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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*

ASCENSION DAY

MAY 21, 2020

SOLEMN EUCHARIST

Organist for the Liturgy: Dr. Jeremy Filsell, *Organist and Director of Music*

GREETINGS

The Rector

ENTRANCE

God is gone up
(Archival Recording May 9, 2013)

Gerald Finzi
(1901-1956)

GOD is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:
Sing Praise, sing Praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.
Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their Music, making every string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

Edward Taylor

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia.

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père, from L'Ascension

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

Majesty of Christ praying that his Father should glorify him
Father, the hour is come: glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee.

John 17:1

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

FOR THE PSALM

‘Viri Galilaei’
(*Archival recording, May 17, 2015*)

Patrick Gowers
(1936-2014)

ALLELUIA. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which said unto them, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up to heaven? In like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven, so shall he come again. God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Christ to highest heaven ascending, led captivity captive. Sing ye to the Lord who ascended to the heaven of heavens to the sun rising.

See the conqueror mounts in triumph, see the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds his chariot to his heavenly palace gate.
Hark! the choirs of angel voices joyful Alleluias sing.
And the portals high are lifted to receive their heavenly King. Alleluia.

Proper of the Mass for Ascension; Bishop Christopher Wordsworth

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluias sereins d’une âme qui désire le ciel, from L’Ascension

Olivier Messiaen

Serene Alleluias from a soul longing for heaven

We beseech thee, Almighty God, that we may in mind dwell in heaven.

Collect for Ascension Day

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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.

AFTER THE GOSPEL

Improvisation

SERMON

The Right Reverend Andrew St. John
Bishop in Residence

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

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, FORM I

After each petition the people say:
Lord, have mercy.

After the last petition the people say:
To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant says

LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY

Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire
du Christ qui est la sienne, from L'Ascension

Olivier Messiaen

Outbursts of joy from a soul before the glory of Christ which is its own glory

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light... he raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 1: 2, Ephesians 2: 6

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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 sings the Preface

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS Missa XVIII 'Deus Genitor Alme'

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
In nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

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

People and Celebrant

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

Missa XVIII 'Deus Genitor Alme'

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BEHOLD 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 shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

IBELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may
die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

AT THE COMMUNION Prière du Christ montant vers son Père, from L'Ascension *Olivier Messiaen*

Prayer of Christ ascending toward his Father

And now, O Father, I have manifested thy name unto men... and now I am no more in the world,
but these are in the world, and I come to thee.

John 17:6, 11

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, kneeling*

ALMIGHTY 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 SOLEMN BLESSING

GOD the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. *Amen.*


God the Son, our great high priest, who has passed into the heavens,
clothe you with power from on high. *Amen.*

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful followers of the risen Christ. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*


THE EASTER DISMISSAL

Deacon



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on 'Llanfair'

Worship This Week

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Mass
(live-stream webcast and then available on-demand)

Friday – Saturday at 12 p.m.

Please send your requests for prayers via the website [click here](#)
or emailed to: prayer@saintthomaschurch.org

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

Saturday at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM Platform

(Contact Fr. Spencer at ASpencer@SaintThomasChurch.org for details)



Sunday, May 24 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Solemn Eucharist at 8 a.m.

Celebrant, Father Moretz

Preacher, The Rector

Organist for the Liturgy, Nicolas Haigh

Cantor, Dr. Jeremy Filsell

9.30 a.m. 'FAITH ALIVE'

a weekly group for young teens, those recently confirmed or about to be confirmed
via the **ZOOM Platform**

(see Children & Families notice below for further details)

10 a.m. Bible Study on 1 Corinthians with Fr. Cheng
via the **ZOOM Platform**

(Please [click this link](#) to obtain access)

Children and Families ZOOM Gathering

10:15 a.m.

(see below for further details)

Children and Families' Sunday ZOOM gatherings

In place of our regular Nursery and Sunday School gathering, we are meeting via Zoom **every Sunday** at 10:15 a.m.

If you know a child or family that would like to participate in this half hour gathering, please contact **Mother Turner** at ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org for the required invitation codes.

As we discover new ways of being a church community during in this new chapter of our lives, we will be producing an additional weekly newsletter for families *Be Faithful, Be Creative and Be Connected*. Teens and those recently confirmed have an extra meeting called 'Faith Alive' that meets each week in addition to 'Sunday Zoom.'

If you know a family who wishes to be added to the distribution list for children and families, please also contact **Mother Turner** at ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Pilgrims' Course 2020 Concludes next Tuesday

The **Pilgrims' Course 2020** is a comprehensive introduction to the Christian faith as received and understood by the Episcopal Church. The course is taught by the Rector and Fr. Cheng on the ZOOM Platform.

Our classes will conclude next **Tuesday, May 26, at 6:30 p.m.** with an online session via the Zoom videoconferencing platform. The class is entitled "**Hope: Death, Eternal Life, Mary, and the Communion of Saints.**"

Login instructions will be sent to all those who have registered for the class.

The **full schedule** for the course can be found [here](#). Please email Fr. Cheng at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org if you would like more information about the course.

Friday Online Bible Study

All are welcome to join the parish's ongoing **Friday Online Bible Study** via ZOOM. The class begins at 12:45 p.m. and runs for an hour.

Under the guidance of Fr. Bennett, the class is currently studying the **Gospel According to St. John**. For more information about this group, including the login information, please contact Fr. Bennett at RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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