



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*

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2020

THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY AT 6 P.M.
sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

SETTING	Missa Sancti Thomae 'in tempore enim pestilencia'	<i>Jeremy Filsell</i> (b. 1964)
PRELUDE	'Weihnachten', Op. 145, no. 3	<i>Max Reger</i> (1873-1916)

COVID-19. Current advice from both the CDC and the Bishop strongly discourages congregational singing of hymns and other extended pieces of music. Because the Church is filled to capacity, **only the choir and ministers will sing the hymns.** We apologize for any disappointment this may cause and encourage you to join your prayers with those of the choir and ministers who will sing on your behalf. Responses and acclamations should be sung or spoken **very quietly.**

The Rector and Wardens

The People stand as the Choir and Sacred Ministers enter.

HYMN	<i>Sung by the Choir.</i>	ADESTE FIDELES arranged <i>David Willcocks</i> (1919-2015)
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| <p>O COME, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels;
<i>O come, let us adore him,</i>
<i>O come, let us adore him,</i>
<i>O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</i></p> <p>2. God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
<i>O come, let us adore him,</i>
<i>O come, let us adore him,</i>
<i>O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</i></p> | <p>3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
<i>O come, let us adore him,</i>
<i>O come, let us adore him,</i>
<i>O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</i></p> <p>4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
<i>O come, let us adore him,</i>
<i>O come, let us adore him,</i>
<i>O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</i></p> |
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Eighteenth Century Latin Hymn

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Sung by the Choir.

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O GOD, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant
us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we
also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one
God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

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

- O** SING unto the Lord a new song;* sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
 2 Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name;* be telling of his salvation from day to day.
 3 Declare his honour unto the heathen,* and his wonders unto all people.
 4 For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised;* he is more to be feared than all gods.
 5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols;* but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
 6 Glory and worship are before him;* power and honour are in his sanctuary.
 7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people,* ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
 8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name;* bring presents, and come into his courts.
 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;* let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
 10 Tell it out among the heathen, that the Lord is King, and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved;* and how that he shall judge the people righteously.
 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;* let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it,* then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
 13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth;* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.
 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.

THE EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Plainsong (Mode VI)*

Please stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Moretz
Associate Rector

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand. At Christmas, it is customary to kneel at the underlined words, otherwise to bow.

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

The Celebrant says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The People kneel.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael the Presiding Bishop, Andrew our Bishop, Allen his Suffragan, and Mary his Assistant, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New York, and the Mayor of the City of New York, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, and especially all suffering from the pandemic at this time.

We also give unto thee heartfelt thanks for all thy servants who minister to the sick and the dying, those who work in our hospitals, those who work in the community, all front-liner workers and first responders, and those who work in care homes.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially our own loved and those whom we wish to remember on this holy night (*silence is kept*) beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Thomas our patron, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, 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 neighbors, 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.

Celebrant and People

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 People stand.

THE PEACE

People stand.

The Celebrant says

UNTO us a child is born. Unto us a son is given.
And his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

The Rector

THE ADMISSION OF CHORISTERS

The Director of Music presents the Boys for admission:

Reverend Father, I present to you these Boys, to be admitted Choristers of this Church of Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue.

The Rector asks the Boys to be admitted the following:

Do you desire to be admitted a Chorister of this Church?

The Boys answer:

I do.

The Rector says:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I admit you *N.* a Chorister of this Church. *Amen.*

After receiving his Surplice, the Director of Music hands to the Rector a Hymnal for each Boy. The Rector says:

Remember always that what you sing with your lips, you should believe in your heart, and what you believe in your heart, you should practice in your life. *Amen.*

When the Hymnal has been distributed, the Rector says:

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who makes us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable unto thee: We offer our prayers to thee for thy servant here present, and more especially for him who has now been admitted to a place in the Choir of this Church. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over him; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with him; and so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of thy holy word that, in the end, he may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY

C'est la Noël

Gaston Litaize
(1909-1991)

C'EST la Noël
Sur la minuit tous les bergers
sortent du lit.
S'en vont tout droit vers leurs agneaux
Endormis bien au chaud.
"Pasteurs le ciel vous garde,"
Leur dit l'ange du ciel.

It is Christmas!
At midnight the shepherds all rise from their beds.
They head straight to their lambs
Asleep nice and warm.
"Heaven protects you, Shepherds,"
The heavenly angel said to them.

Ainsi cet ange leur parla,
"Les belles choses que voilà!
Le Seigneur vient de naître tout près
de Bethléem.
Il faut quitter vos âîtres
Et venir voir Noël."

Thus this angel spoke to them saying,
"Beautiful things are here!
The Lord is born near Bethlehem.
You must leave your hearths
And come to see Noel."

Ils y sont tous ensemble allés.
Ils se sont tous agenouillés.
Alors un grand éclair soudain illumina
l'Enfant
Et la Vierge sa mère,
Reine de tous les Saints.

They went all together.
They all knelt down.
And suddenly a great light illuminated the Child
And the Virgin his mother,
Queen of all the Saints.

Pasteurs il faut prier notre Dieu
Car il nous sauve dans les cieux
Afin que sur la terre
Sa sainte volonté
Apaïse toutes guerres.
Croyons en sa bonté.

Shepherds we must pray to our God
Because he saves us in the heavens
So that on earth
His holy will
May pacify all wars.
Let us believe in his goodness.

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If you are present in church, you may leave an offering in the baskets as you leave.

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

IT is meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir.

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

Please kneel.

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,

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

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

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir.

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

The Celebrant says

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.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only in the Crossing and in the Chantry Chapel.
Gluten free hosts are available – please ask the priest.*

AT THE COMMUNION, CAROLS

Sung by the Choir.

In the bleak midwinter

*Mary Caldwell
(1909-2003)*

IN the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But only his mother in her maiden bliss
worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

Christina Rossetti

Infant Holy, Infant lowly

arranged by *Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)*

INFANT Holy, Infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
Nowells ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you.

Traditional Polish Carol

Silent Night

The Celebrant places the Christ Child in the Crèche.

Franz Gruber
(1787-1863)
arranged by *John Scott*
(1956-2015)

SILENT night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Joseph Mohr

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 AND DISMISSAL

The Bishop in Residence says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

MAY Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

HARK! the herald-angels sing
 Glory to the new-born King;
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled:
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies,
 With the angelic host proclaim,
 Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
 Glory to the new-born King.*

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 Late in time behold him come
 Offspring of the Virgin's womb:
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
 Hail the incarnate Deity!
 Pleased as man with man to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
 Glory to the new-born King.*

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 Risen with healing in his wings;
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 Born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth,
 Born to give them second birth.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
 Glory to the new-born King.*

Charles Wesley

VOLUNTARY

'Dieu Parmi Nous' from La Nativité du Seigneur

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

We congratulate

Elias Jeon, Constantin Lafourcade and Henry Park
 who were admitted as Choristers today.

UPCOMING SERVICES**Saturday, December 26 – St. Stephen the First Martyr**

The Church is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Face coverings, hand sanitization, health screening, and 6 ft. distancing required for entry.)

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel
 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Priest: The Rector
(need to wear a mask; chairs will be placed at an appropriate distance)

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Mass (Rite II)
Live audio stream webcast continues, and then on-demand.

✠ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**The First Sunday after Christmas Day****9 a.m. Said Eucharist (Rite II) (High Altar)**

Celebrant and Preacher, The Rector

*(Pre-registration is essential to ensure seating
 and to save time upon arrival)*

[Register by following this link.](#)

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Saint Thomas Choir

(video livestreamed, and, thereafter, on-demand)

Preacher, The Rector

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The Church is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Monday, December 28 – The Holy Innocents
12 p.m. Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Mass (Rite II)
Live audio stream webcast continues, and then on-demand.

Tuesday, December 29 – 850th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Thomas of Canterbury
12 p.m. Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Mass (Rite II)
Live audio stream webcast continues, and then on-demand.

Wednesday - Saturday
12 p.m. Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Mass (Rite II)
Live audio stream webcast continues, and then on-demand.

✠ **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**
New Year's Eve

**11:30 p.m. A Service to Welcome in the New Year
and Pray for Peace in 2021 (pre-recorded)**

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

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

Evening Prayer and Meditation will not meet on December 31. It will resume on January 7.

✠ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

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

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11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist
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✠ **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6**
The Epiphany

12 p.m. Solemn Eucharist
sung by the Gentlemen of the Saint Thomas Choir

(video livestreamed, and, thereafter, on-demand)

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PARISH NOTICES

This Christmas season, please join *Concerts at Saint Thomas* online for two special archival audio presentations. Our first offering of **Handel's *Messiah*** features the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with New York Baroque Incorporated. The second concert features The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir's performance of **Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*** from 2019. Both of these archival audio presentations are now available On-demand through Christmas. While we cannot be together in person for these annual events, we hope you will enjoy listening to them this Christmas. To listen, visit www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts.

We are pleased to announce that The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boy's newest CD, entitled '**The Music of Gerre Hancock**' is now available to our valued Parishioners and Friends of Music. We are offering this special pre-release of our newest CD for \$15 each plus tax and shipping, or take advantage of our discount pricing of 2 for \$25.00 or 3 for \$30. Order yours today by emailing Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org and be sure to include the following: full name, address, phone number, CD order request. We will call you at the phone number provided to process your payment.

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Coffee Hour

We continue to host our Virtual Coffee Hour which will use the ZOOM platform to host a virtual meeting at 12:45 p.m. Contact Fr. Moretz at MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org to learn more and receive login credentials.

Children and Families' Gatherings

Sunday Zoom! is on break until January 10. However, special family activities will be available via our weekly Children and Families newsletter. If you know a family that would like to receive our regular newsletter or to obtain login information for either the Sunday Zoom! or Faith Alive, contact **Mother Turner** at ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Friday Online Bible Study will not meet today or January 1. It will resume on January 8. For more information, contact Fr. Bennett at RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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