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in the
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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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

SOLEMN EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.

Organist for the Liturgy: Mr. Nicolas Haigh, *Associate Organist*

Cantor: Mr. John Ramseyer, *Gentleman of the Choir*

PRELUDE

Praeludium in E minor

Nicolaus Brubns
(1665-1697)

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

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, Op. 67/i

Max Reger
(1873-1916)

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

GRANT us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart;
seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength,
so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

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

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

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,* and I shall keep it unto the end.
 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;* yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
 35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;* for therein is my desire.
 36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,* and not to covetousness.
 37 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity;* and quicken thou me in thy way.
 38 O stablish thy word in thy servant,* that I may fear thee.
 39 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of;* for thy judgments are good.
 40 Behold, my delight is in thy commandments;* O quicken me in thy righteousness.
 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 Speak, Lord, for thy servant is listening. Thou hast the words of eternal life.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

AFTER THE GOSPEL

Improvisation

SERMON

The Rev. Adam Spencer
Associate for Pastoral Care

THE NICENE CREED

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

IBELIEVE 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

LORD, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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 Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY

‘So ihr mich von ganzem Herzen suchet’

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

So ihr mich von ganzem Herzen
suchet, so will ich mich finden lassen,
spricht unser Gott. Ach! daß ich wüßte,
wie ich ihn finden und zu seinem Stuhle
kommen möchte!

*“If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,
ye shall ever surely find Me.”
Thus saith our God. Oh!
that I knew where I might find Him,
that I might even come before His presence!*

from Elijah, Op. 70

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.*

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 shouldest 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

Chant de Paix, from Neuf Pièces

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

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

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on 'Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir'

Iain Farrington
(b. 1977)

Coffee Hour

We continue to host 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. 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.



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

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 – September 13, The Patronal Feast of Saint Thomas

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

Celebrant, Mother Turner

Preacher, Bishop Andrew St. John

Organist for the Liturgy, Jeremy Filsell

Cantor, Charles Perry Sprawls

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

Organist for the Liturgy, David Briggs

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

(see Children & Families notice below for further details)

**10 a.m. NEW Adult Education, 12-week course on The Nicene Creed
begins 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](#).

Children and Families' Gatherings

Sunday Zoom! has been on pause for August, but it will resume (re-Zoom) on **Sunday, September 13** at 9:45 am. However, our newsletters have continued throughout the summer, and has been the source of Special Stories recorded for your children, a link to Diddy Disciples and details of summer youth events. To receive this newsletter or 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.

Faith Alive will meet today, **Sunday, September 6**. For more information, please 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.

Fall 2020 Digital Concert Season

Concerts at Saint Thomas announces the Fall 2020 Digital Concert Season which begins on Saturday, October 3, with the **Grand Organ Series** featuring Joy-Leilani Garbutt's recital of organ music by *les compositrices françaises*. Also included in this fall's series are: Nicholas Quardokus, playing his program, *The German Chorale: Masterworks of Bach, Distler, and Reger* and Nicolas Haigh, performing Messiaen's evergreen cycle *La Nativité du Seigneur*. Our keyboard offerings continue with the first three recitals in our new **32@32** series, created by pianist Adam Golka, marking Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday celebrations in which he plays the master's complete Piano Sonatas. Not to be missed in November, our centerpiece concert will include instrumentalists from New York Baroque Incorporated with mezzo-soprano, Sarah Rose Taylor in a concert of music by Handel (Heroic Arias) and Henry Purcell. All concerts are pre-recorded in Saint Thomas Church, "premiered" at a specified time and available on-demand for a limited time after the premiere. For tickets and more information, please visit us online at www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts.

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The Reverend Adam Spencer, *Associate for Pastoral Care*
The Reverend Alison J. Turner,
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The Reverend Dr. Patrick S. Cheng,
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