was born of the Virgin Mary
for our sake.
Let the whole world therefore rejoice, and let us sing to him
to the sound of the trumpet, strings, the harp and the organ.
Let us rejoice with the numerous hosts of angels,
ceaselessly singing his praise.
Noël.*

Office antiphon for Christmas Day

C'est la Noël

Gaston Litaize
(1909-1991)

C'EST la Noël!
Sur la minuit tous les bergers sortent du lit.
S'en vont tout droit vers leurs agneaux
Endormis bien au chaud.
"Pasteurs le ciel vous garde,"
Leur dit l'ange du ciel.

*It is Christmas!
At midnight the shepherds all rise from their beds.
They head straight to their lambs
Asleep nice and warm.
"Heaven protects you, Shepherds,"
The heavenly angel said to them.*

Ainsi cet ange leur parla,
"Les belles choses que voilà!
Le Seigneur vient de naître tout près de Bethléem.
Il faut quitter vos âtres
Et venir voir Noël."

*Thus this angel spoke to them saying,
"Beautiful things are here!
The Lord is born near Bethlehem.
You must leave your hearths
And come to see Noel."*

Ils y sont tous ensemble allés.
Ils se sont tous agenouillés.
Alors un grand éclair soudain illumina l'Enfant
Et la Vierge sa mère,
Reine de tous les Saints.

*They went all together.
They all knelt down.
And suddenly a great light illuminated the Child
And the Virgin his mother,
Queen of all the Saints.*

Pasteurs il faut prier notre Dieu
Car il nous sauve dans les cieus
Afin que sur la terre
Sa sainte volonté
Apaie toutes guerres.
Croyons en sa bonté.

*Shepherds we must pray to our God
Because he saves us in the heavens
So that on earth
His holy will
May pacify all wars.
Let us believe in his goodness.*

Infant Holy, Infant lowly

arranged by *Gerre Hancock*
(1934-2012)

INFANT Holy, Infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
Nowells ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you.

SILENT night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Joseph Mohr

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Bishop in Residence says

The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

MAY Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

HYMN

MENDELSSOHN
arranged by *David Willocks*

HARK! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Charles Wesley

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'God rest you merry gentlemen'

Jeremy Filsell

Members of the Saint Thomas Brass

Scott McIntosh, *Trumpet*

Kevin Quill, *Trumpet*

Christopher Komer, *French Horn*

Paul Bellino, *Trombone*

Joh Hill, *Tuba*

Frank Cassara, *Timpani*

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

11 A.M. THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

Music of *Prendergast, Victoria, Scott, Dupré, Adams, Hancock* and *Britten*

Sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rector

DAILY OFFICE AND MASS

Please note in observance of the Christmas holiday, the Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26. The church will also be open on a special schedule on Friday, December 27.

Thursday, December 26: **Saint Stephen, Holy Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.**

Friday, December 27: **Saint John, Holy Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.**

Saturday, December 28: **The Holy Innocents, Holy Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.**

Prayers at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue

Thursday 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, December 28 from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Confessor – Father Bennett

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 – THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST

9 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Sermon by Father Spencer

11 A.M. FESTAL EUCHARIST

Music of *Guerrero, Schütz* and *Willaert*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Father Spencer

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