



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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE

DECEMBER 15, 2019

FESTAL EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.

Setting	Missa Brevis	<i>Andrea Gabrieli</i> (c. 1532-1585)
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Prelude	Nun komm der Heiden Heiland	<i>Nicholas Bruhns</i> (1665-1697)
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Hymn 57 HELMSLEY

The Opening Acclamation and the Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law

Kyrie eleison

The Collect of the Day

The Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146

Anglican Chant (*Lane*)

(Sung by the Choir. Please remain seated.)

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: while I live, will I praise the Lord;* yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man;* for there is no help
in them.

3 For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again to his earth,*
and then all his thoughts perish.

4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,* and whose hope is in the Lord
his God:

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is;* who keepeth his
promise for ever;

6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong;* who feedeth the hungry.

7 The Lord looseth men out of prison;* the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen;* the Lord careth for the righteous.

9 The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow:* as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore,* and throughout
all generations.

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

James 5:7-10

Hymn 71

BRISTOL

Gospel Alleluia

Please stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Prepare ye the way of the Lord and make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon

Father Moretz

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

(Please kneel.)

After each petition the people say:

Lord, have mercy.

The Confession and Absolution

The Comfortable Words

The Peace

The Greetings

(Please be seated.)

At the Offertory, Anthem

Matthew Martin

‘O Oriens’

(b. 1976)

O COME thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel.

O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol iustitiae: veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris et umbra mortis.

O Dayspring, brightness of light everlasting, sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel.

Magnificat Antiphon for Vespers

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

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

‘As dew in Aprille’

Benjamin Britten
(1913-1976)

I SING of a maiden
That is makeless;
King of all kings
To her son she ches.

He came al so stille
There his moder was,
As dew in Aprille
That falleth on the grass.

He came al so stille
To his moder’s bour,
As dew in Aprille
That falleth on the flour.

He came al so stille
Where his moder lay,
As dew in Aprille
That falleth on the spray.

Moder and mayden
Was never none but she:
Well may such a lady
Goddess moder be.

Fifteenth Century Anonymous

The Postcommunion Prayer
The Blessing and Dismissal
Hymn

WACHET AUF

1. Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing; The watch-men on the
2. Si - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, Her heart with deep de -
3. Lamb of God, the heav'ns a - dore thee, And men and an - gels
heights are cry - ing, A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!
light is spring - ing, She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom:
sing be - fore thee, With harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.
Mid-night's sol - emn hour is toll - ing, His char - iot wheels are
Forth her Bride-groom comes, all glo - rious, In grace ar - rayed, by
By the pearl - y gates in won - der We stand, and swell the
near - er roll - ing, He comes; pre - pare, ye vir - gins wise.
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come!
voice of thun - der That ech - oes round thy daz - zling throne.
Rise up, with will - ing feet Go forth, the Bride-groom meet:
All hail, In - car - nate Lord, Our crown, and our re - ward!
No vi - sion ev - er brought, No ear hath ev - er caught
Al - le - lu - ia! Bear through the night Your well-trimmed
Al - le - lu - ia! We haste a - long, In pomp of
Such re - joice - ing: We raise the song, We swell the
light, Speed forth to join the mar - riage rite.
song, And glad - some join the mar - riage throng.
throng, To praise thee ag - es all a - long.

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)
arranged by *W.T. Best*
(1826-1897)

FESTAL EVENSONG — 4 p.m.

The Greetings	(Please be seated.)	(Singing begins)
Hymn		PUER NOBIS

1. Come, thou Re-deem-er of the earth, and ma-ni-fest thy vir-gin birth: Let
2. Be-got-ten of no hu-man will, But of the Spi-rit, thou art still The
3. The vir-gin womb that bu-den gained With vir-gin ho-nour all un-stained; The
4. Forth from his cham-ber go-eth he, That roy-al home of pu-ri-ty, A
5. From God the Fa-ther he pro-ceeds, to God the Fa-ther back he speeds; His

ev-'ry age a-dor-ing fall; Such birth be-fits the God of all.
Word of God in flesh ar-rayed, The pro-mised fruit to man dis-played.
ban-ners there of vir-tue glow; God in his tem-ple dwells be-low.
giant in two-fold sub-stance one, Re-joic-ing now his course to run.
course he runs to death and hell, Re-turn-ing on God's throne to dwell.

6. All laud, eternal Son, to thee Whose advent set thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Ghost forever more.

Sermon
At the Offering, Anthem

Father Cheng

Peter Hallock
(1924-2014)

I AM Wisdom. I come forth from the Most High. I cover the earth like a mist. I dwell in the highest mountains. My throne is a pillar of cloud, the vault of heaven is mine. I have a resting place, in that Jerusalem. Come to me, obey me. Those who obey me will be free from sin. Those who follow me will not go astray.

Ecclesiasticus 24:3-5, 11, 19, 22

The Final Prayer and Blessing
Advent Prose *(Sung by the Choir.)* Plainsong (Mode i)
Voluntary Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685-1750)

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5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL
 Benjamin Sheen
Associate Organist

MUSIC NOTES

Andrea Gabrieli, uncle of Giovanni Gabrieli, was the first internationally renowned member of the Venetian school, spreading his influence throughout Italy and in Germany. In 1566, Gabrieli was appointed Maestro di capella of St. Mark's in Venice. At St. Mark's he developed the polychoral and concertato styles of music. By contrast, his Missa Brevis is not polychoral in nature, but a simple setting in four parts. Arguably the greatest composer to succeed Gabrieli at St. Mark's was Claudio Monteverdi, who was appointed in 1613. Often credited for bringing Renaissance music into the Baroque era, Monteverdi may have had Palestrina's O bone Jesu in mind when he composed Christe, adoramus te, a short, sumptuous motet for the Feast of the Holy Cross. On either side of the central imitative chromatic section are slow block chords, evoking a sense of the sinner's supplication.

The greens today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Mary Clark deBrabant, Margaret Crane Hurlbut and Parsons Trotter.

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)

Feast of Saint Thomas, Saturday Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.

*Choral Evensong on Wednesday, December 18, at 5:30 p.m.
This service is 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, December 21 from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Confessor – The Rector

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 – 5:30 P.M.

The Blessing of the Crèche: *A service for children and their families*
sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir
Music of *Litaiže* and *Britten*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 – 12:10 P.M.

A Service of Lessons and Carols
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Music of *Wachner, Robinson, Britten, Scott, Adams, Hough* and *Baker*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 – 5:30 P.M. (tickets required)

A Ceremony of Carols, Opus 28 – *Benjamin Britten*
The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir
Sara Cutler, *harp*
Benjamin Sheen, *Miller-Scott Organ*
Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 – 4 P.M.

A Service of Lessons and Carols
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Music of *Wachner, Robinson, Britten, Scott, Adams, Hough* and *Baker*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST

9 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Sermon by Sister Promise Atelon SSM

11 A.M. CHORAL EUCHARIST

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by The Rector

4 P.M. A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Britten, Litaize, Robinson, Scott, Wachner, Adams, Hancock, Bingham* and *Filsell*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

4 P.M. A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Britten, Litaize, Robinson, Scott, Wachner, Adams, Hancock, Bingham* and *Filsell*

10:15 P.M. CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR ORGAN

(Doors open at 10 p.m.)

Benjamin Sheen and Nicholas Quardokus, *organ*

11 P.M. THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

(MIDNIGHT MASS)

Music of *Prendergast, Castagnet, Filsell, Hough, Wachner, Philips, Litaize, Hancock* and *Scott*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Brass

Sermon by the Rector

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

The complete December calendar is available in the Narthex and at reception in the parish house. It may also be found on our website at www.SaintThomasChurch.org.

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.

Following the 11 a.m. service today, the Choir School Boys are holding a **Bake Sale**. Proceeds from this event will benefit the School. Please stop by their table in the reception area and support our Choristers in their endeavors.

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. TODAY is the remaining meeting for 2019. For more information, please contact Mo. Alison Turner at ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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 on the church website, by phone at 212-664-9360, and by email at Concerts@SaintThomasChurch.org. They will also be on sale in the Narthex (back of the church) at the end of the 11 a.m. service today.

Saying a fond farewell. As many of you know, we have three members of staff leaving us at the end of the year: Benjamin Sheen will take up a new post at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and Eddie Thomas and Jose Martin will be retiring. Eddie and Jose have an incredible 73 years of combined service to Saint Thomas Church! If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please send in your donation to the parish office. If you wish to send in a check, please mark the memo line with the name of the person you wish to gift (or names if you wish the donation to be split between them).

Saint Thomas Celebrates Burns Night on Friday, January 24, at 7 p.m. in beautiful Bonnell Hall at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Save the date because this is an evening you will not want to miss (in black tie or Scottish themed-dress). After a reception with wine and delicious hors d'oeuvres, we will have a traditional Scottish dinner accompanied by great music and dancing. You can purchase a single ticket for \$75, and we will seat you or you can reserve a table for 10 people for \$700. You can reserve online or leave a check at reception. Please include your phone number. It is to your advantage to reserve in December, as this event will be offered to a few groups outside of the parish in January. All reservations and cancellations must be made by 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21.

Charitable Distributions from IRAs: When you are doing your year-end tax planning, please remember that if you are 70 ½ or older, you may qualify to make a tax-free gift to Saint Thomas from your IRA account of up to \$100,000. If you are considering such a gift, we suggest that you talk with your tax advisor before finalizing your decision.

Year-end contributions to Saint Thomas Church and Choir School. As the New Year approaches and you consider your year-end gifts, please remember Saint Thomas Church and Choir School. December 31 is the deadline for the following items to be received in order to qualify as a deduction for 2019 tax purposes: checks by mail must be postmarked by that date, or dropped off in person; cash and credit card instructions need to be received at the Finance office by Noon; gifts can be made online until 11:59 p.m. EST; gifts of stock must be received in the Church's investment account by December 31. For stock transfer instructions or other questions, please contact Ann Hall Kaplan at AKaplan@SaintThomasChurch.org or 212-757-7013 Ext 421. This is also a gentle reminder to pay all pledges to the 2019 Annual Appeal by December 31. (If your circumstances have changed and you are not able to pay off your remaining pledge balance or wish to increase your pledge, please contact Ann Hall Kaplan.)

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. The Bookstore will also be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, December 16, 17 and 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, December 18, from 1 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, December 21, following the 4 p.m. service. Major credit cards accepted. Contact: Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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, *Of 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 IV and V** of *The Laws* and the **Anglican liturgical tradition**. 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 and Gift Shop. **Next Sunday**, December 22, Fr. Cheng will conclude this series with a discussion of the **final three books** of *The Laws* and some reflections on the legacy of Richard Hooker.

Pilgrims' Course 2020. Newcomers to Saint Thomas Church and those not yet members of the church are invited to 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 on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. Each session will begin with a simple meal at 6:30 p.m., and the class itself will run from 7 to 8 p.m. The sessions continue on most Tuesday evenings through May 19. Bishop Allen Shin will visit on Sunday, May 17, at 11 a.m., to confirm and receive candidates. 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 Father Cheng at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org if you would like to attend the class.

Friday Bible Study. All are welcome to join the parish's Friday lunchtime Bible Study. Under the guidance of Fr. Bennett, 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 St. 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.

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