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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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

SOLEMN EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.

Organist for the Liturgy: Mr. David Briggs, *Artist-in-Residence*
The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York City
Cantor: Mr. Padraic Costello, *Gentleman of the Choir*

PRELUDE

Praeludium improvisiert in Stil von J.S. Bach

David Briggs
(b. 1962)

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.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Mass VIII 'De Angelis'

Plainsong

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain
thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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

PSALM 25:1-8

Plainsong (Tone I)

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

U NTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee;* O let me not be
confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed;* but such as transgress without a cause shall be
put to confusion.
3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord,* and teach me thy paths.
4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me:* for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been
my hope all the day long.
5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies,* and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been
ever of old.
6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth;* but according to thy mercy think thou
upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord;* therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment;* and such as are gentle, them shall he learn
his way.
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 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Cantor I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.
People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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 III)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Deacon: Please kneel for the prayers.

The People kneel.

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

In a moment of silence, let us bring our own petitions to the Lord.

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

HASTEN, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

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 COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins.

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

Widerstehe doch der Sünde, BWV 54

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

WIDERSTEHE doch der Sünde,
Sonst ergreift dich ihr Gift.
Laß dich nicht den Satan blenden;
Denn die Gottes Ehre schänden,
Trifft ein Fluch, der tödlich ist.

*Just resist sin,
lest its poison seize you.
Don't let Satan blind you;
for those who defile God's honor
will incur a curse that is deadly.*

Georg Christian Lehmann

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 VIII 'De Angelis'

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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 VIII 'De Angelis'

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.*

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

'Music when soft voices die'
(*Archival Recording, November 7, 2019*)

Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)

MUSIC, when soft voices die,
Vibrates in the memory;
Odours, when sweet violets sicken,
Live within the sense they quicken.

Rose leaves, when the rose is dead,
Are heap'd for the beloved's bed;
And so thy thoughts, when thou art gone,
Love itself shall slumber on.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

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

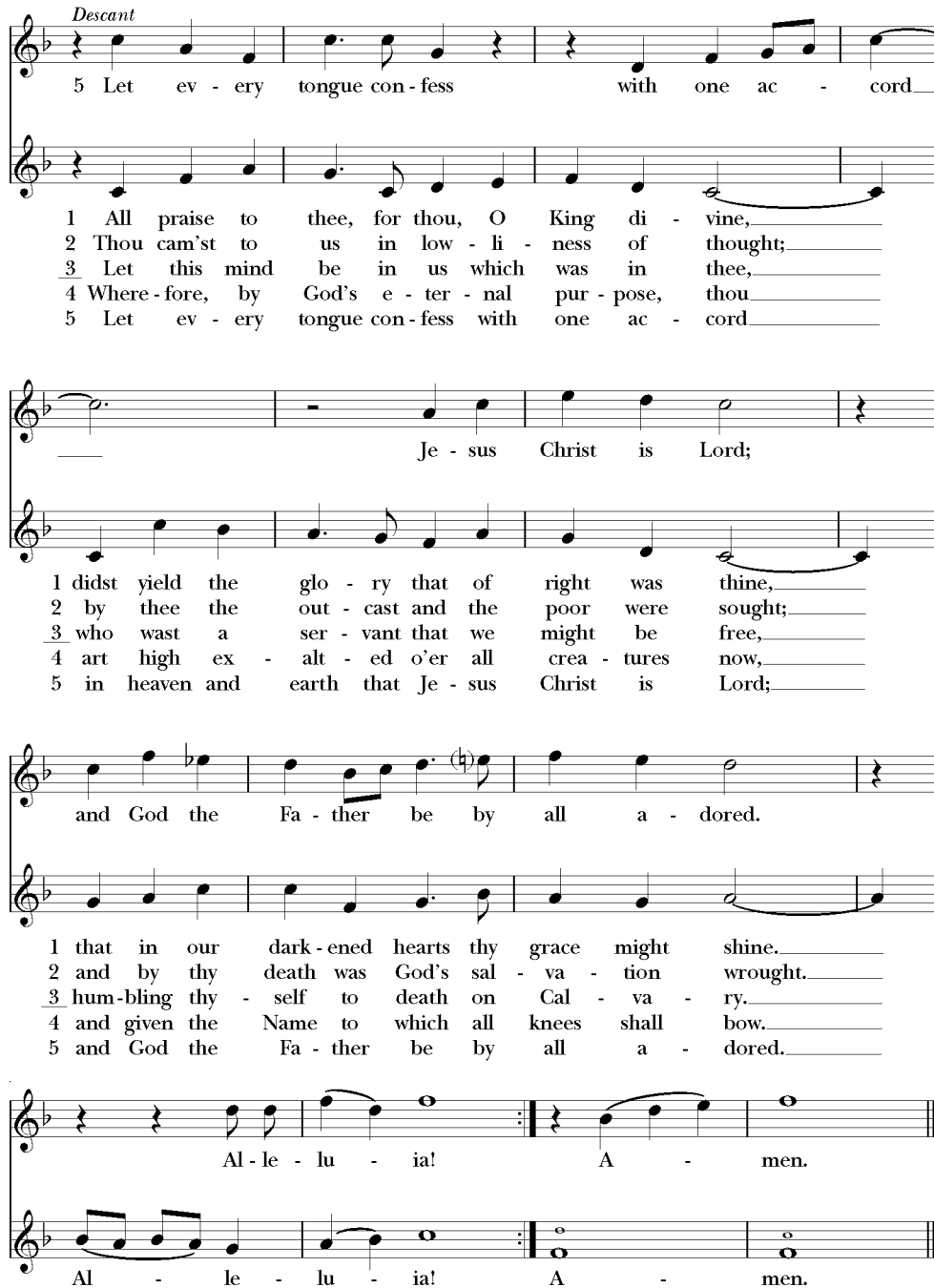
The Celebrant says

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.*

HYMN

ENGELBERG

Descant



5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Postludium improvisiert in Stil von J.S. Bach

David Briggs

Coffee Hour

Please join us for a “Virtual Coffee Hour” using the ZOOM platform, which will be held each Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and lasts 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. Moretz, and you can contact him at MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org to learn more and receive login credentials. [Please click here to learn more](#) about Zoom, an extraordinary tool for communication and community.

Children and Families’ Gatherings

Sunday Zoom! continues **TODAY** at 9:45 am. To obtain login information for the Sunday Zoom! class, please contact **Mother Turner** at ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org. Registration for the fall term is now open.



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 (Resurrection Chapel)
Saturday from 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church (Bishop St. John)
(need to wear a mask; chairs will be placed at an appropriate distance)

The Glorious 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 and Sister Promise
Thursday at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM Platform

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

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.



Next Sunday – October 4, The Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

Solemn Eucharist (webcast only) at 8 a.m. and, thereafter, on-demand

Celebrant, Bishop Andrew St. John

Preacher, The Rector

Organist for the Liturgy, David Briggs

Cantor, Andrew Padgett

Said Eucharist (Rite II) at 9 a.m. (High Altar)

(Pre-registration preferred to ensure seating and to save time on arrival at Church)

[Register by following this link.](#)

Celebrant, The Rector

9:45 a.m. Children and Families' Sunday Zoom!

(see Children & Families notice above for further details)

10 a.m. Adult Education, 12-week course on The Nicene Creed continues this Sunday with Fr. Cheng via the ZOOM Platform

([Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class. You can also contact

Fr. Cheng at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org for more information.)

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

Fall 2020 Digital Concert Season

On Saturday, October 3, at 3:00 p.m., Concerts at Saint Thomas presents American Fulbright Scholar, Joy-Leilani Garbutt in our first digital concert of the Fall 2020 Grand Organ Series. Ms. Garbutt will perform the music of Jeanne Demessieux and *les compositrices françaises* on the Miller-Scott Organ. **On Saturday, October 17, at 3:00 p.m.**, we are pleased to welcome our own Assistant Organist, Nicholas Quardokus, to the series to perform music from the German tradition on both the Loening-Hancock and Miller-Scott Organs. Mr. Quardokus pays homage to the centuries-old organ chorale heritage from Bach to Distler and Buxtehude to Reger, juxtaposing masterworks from the Baroque, late-Romantic, and Neoclassical eras. For tickets and more information, please visit us online at www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts/. All of the concerts on our Fall 2020 Concert Series will be presented online.

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