



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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To contact us, email welcome@SaintThomasChurch.org.*

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019

THE LITANY and CHORAL EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.

Prelude	Partita on 'Freu dich sehr o meine Seele'	<i>Georg Böhm</i> (1661-1733)
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THE LITANY

Setting	The Litany	<i>Thomas Tallis</i> (c. 1505-1585)
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*Please stand as the procession enters. The Litany is sung in procession.
Please refer to the service card.*

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Setting	Communion Service in F	<i>Harold Darke</i> (1888-1976)
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The Salutation and the Collect of the Day

The Lesson

Psalm 72:1-7; 18-19

Anglican Chant (*Noble*)

(Sung by the Choir. Please remain seated.)

GIVE the King thy judgments, O God,* and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right,* and defend the poor.

3 The mountains also shall bring peace,* and the little hills righteousness
unto the people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right,* defend the children of the poor,
and punish the wrong doer.

5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth,*
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool,* even as the drops that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;* yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

18 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou shewed me! and yet didst thou turn
and refresh me;* yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

19 Thou hast brought me to great honour,* and comforted me on every side:

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 67

Romans 15:4-13

PSALM 42

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,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God:
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

The Right Reverend Carlos López-Lozano
Bishop of The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain

The Nicene Creed

The Peace

The Greetings

(Please be seated.)

At the Offertory, Anthem

Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

THIS is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him: Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.
And they asked him: What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.
Then said they unto him, What art thou? That we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:
make straight the way of the Lord.

Saint John 1:19-23

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

Otto Goldschmidt
(1829-1907)

ATENDER shoot has started up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

William Bartholomew

The Postcommunion Prayer
The Blessing and Dismissal
Hymn 68
Voluntary

Praeludium in a, BuxWV 153

LLANGLOFFAN
Dietrich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-1707)

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.

FESTAL EVENSONG — 4 p.m.

Prelude	Fantasia on 'Veni Emmanuel'	<i>Kenneth Leighton</i> (1929-1988)
Hymn 57		HELMSLEY
Versicles and Responses		<i>Bernard Rose</i> (1916-1996)
Psalms 41, 42, 43	Anglican Chant (<i>How, Turle, Lowman</i>)	
Lessons	The Book of Common Prayer, Page 391	
Hymn 63	Isaiah 5:1-17 and 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12	
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis	VERBUM SUPERNUM PRODIENS	
	The Edington Service	<i>Grayston Ives</i> (b. 1948)
The Greetings	(<i>Please be seated.</i>)	
Hymn 59		MERTON
Sermon	Father Bennett	
At the Offering, Anthem		<i>George Frideric Handel</i> (1685-1759)

AND the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:5

The Final Prayer and Blessing		
Advent Prose	(<i>Sung by the Choir.</i>)	<i>Plainsong</i> (Mode i)
Voluntary	Rorate caeli	<i>Jeanne Demessieux</i> (1921-1968)

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5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL
Jennifer Pascual
New York, New York

MUSIC NOTES

Harold Darke (1888-1976) was Organist of St. Michael's, Cornhill, in the City of London for fifty years (1916-1966). He was previously assistant to Henry Walford Davies at the Temple Church, and studied composition under Charles Villiers Stanford at the Royal College of Music. He was Acting Organist at King's College, Cambridge, during World War II, when Boris Ord was on military service. Darke's *Communion Service in F* was composed in 1926 and was dedicated to the Reverend John Ellison, Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill. It remains one of the most widely-sung settings of the Mass throughout the Anglican Communion.

The greens today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Mrs. Robert L. Dodge, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Dr. Lewis Rutherford Morris, and Harold V. Smith

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.

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 14 from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Confessor – Mother Turner

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:30 P.M. (tickets required)

Handel's *Messiah* sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
soloists with New York Baroque Incorporated
Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)

8 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST

9 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Sermon by Father Moretz

11 A.M. FESTAL EUCHARIST

Sermon by Father Moretz

4 P.M. FESTAL EVENSONG

Sermon by Father Cheng

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

Benjamin Sheen

Associate 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.

Following the 11 a.m. service today (and again on December 15), 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. Next Sunday, December 15, is the remaining Sunday for the remainder of 2019. For more information, please contact Mo. Alison Turner at ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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 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.

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.

Father Turner and Mother Turner invite senior members of our parish to a Christmas **Lunch for Seniors** on Wednesday, December 18. We begin with A Service of Lessons and Carols at 12:10 p.m. in the church, followed by a reception in the living room, then lunch in Andrew Hall. Holiday attire is optional, however, encouraged! Due to space constraints, reservations must be made. Contact Linda Morfi at 212-757-7013, or LMorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org on or before **December 12.**

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.

A HUGE THANK YOU to each one of you who participated in making the Prayer Shawl Ministry's Christmas Sale such a success last Sunday! We are delighted to announce that, thanks to your enthusiasm and generosity, a total of \$475 will now be donated to the Boys' Fund at the Choir School. Not only were you able choose so many of our handmade things for your Christmas gifts to family and friends, but so many of you added an extra monetary "gift" for the Boys' Fund. We noticed that, and we send a special thank you for your kindness.

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 Tuesday and Thursday, December 10 and 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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, we welcome **Canon Nancy Hoxsie Mead** as our guest speaker. Canon Mead is the Vice President of the Friends of the Anglican Pilgrim Centre in Santiago, an organization dedicated to fulfilling the dream of building an **Anglican Pilgrim Centre in Santiago de Compostela** in Spain. She is also a lay canon in the Spanish Episcopal Church and the wife of Fr. Andrew Mead, our XII Rector. Come learn about this important project, which will provide Eucharistic hospitality to people of all Christian denominations at one of the **most significant pilgrimage sites** in Christendom. Next Sunday, December 15, we will resume our series on Richard Hooker's *Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity* with a discussion of Books IV and V of *The Laws*.

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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