



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*

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2020

SOLEMN EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.

Organist for the Liturgy: Dr. Jeremy Filsell, *Organist and Director of Music*
Cantor: Mr. Nathaniel Adams, *Gentleman of the Choir*

PRELUDE

Air

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

FOR THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Laudes

Francis Pott
(b. 1957)

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our
ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the
things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

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

The cantor sings the odd verses. All sing the even verses and the Gloria Patri.

THY testimonies are wonderful;* therefore doth my soul keep them.
 130 When thy word goeth forth,* it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.
 131 I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath;* for my delight was in thy commandments.
 132 O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me,* as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.
 133 Order my steps in thy word;* and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.
 134 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men;* and so shall I keep thy commandments.
 135 Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant,* and teach me thy statutes.
 136 Mine eyes gush out with water,* because men keep not thy law.
 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong

Cantor *All*



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. _____

Cantor I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
 No one comes to the Father except through me.

All



Al - le - lu - ia. _____

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

AFTER THE GOSPEL

Improvisation

SERMON

The Rector

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 IV)

After each petition:

Leader: Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

O LORD our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

People and Celebrant

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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

'The Call'

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

COME, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert

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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

Mass XI 'Orbis Factor'

Plainsong

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

Mass XI 'Orbis Factor'

Plainsong

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.*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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

I BELIEVE 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

Walsingham, from 'A House of Ghosts'

Francis Pott

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 BLESSING

The Celebrant says

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;
 2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
 3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;
 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,
 and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
 thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Words: George Washington Doane (1799-1859), alt. Music: *St. James*, Raphael Courteville (d. 1735)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare with Dances, from 'Triptych'

Matthew Martin
 (b. 1976)

Coffee Hour

We will continue hosting our "Virtual Coffee Hour" which will use the ZOOM platform to host a virtual meeting. This meeting will start after the Sunday webcast at 12:30 p.m. and will last no longer than an hour.

It will start with a short prayer and will continue with checking in and conversation, as best we can. The pacing and scope of the online gathering will very much depend on the amount of people who join in. We will continue to experiment with Breakout Rooms, which will allow for smaller groups to talk together. The hour will be moderated by Fr. Spencer, and you can contact him at ASpencer@SaintThomasChurch.org to learn more and receive login credentials. [Please click here to learn more](#) about Zoom, an extraordinary tool for communication and community.

Worship This Week

The Church is open on Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(Face coverings, hand sanitization, health screening, and 6 ft. distancing required for entry)

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Holy Eucharist*
Monday – Saturday at 12 p.m.

(Contact tracing is mandatory to attend Mass)

*Livestream webcast will continue and then be available on-demand

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

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry
Saturday from 10 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church

(need to wear a mask; chairs will be placed at an appropriate distance)

The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary
Saturday at 10 a.m. via ZOOM Platform

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

Young Adult Group Discussion then Compline: Monday evenings
(see email group or Facebook page for details)

Evening Prayer and Meditation with Fr. Spencer
Thursday at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM Platform

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



Next Sunday – August 2, The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Solemn Eucharist at 8 a.m.

Celebrant, The Rector

Preacher, Mo. Turner

Organist for the Liturgy, Nicholas Quardokus

Cantor, Nathaniel Adams

10 a.m. Adult Education class with Fr. Cheng
via the ZOOM Platform

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

To access videos from previous classes and other Theology information, [click here](#).

9:30 a.m. 'FAITH ALIVE'

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

10:15 a.m. Children and Families' Summer ZOOM gathering

(see Children & Families notice below for further details)

Children and Families' "Follow Me" Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 26 through Friday, July 31, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., join us for a flexible, creative faith and fun-filled program for children ages 4-12. Please contact **Mother Turner** at ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org for more information.

Children and Families' Summer 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 'Summer 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.

Friday Online Bible Study

All are welcome to join the parish's ongoing **Friday Online Bible Study** via ZOOM. The class begins at 1:30 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.

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
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