



# 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.

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## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

### The Penitential Order

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

#### *The Celebrant says*

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

#### *The Celebrant may read a sentence of scripture.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### *The People kneel. Silence is kept.*

#### *Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

#### *The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you  
in eternal life. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.	<i>or</i>	Kyrie eleison.
<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>		<b>Kyrie eleison.</b>
Christ, have mercy.		Christe eleison.
<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>		<b>Christe eleison.</b>
Lord, have mercy.		Kyrie eleison.
<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>		<b>Kyrie eleison.</b>

#### *The People stand. The Gloria in Excelsis is said*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### The Collect of the Day

#### *The Celebrant says to the people*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

*Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Lesson

*Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (R. 1)*

*The Lector announces the psalm response and all repeat.*

### R. Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,  
who walks in his ways.  
You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;  
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table. **R.**

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.  
The Lord bless you from Zion.  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The People stand.*

*Lector* Alleluia, alleluia.  
Abide in me as I in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

*People* **Alleluia.**

## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:14-30*

*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Homily

### The Nicene Creed

*The People stand.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*After each petition:*

Leader: Lord, in thy mercy.  
People: Hear our prayer.

*Silence is kept, then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*People* Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### The Peace

*The People stand. The Celebrant says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

### The Offertory

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*The Celebrant takes the paten with the bread, saying*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
for through your goodness  
we have received the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Celebrant takes the chalice, saying*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
for through your goodness  
we have received the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant says the Preface, ending*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The People kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer concludes*

...now and for ever.

*People* **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then is said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant and People*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

### **The Invitation to Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Behold the Lamb of God.  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
*People* **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter  
under my roof, but only say the word and  
my soul shall be healed.**

*The Celebrant and people receive Holy Communion.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel. Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

*The Celebrant blesses the People and then dismisses them with these words*

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

### **Monday-Saturday**

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Mass (Rite II)

### **Next Sunday, November 22:**

#### **THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

*all services are in-person and two are video-cast.*

9 a.m. Said Mass (Rite II)  
11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist (Rite I) with the choir  
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3 p.m. Festal Evensong with the choir  
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