



# 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 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 29, 2019

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**FESTAL EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.**  
sung by the **Gentlemen of the Choir**

Setting	Missa de Beata Virgine	<i>Francisco Guerrero</i> (1528-1599)
Prelude	Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, BuxWV 189 Puer natus in Bethlehem, BuxWV 217 In dulci jubilo, BuxWV 197	<i>Dietrich Buxtehude</i> (c. 1637-1707)
Hymn 79		ST. LOUIS
The Opening Acclamation and the Collect for Purity		
Gloria in excelsis		
The Collect of the Day		
The Lesson	Isaiah 61:10—62:3	
Psalms 147		Plainsong ( <i>Tone VIII!</i> )

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

- O** PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God;\*  
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
- The Lord doth build up Jerusalem,\* and gather together the outcasts of Israel.
  - He healeth those that are broken in heart,\* and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
  - He telleth the number of the stars,\* and calleth them all by their names.
  - Great is our Lord, and great is his power;\* yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
  - The Lord setteth up the meek,\* and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
  - O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving;\* sing praises upon the harp unto our God:
  - Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth,\* and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;
  - Who giveth fodder unto the cattle,\* and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
  - He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse;\* neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
  - But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him,\* and put their trust in his mercy.
  - Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem;\* praise thy God, O Sion.
  - For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates,\* and hath blessed thy children within thee.
  - He maketh peace in thy borders,\* and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.
  - He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth,\* and his word runneth very swiftly.
  - He giveth snow like wool,\* and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
  - He casteth forth his ice like morsels:\* who is able to abide his frost?
  - He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:\* he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob,\* his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation;\* neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

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

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Hymn 82

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Gospel Alleluia

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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*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.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

Sermon

Father Spencer

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, Motet

*Heinrich Schütz*  
(1585-1672)

**J**UBILATE Deo in chordis et organo,  
In tympano et choro.  
Cantate et exultate et psallite  
sapienter.  
Alleluja.

*Rejoice in God with strings and organ,  
with drum and in chorus.  
Sing and rejoice and sing psalms  
with all of your skill.  
Alleluia.*

*based on Psalm 80 and Psalm 97:4*

Presentation Hymn 101

CRADLE SONG

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

At the Communion, Agnus Dei,  
and Motet

*Adrian Willaert*  
(c. 1490-1562)

**O** MAGNUM mysterium  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent  
Dominum natum  
jacentem in praesepio.

*O great mystery  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see  
the new-born Lord  
lying in a manger!*

O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt  
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.  
Ave Maria, gratia plena:  
Dominus tecum.

*O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb  
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.  
Hail Mary, full of grace:  
the Lord is with you.*

O beata Virgo,  
cujus viscera meruerunt  
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.

*Blessed is the Virgin  
whose womb was worthy  
to bear Christ the Lord.*

*Fourth Responsory for Matins on Christmas Day*

The Postcommunion Prayer  
The Blessing and Dismissal  
Hymn 100  
Voluntary

Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137

ANTIOCH  
*Dietrich Buxtehude*

*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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The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:  
*Charles A. Gould, Margaret Crane Hurlbut and Albion E. Metcalf.*

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**DAILY OFFICE AND MASS**

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

Tuesday Services: 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. (Church closes at 4 p.m. for New Year's Eve)

**Please note:** in observance of the New Year's Day holiday, the Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, with a single celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 12:10 p.m.

The church will also be open on a special schedule on  
Thursday, January 2, with a single celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 12:10 p.m.

Saturday Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.

*This is the monthly Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**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, January 4 from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Confessor – Father Spencer

**The Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue

Saturday, January 4 at 12:45 a.m.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 – THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (TRANSFERRED)**

**8 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST**

**9 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST**

Sermon by Father Bennett

**11 A.M. SOLEMN EUCHARIST**

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by the Right Reverend Catherine Roskam

*Retired Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of New York*

**4 P.M. SOLEMN EVENSONG**

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Father Spencer

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

Andrew Henderson

*New York, New York*

## 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 a **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.

**Sunday School** is on recess and will resume Sunday, January 5, 2020. There will also be a Family Feast at 10 a.m. in the living room of the parish house. Please join us for a time of fellowship and food.

**Nursery care** is available every Sunday for the 9 and 11 a.m. services. 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.

**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](mailto: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.)

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**The Theology Class** will not meet today. The class will resume on Sunday, January 5.

**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. A postcard containing the course schedule is available in the narthex. Please email Father Cheng at [PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org) if you would like to attend the class.

**Friday Bible Study** will not meet on Friday, January 3. It will resume on Friday, January 10.

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 [PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org). For regular email updates on Adult Christian Education, please text THEOLOGY to 22828.