



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK

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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.

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

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THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST FEBRUARY 2, 2020

THE BLESSING OF LIGHT AND SOLEMN EVENSONG — 4 p.m.

Prelude

Clair de lune

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

The people stand at the entry of the choir and ministers and remain standing until the singing of the psalm.

The Blessing of Light

The Officiant greets the people with these words.

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A minister reads a short passage of scripture.

JESUS said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

A flame is kindled and the Officiant then sings the Prayer for Light.

BLESSED art thou, Lord our God, creator of day and night,
to thee be glory and praise forever!
Thou art our light and our salvation
and we thy children wait for thy loving kindness
in the midst of thy temple.
In thy Son, Jesus Christ, born of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
there hast sprung up a light for the righteous
and joyful gladness for those that are faithful.
As we, like Simeon and Anna, welcome him with joy,
presented before us as the light of all the world,
may we be filled with his Spirit and made into a living temple
to the praise and glory of thy holy name.
By that same light of Christ, thy living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds
that we may walk as children of light
and sing thy praises, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
to whom be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*The candles at the Altar are now lighted, as are other candles and lamps, and the people's candles.
During the candle-lighting, the Choir sings*

Anthem

Charles Wood
(1866-1926)

HAIL, gladdening light, of His pure glory poured,
Who is the Immortal Father, Heavenly, Blest,
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue, Son of our God, Giver of life alone,
Therefore in all the world Thy glories Lord, they own.

Second Century Greek Hymn

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

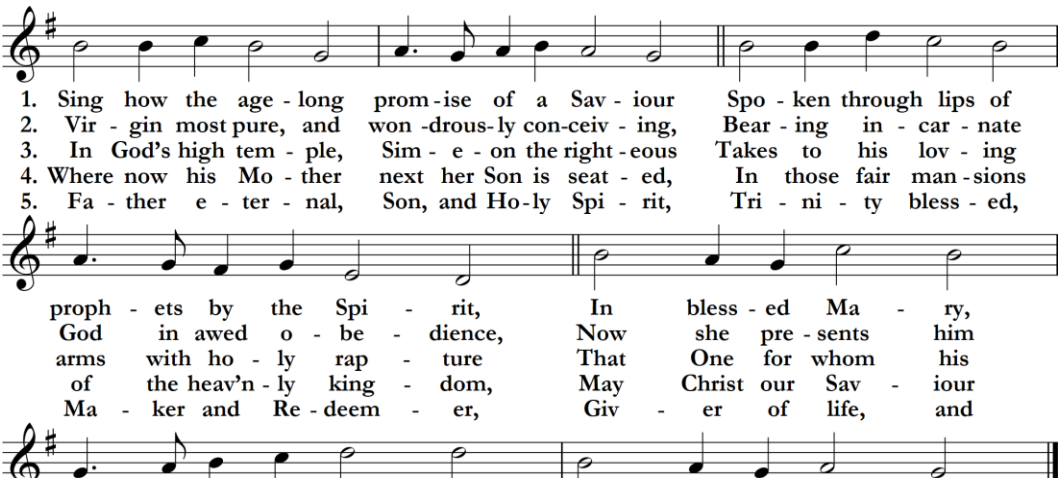
LOOK down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne,
and illumine this night with thy celestial brightness;
that by night as by day thy people may glorify thy holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Versicles and Responses

Philip Moore
(b. 1943)

Psalms 48, 87, The Book of Common Prayer, Page 399
Lessons
Hymn

Anglican Chant (*Tredinnick, Goss*)
Haggai 2:1-9 and 1 John 3:1-8
DIVA SERVATRIX



1. Sing how the age - long prom - ise of a Sav - iour Spo - ken through lips of
2. Vir - gin most pure, and won - drous - ly con - ceiv - ing, Bear - ing in - car - nate
3. In God's high tem - ple, Sim - e - on the right - eous Takes to his lov - ing
4. Where now his Mo - ther next her Son is seat - ed, In those fair man - sions
5. Fa - ther e - ter - nal, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Tri - ni - ty bless - ed,

proph - ets by the Spi - rit, In bless - ed Ma - ry,
God in awed o - be - dience, Now she pre - sents him
arms with ho - ly rap - ture That One for whom his
of the heav'n - ly king - dom, May Christ our Sav - iour
Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, Giv - er of life, and

Mo - ther of the Christ - child, Finds its ful - fil - ment.
for a spot - less off'r - ing Un - to his Fa - ther.
long - ing eyes had wait - ed, Je - sus, Mes - si - ah.
grant to us his ser - vants Life ev - er - last - ing.
Au - thor of sal - va - tion, Thine be the Glo - ry.

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis

The St. Thomas Service

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

The Greetings
Hymn 497
Sermon

(*Please be seated.*)
Father Bennett

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

WHEN to the Temple Mary went,
And brought the Holy Child,
Him did the aged Simeon see,
As it had been reveal'd.
He took up Jesus in his arms
And, blessing God, he said:
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen.
The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now Thy servants, gracious Lord,
That we may ever be,
As once the faithful Simeon was,
Rejoicing but in thee;
And when we must from earth departure take,
May gently fall asleep, and with thee wake.

John Troutbeck

The Final Prayer and Blessing

Psalm 150

(Sung by the Choir.)

Anglican Chant *(Talbot)*

Voluntary

Choral, from Symphony no. 2 in E minor, Op. 20

Louis Vierne

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:

George Arents, Mrs. Margaret Adams Bromley, Margaret Crane Hurlbut

Ken Lasink and James S. Reilly, Jr.

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)

Choral Evensong on Tuesday, February 4, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Wednesday, February 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Thursday, February 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday Requiem Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.

This is the monthly, said requiem for all faithful departed.

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, February 8, from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Confessor – Father Moretz

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (SEPTUAGESIMA)

8 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST

9 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Sermon by Father Bennett

11 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS AND FESTAL EUCHARIST

Sermon by Father Moretz

4 P.M. FESTAL EVENSONG

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Mother Turner

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.

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. **Today**, all of our children will participate in the Candlemas Procession at 11 a.m. Our older children will then stay in Mass with their families to support Annabel, Raya and Mila who will receive their first Holy Communion today.

Family Feast. Please join us at 10 a.m. today in the living room of the Parish House for a time of fellowship and food. We will also make Christingles together for today's Candlemas Procession at 11 a.m.

Communion classes. The final Communion class meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunday School Room on the third floor of the Parish House.

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.

The Candlemas Campaign for the 2020 Annual Appeal starts today. At Saint Thomas, this ancient feast day marks the beginning of the Candlemas Campaign, and throughout the month of February, we remind all who worship at Saint Thomas either in the pews or through the web to declare their support to the church and the school by making a pledge to the 2020 Annual Appeal. Please remember that if your circumstances should change and you need to amend your pledge, you can easily do so just by calling the Development Office. If you have not yet pledged to the 2020 Annual Appeal and want to be recognized as an active supporter of Saint Thomas Church and Choir School, please make a pledge today. You can pledge online at www.SaintThomasChurch.org or pick up an Annual Appeal brochure in the narthex or at reception. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Hall Kaplan or Adam MacDonald.

The Turners are pleased to invite pledging members of the parish who are retired to the **Rector's Luncheon for Seniors** on Friday, February 14. We begin with Mass at 12:10 p.m. A reception will follow in the living room, then lunch will be served in Andrew Hall. Space is limited, therefore, reservations are required. Please RSVP to Linda Morfi at 212-757-7013, or LMorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org on or before February 8.

In the first **Grand Organ Recital** of 2020, *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents Nathan Laube playing The Miller-Scott Organ for the first time on Saturday, February 15, at 3 p.m. His program features works by Hollins, Beethoven, Bach and Laube's own transcriptions of Liszt and Wagner. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online or by calling the Concerts Office at 212-664-9360.

On Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., **Concerts at Saint Thomas** hosts **The King's Singers** in their only New York City performance of the season. The world-renowned, six-voice ensemble presents one of their best-loved programs, *An Audience with The King's Singers*, as well as selections from their newest album, *Finding Harmony*. This concert is sure to sell out, so don't wait to order your tickets either online or by calling the Concerts Office at 212-664-9360.

Girl Chorister Course at Saint Thomas Choir School is now accepting applications for 2020. Do you know a girl between the ages of 12 to 19 who loves to sing and would enjoy a culturally and musically enriching choral experience? The course, held July 18-26, 2020, boasts nine fabulous days in New York City during which girls sing two, all-treble Evensongs, explore Central Park, experience the city, attend a Broadway show and sing two Choral Eucharists with the Gentlemen of the Saint Thomas Choir. Our music director this summer is Dr. Jared Johnson, Canon Organist & Choirmaster at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, South Carolina. Please visit the Choir School website for more information and to apply. For questions, contact Virginia Bolena, Course Director, at VBolena@ChoirSchool.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. New in stock: *Martin Luther King Jr for Armchair Theologians* by Rufus Burrow Jr. Also in stock: Children's books: *The Shady Tree* and *Mozart: Gift of God*, both by Demi, as well as recommended books for reading for the Pilgrims' Course 2020 and the 2020 Christian Pocket Diary. 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. Bennett and Fr. Brown will continue their series on the **Classics of Christian Spirituality** with a class on the 14th century mystic **Julian of Norwich**. Dame Julian's book, *The Revelations of Divine Love*, is one of the great works on the spiritual life. It is also thought to be the oldest surviving book in English to have been written by a woman. Next Sunday, February 9, we will welcome a guest instructor, Ann Satterfield. Ms. Satterfield will teach an introductory class on Christian prayer entitled, "**A Spectrum of Prayer**" in which four types of prayer will be discussed.

Newcomers to Saint Thomas Church and those wishing to refresh their faith are invited to the **Pilgrims' Course 2020**, a comprehensive introduction to the Christian faith as received and understood by the Episcopal Church. The next session entitled, "**The Trinity: The Church Community Reflects Our Belief in God as 'Three in One'**", will be held on Tuesday, February 4, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The evening will begin with a simple meal at 6:30 p.m., and the class itself will run from 7 to 8 p.m. The full schedule for the course can be found on the parish website. Please email Fr. Cheng at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org if you would like to attend the class and/or join the meal.

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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The Reverend Adam Spencer, *Associate for Pastoral Care*
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The Reverend Dr. Patrick S. Cheng, *Theologian in Residence*
The Reverend Ryan Bennett, *Assistant Priest*
Sister Marie Promise Atelon SSM, *Seminarian*

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