



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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2020

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

FESTAL EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.

Setting	Missa Resurrectionis	<i>Gerre Hancock</i> (1934-2012)
Prelude	Reges Tharsis, from 'Méditation sur l'offertoire de l'Épiphanie'	<i>Gaston Litaize</i> (1907-1991)
Hymn 135		SALZBURG
The Opening Acclamation and the Collect for Purity		
Gloria in excelsis		
The Collect of the Day		
The Lesson	Isaiah 49:1-7	
Psalms 40:1-14		Anglican Chant (<i>Buck</i>)

(Sung by the Choir. Please remain seated.)

I WAITED patiently for the Lord,* and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.
2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay,*
and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.
3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth,* even a thanksgiving unto our God.
4 Many shall see it, and fear,* and shall put their trust in the Lord.
5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord,* and turned not unto the proud,
and to such as go about with lies.
6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be
also thy thoughts, which are to us-ward;* and yet there is no man that ordereth
them unto thee.
7 If I should declare them, and speak of them,* they should be more than I am able
to express.
8 Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not,* but mine ears hast thou opened.
9 Burnt-offering and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required:* then said I, Lo, I come;
10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will,
O my God:* I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.
11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation:* lo, I will not refrain
my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.
12 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart;* my talk hath been of thy truth,
and of thy salvation.
13 I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth* from the great congregation.
14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord;* let thy loving-kindness and thy
truth always preserve me.
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

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

SALEM HARBOR

Hymn 443

Gospel Alleluia

Please stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels,
preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42

Sermon

Father Cheng

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, Anthem

‘The Three Kings’

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

‘**W**HO knocks tonight so late?’ the weary porter said.
Three Kings stood at the gate, each with a crown on head.
The serving man bowed down; The inn was full, he knew.
Said he, ‘In all this town is no fit place for you!’
A light the manger lit: There lay the Mother meek.
Said they, ‘This place is fit: Here is the rest we seek!’
They loosed their latchet strings; so stood they all unshod.
‘Come in, ye Kings! And kiss the Feet of God.’

Laurence Housman

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

‘Bethlehem down’

Peter Warlock
(1894-1930)

‘**W**HEN he is King we will give him the Kings’ gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes,’ said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight —
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When he is King they will clothe him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Bruce Blunt

The Postcommunion Prayer		
The Blessing and Dismissal		
Hymn 693		WOODWORTH
Voluntary	Toccata from Symphonie	Michel Boulnois (1907-2008)

*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	Theme and Variations from 'Hommage à Frescobaldi'	Jean Langlais (1907-1991)
Hymn 117		MORNING STAR
Versicles and Responses		Bernard Rose (1916-1996)
Psalms 98, 99, 100, 101	Anglican Chant (<i>Suter, Attwood, Turle, Buck</i>) The Book of Common Prayer, Page 461	
Lessons	Isaiah 43:14-44:5 and Ephesians 4:1-16	
Hymn 122		URBS BEATA JERUSALEM
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis	The Second Service	Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)
The Greetings	(Please be seated.)	
Hymn 127		STUTTGART
Sermon	Sister Promise Atelon SSM	
At the Offering, Anthem	'Surge, illuminare'	Julian Wachner (b. 1969)

ARISE, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will arise, and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
You will call your walls salvation, and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day;
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.
Glory to the Father, Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.

Third song of Isaiah, the Book of Common Prayer

The Final Prayer and Blessing		
Psalms 150	(Sung by the Choir.)	Anglican Chant (<i>Talbot</i>)
Voluntary	Fantaisie from 'Hommage à Frescobaldi'	Jean Langlais

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5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL
Jeremy Filsell
Organist and Director of Music

MUSIC NOTES

Gerre Hancock was an American organist and composer who served as Organist and Master of the Choristers here at Saint Thomas Church from 1971 to 2004. Hancock previously served as Assistant Organist at Saint Bartholomew's Church, New York, before a spell as Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, before returning to New York in 1971. He was born in Lubbock, Texas and studied at the University of Texas at Austin, Union Theological Seminary, and also with renowned French luminaries, Jean Langlais, Marie-Claire Alain and Nadia Boulanger. Hancock was a member of the National Council of the American Guild of Organists, and a founder of the Association of Anglican Musicians. His music for choir and organ is widely performed in the US, and our choir will record in February, a disc of his choral music written for the church and for colleagues and friends across the US. Along with the Rev. John Andrew (Rector here 1972-1996), Gerre Hancock is acknowledged to have rebuilt Saint Thomas Choir in its present form and he enjoys iconic status amongst contemporary church musicians for his artistry as an organist-choir trainer and for his wide-ranging influence on so many church musicians. The *Missa Resurrectionis* was written in 1976 and is dedicated to Rev. John Andrew and Saint Thomas' choristers. A Brass Quintet was added to the organ score in 1985 and the music is based on the hymn tune St. Magnus ("The Head that once was crowned with thorns"), reputedly Father John Andrew's favorite hymn.

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Godfrey Pierson Connfelt and Margaret Crane Hurlbut.

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, January 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Wednesday, January 22, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Thursday, January 23, at 5:30 p.m.

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, 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, January 25 from 11 to 11:45 a.m.*
Confessor – Father Moretz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 – THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST

9 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Sermon by Father Moretz

11 A.M. FESTAL EUCHARIST

Sermon by Father Spencer

4 P.M. FESTAL EVENSONG FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sermon by the Reverend Dr. Stephen P. Bauman
Senior Minister, Christ Church Methodist Church, New York

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

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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.

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. Next **Family Feast**, February 2 (Candlemas) at 10 a.m.

Communion classes continue on January 19 and 26 at 10 a.m. and February 2 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.

Tomorrow, January 20, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the parish offices will be closed. There will be a single celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 12:10 p.m.

Saint Thomas Celebrates Burns Night this Friday, January 24, at 7 p.m. in beautiful Bonnell Hall at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. 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. Please reserve as soon as possible, 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.

You are invited to participate in a **Silent Retreat** at Saint Thomas Church entitled, **“Teach Me Your Paths, O Lord”** led by Sr. Promise Atelon SSM this Saturday, January 25, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sister Promise tells us, *“This retreat is for all who desire to walk closer with God and want God to show them the way. Come, take a break. Teach us your paths, O Lord . . . so that we may grow closer to you and to others.”* The retreat will begin with a complementary, light breakfast on the fifth floor and include individual and group meditation and reflection guided by Sr. Promise, concluding with prayers at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue and Mass. To join this retreat, please contact Sr. Promise at SrPromise@SaintThomasChurch.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: *Strength to Love* by Martin Luther King Jr., along with Children's books: *The Shady Tree* and *Mozart: Gift of God*, both by Demi. Also in stock: 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. Cheng will continue his three-part series on the **theology of Martin Luther King Jr.** The text for the class is *Strength to Love*, which is available for purchase in the parish bookstore. Today's class will explore **Dr. King's ecclesiology**, or theology of the church, through his sermon "A Knock at Midnight," found on pp. 53-64 in *Strength to Love*. Coffee and tea will be provided. Next Sunday, January 26, the series will conclude with an exploration of Dr. King's **theology of grace** through his sermon "The Man Who Was a Fool," found on pp. 65-73 in *Strength to Love*.

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 "God the Son: Incarnation, Atonement, and Glory," will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 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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