



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.

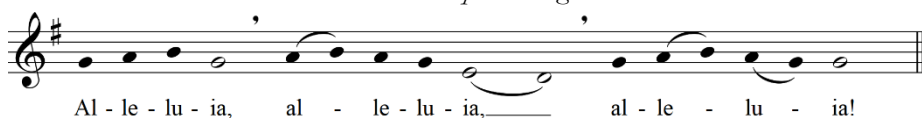
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FEBRUARY 16, 2020

## LAND OF REST

## Gospel Alleluia

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



*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Choir* Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, saith the Lord, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.

*People* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon

Father Bennett

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

*Francesco Cavalli*  
(1602-1676)

**S**ALVE Regina, Mater misericordiae,  
Vita dulcedo et spes nostra salve.  
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Evae.  
Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes,  
in hac lacrimarum valle.  
Eia ergo advocata nostra,  
illos tuos misericordes oculos  
ad nos converte.  
Et Jesum benedictum fructum ventris  
tui nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.  
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

*Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy,  
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To you do we cry poor banished  
children of Eve,  
To you do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate  
your eyes of mercy toward us.  
And after this, our exile,  
Show us the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

*Compline antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

*William Byrd*  
(c. 1540-1623)

**L**OOK down, O Lord, on me poor man;  
in Thee I live, I move and am;  
O clear my soul and conscience,  
that I in Thee my peace find,  
rest to my heart, joy to my mind,  
freed from my sin and mine offence.

*Sir William Leighton*

The Postcommunion Prayer  
The Blessing and Dismissal  
Hymn 680

Voluntary

Fuga a 5 con pedale pro Organo pleno,  
BWV 552ii

ST. ANNE  
*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*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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**FESTAL EVENSONG — 4 p.m.**

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**sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir**

Prelude

Vater unser in Himmelreich, BWV 682

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

Hymn 688

EIN FESTE BURG

Versicles and Responses

*Erik Suter*  
(b. 1973)

Psalms 82, 83, 84, 85,

Plainsong Chant (*Tone VIII<sup>2</sup>, Tone IV<sup>5</sup>, Tone I<sup>2</sup>, Tone VII<sup>7</sup>*)

The Book of Common Prayer, Page 443

Lessons

Isaiah 62:6-12 and 1 Timothy 3:14–4:10

Hymn 134

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

Magnificat

*Michael Gilbertson*

and

(b. 1987)

Nunc dimittis

*Plainsong (Tone IV)*

The Greetings

*(Please be seated.)*

Hymn 116

THIS ENDRIS NYGHT

Sermon

Father Cheng

At the Offering, Anthem

*Andrew Millington*  
(b. 1952)

**O PRAISE** God in his holiness: Praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts: Praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: Praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances: Praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath: Praise the Lord.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Psalm 150*

The Final Prayer and Blessing

Hymn 488

SLANE

Voluntary

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

**MUSIC NOTES**

The music of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina has historically been viewed as the epitome of Renaissance polyphony. A prolific composer, Palestrina wrote 105 masses and more than 300 motets. The *Missa Lauda Sion* derives its melodic material from the Sequence *Lauda Sion Salvatorem*, a hymn celebrating the doctrine of transubstantiation. This hymn can be found in the Hymnal 1982, number 320.

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

*George Arents, Amelia Parsons Ferry, E. Hayward Ferry*

*Margaret Crane Hurlbut, William Henry Hurlbut, Arthur James Manice and Rhoda D. Newman.*

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## DAILY OFFICE AND MASS

### Monday Eucharist: 12:10 p.m. only

Tuesday 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 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Wednesday, February 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Thursday, February 20, at 5:30 p.m.

*These services will be sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

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, February 22, from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Confessor – Father Bennett

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

### THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (QUINQUAGESIMA)

**8 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST**

**9 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST**

Sermon by Father Moretz

**11 A.M. FESTAL EUCHARIST**

Sermon by Mother Turner

**4 P.M. FESTAL EVENSONG**

Sermon by Father Spencer

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

Nicholas Quardokus

*Assistant 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 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.

**Pre-Lenten Pancake Breakfast.** Please join us for the Family Feast on Sunday, February 23, at 10 a.m. in the living room of the Parish House for a time of fellowship, food and pancakes!

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.

**We are now halfway through our February Candlemas Campaign for the 2020 Annual Appeal**, and we thank all the loyal parishioners who have made a pledge in response to this campaign. This year we are making a special appeal to our web listeners for their support, and we also ask any of you who worship in the church and have not yet pledged, to do so today. As you know, Jesus spoke extensively about giving back, a basic Christian responsibility - also a requirement for membership at Saint Thomas. Last week, Jeb Burrows spoke about the importance of the webcasts to him and today we will hear thoughts from Arthur Moore, another parishioner who listens to our webcasts:

*"Nearly every Sunday I receive food for mind, soul and heart from the preaching at Saint Thomas and from the glorious music. If you value the gifts Saint Thomas brings into your life, please join me in pledging to the 2020 Annual Appeal. Every gift, large or small, matters and will be truly appreciated. Trust me, you will have a warm feeling when you do and who knows, you may, before 2020 is out, be "transfixed with rapture" as Mr. Toad was in "The Wind in the Willows."*

If you have not yet pledged to Saint Thomas, please do so 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.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land meeting.** Today at 12:30 p.m., there will be a pre-pilgrimage meeting for all who are registered held on the fifth floor of the Parish House.

**Tomorrow, February 17**, the Parish Offices will be closed in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. There will be a single celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 12:10 p.m.

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*. Purchase tickets either online or by calling the Concerts Office at 212-664-9360.

**Saint Thomas Church will be raising funds again during this Lenten season.** This year, we plan to support the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund in Australia, as well as The Church of Santa Cecilia in Guánica and San Juan Apóstol in Yauco, Puerto Rico, both of which sustained damage during earthquakes last December. We will also support the Church of Saint Augustin Maniche in Haiti, which also sustained damage from natural disasters. Beginning on March 1, tables will be set up in the Narthex and in Andrew Hall following the 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. services to collect donations. **If you are interested in volunteering at a table**, please contact Fr. Spencer at [ASpencer@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:ASpencer@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**The 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: *The Tears of Christ: Meditations for Lent* by St. John Henry Newman and *Saying Yes to Life: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020* by Ruth Valerio. Also in stock: *Martin Luther King Jr for Armchair Theologians* by Rufus Burrow Jr., books for Lent as well as recommended books for reading for the Pilgrims' Course. 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. Spencer begins a two-part series on “**The Spirituality of Saint Ignatius Loyola**,” the sixteenth-century founder of Jesuit order. In the first class of the series, Fr. Spencer will provide an overview of Ignatian spirituality as well as a practical guide to the Examen, a daily practice of reflective prayer. The second class, which will be held on February 23, will focus on Ignatian contemplation and discernment. Come and learn how to deepen your spiritual life and relationship with God.

**Pilgrims’ Course 2020.** 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 Christian Exodus: An Introduction to Lent and Holy Week**,” will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 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*  
The Reverend Adam Spencer, *Associate for Pastoral Care*  
The Reverend Alison J. Turner, *Associate for Children and Family Ministry*  
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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