



**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**

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**CANDLEMAS PROCESSION and SOLEMN EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.**

**PRELUDE**

Passacaglia in d, BuxWV 161

*Dietrich Buxtehude*  
(c. 1637-1707)

**SETTING**

Mass for Four Voices

*William Byrd*  
(c. 1540-1623)

*The Choir, Ministers and Sunday School Children enter from the Narthex.*

*The People stand holding unlit candles, and turn to face the Celebrant who greets them with these words*

*Celebrant* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Celebrant says*

**B**ELOVED in Christ, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgment, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

*The People's candles are lighted as the Choir sings*

**MOTET**

*William Byrd*

**S**ENEX puerum portabat,  
puer autem senem regebat:  
Quem Virgo peperit,  
et post partum Virgo permansit:  
ipsum quem genuit, adoravit.

*An old man held up an Infant,  
but the Infant upheld the old man.  
A Child he was that a Virgin bore,  
and kept her as Virgin evermore.  
The one whom she brought forth, she did adore.*

*Antiphon to the Magnificat First Vespers, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*The People hold their candles high as the Celebrant then says the following prayer*

Let us pray.

**G**OD our Father, source of all light, today thou hast revealed to the aged Simeon thy light which enlightens all nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE PROCESSION

*Minister* Let us go forth in peace.  
*People* In the name of Christ. Amen.

## HYMN

## DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**O**F the Father's heart begotten,  
Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain  
All that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things  
Yet to come the mystic Close,  
Evermore and evermore.

2. By his word was all created;  
He commanded and 'twas done;  
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
Universe of three in one,  
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,  
All that breathes beneath the sun,  
Evermore and evermore.

3. He assumed this mortal body,  
Frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
That the race from dust created  
Might not perish utterly,  
Which the dreadful Law had sentenced  
In the depths of hell to lie,  
Evermore and evermore.

4. O how blest that wondrous birthday,  
When the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,  
By the Holy Ghost conceived;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
In her loving arms received,  
Evermore and evermore.

5. This is he, whom seer and sibyl  
Sang in ages long gone by;  
This is he of old revealèd  
In the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;  
let the world his praises cry!  
Evermore and evermore.

6. Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing,  
Countless voices answering,  
Evermore and evermore.

## THE SALUTATION AND THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

*The People continue holding lit candles until after the Gospel reading.*

## THE LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

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

**L**IFT up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;\*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;\* and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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.

*Please be seated.*

## THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## HYMN 258

PSALM 86

**V**IRGIN-BORN, we bow before thee:  
blessed was the womb that bore thee;  
Mary, Mother meek and mild,  
blessed was she in her Child.  
Blessed was the breast that fed thee;  
blessed was the hand that led thee;  
blessed was the parent's eye  
that watched thy slumbering infancy.

2. Blessed she by all creation,  
who brought forth the world's salvation,  
and blessed they, for ever blest,  
who love thee most and serve thee best.  
Virgin-born, we bow before thee;  
blessed was the womb that bore thee;  
Mary, Mother meek and mild,  
blessed was she in her Child.

## GOSPEL ALLELUIA

*Please stand.*

*This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*



*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Choir* A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

*People* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## SERMON

The Rector

## THE NICENE CREED

**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 Deacon and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to thee, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of thy creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, our Bishop; Alan his suffragan and Mary his assistant;  
and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, for our Nursery and Sunday School children, and especially those receiving communion for the first time today,  
Hear us, O Lord;  
*For thy mercy is great.*

We thank thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the faithful witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Simeon and Anna, Saint Thomas our patron, and of all thy saints.

We will exalt thee, O God our King;  
*And praise thy Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in thine eternal kingdom.  
Lord, let thy loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in thee.*

We pray to thee also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Deacon and people*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for we have sinned most grievously against thee;  
in thy compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by thy Spirit  
that we may live and serve thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

## THE PEACE

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

## THE GREETINGS

*Please be seated.*

## ANTHEM

*Bob Chilcott*  
(b. 1955)

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*



1. Hail to the Lord who comes, Comes to his tem - ple gate!  
 2. But borne up - on the throne, Of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,  
 3. There Jo - seph at her side, In rev - erent won - der stands;  
 4. Hail to the great First - born, Whose ran - som price they pay!  
 5. O Light of all the earth, Thy chil - dren wait for thee!

Not with his an - gel host, Not in his king - ly state;  
 Watched by her du - teous love, In her fond arms at rest;  
 And, filled with ho - ly joy, Old Si - meon in his hands;  
 The Son be - fore all worlds, the Child of man to - day,  
 Come to thy tem - ples here, That we, from sin set free,

No shouts pro - claim him nigh, No crowds his com - ing wait;  
 Thus to his Fa - ther's house He comes, the heav'n - ly guest.  
 Takes up the prom - ised Child, The glo - ry of all lands.  
 That he might ran - som us Who still in bon - dage lay.  
 Be - fore thy Fa - ther's face May all pre - sent - ed be!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Please kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues and concludes*

O Father Almighty, world without end.  
*People* Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All*



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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

**B**EHOLD 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 shouldest come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*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 MOTET**

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Thomas Tallis  
(c. 1505-1585)*

**V**IDEDE miraculum Matris Domini:  
concepit virgo  
virilis ignara consortii,  
stans onerata nobili onere Maria;  
et matrem se laetam cognoscit,  
quae se nescit uxorem.

Haec speciosum forma  
prae filiis hominum castis concepit  
viseribus, et benedicta in aeternum  
Deum nobis protulit et hominem.

Gloria Patri et Filio  
et Spiritui Sancto.

*Behold the miracle of the mother of the Lord;  
a virgin has conceived  
though she knows not a man,  
Mary, who stands laden with her noble burden;  
knowing not that she is a wife,  
she rejoices to be a mother.*

*She has conceived in her chaste womb  
one who is beautiful beyond the sons of men,  
and blessed for ever,  
she has brought forth God and man for us.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost.*

*Response at First Vespers, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Said by all, kneeling.*

**A**Lmighty 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 People stand and the Congregation's candles are then lighted as the Choir sings*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Gerre Hancock  
(1934-2012)*

**L**ORD now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
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.

*from the St. Thomas Service*

**THE BLESSING**

**M**AY Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

*People* Go, in the light and peace of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.



**S**ING we of the blessed Mother who received the angel's word,  
and obedient to the summons bore in love the infant Lord;  
sing we of the joys of Mary at whose breast the child was fed  
who is Son of God eternal and the everlasting Bread.

2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of the sword that pierced her through,  
when beneath the cross of Jesus she his weight of suffering knew,  
looked upon her Son and Savior reigning from the awful tree,  
saw the price of our redemption paid to set the sinner free.

3. Sing again the joys of Mary when she saw the risen Lord,  
and in prayer with Christ's apostles, waited on his promised word;  
from on high the blazing glory of the Spirit's presence came,  
heavenly breath of God's own being, manifest in the wind and flame.

4. Sing the chiefest joys of Mary when on earth her work was done,  
and the Lord of all creation brought her to his heavenly home;  
where, raised high with saints and angels, in Jerusalem above,  
she beholds her Son and Savior reigning as the Lord of love.

**VOLUNTARY**

Praeludium in E-flat, BWV 552/i

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

*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:  
*George Arents, Mrs. Margaret Adams Bromley, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Ken Lasiuk and James S. Reilly, Jr.*

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**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.



### **ASSISTING CLERGY**

The Reverend Matthew Moretz, *Associate Rector*  
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