



# 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*

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## A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 — 3 p.m.

### PRELUDE

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen, from Elf Choral-Vorspiele Op. 122

*Johannes Brahms*  
(1833-1897)

**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*

**HYMN** Once in royal David's city (*The first three verses are sung by the Choir alone*)

IRBY

**O**NCE in royal David's city,  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. And, through all his wondrous childhood,  
He would honor and obey,  
Love, and watch the lowly maiden,  
In whose gentle arms he lay;  
Christian children all must be  
mild, obedient, good as he.

4. For he is our childhood's pattern,  
Day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feeleth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
When like stars his children crowned,  
all in white shall wait around.

*Cecil Frances Alexander*

## THE BIDDING

**B**ELOVED in Christ, at this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this city and diocese of New York.

And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are for ever one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**O**UR 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.

**T**HE Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life, and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

*The People sit.*

**CAROL** This is the truth sent from above

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
(1872-1958)

**T**HIS is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love,  
Therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate is that God did man create;  
The next thing which to you I'll tell, woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose;  
And so a promise soon did run that he would redeem us by his Son.

And at the season of the year our blest Redeemer did appear;  
He here did live, and here did preach, and many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved;  
And if you want to know the way, be pleas'd to hear what he did say.

*Traditional English Carol*

**FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 3:8-15

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

*Reader: A Member of the Congregation*

**CAROL** Rorate Caeli

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Plainsong (Mode I) and*  
*Jeanne Demessieux*  
(1921-1968)

**R**ORATE caeli desuper,  
et nubes pluant justum.

Ne irascaris Domine,  
ne ultra memineris iniquitatis:  
ecce civitas Sancti facta est deserta:  
Sion deserta facta est, Jerusalem desolata est:  
domus sanctificationis tuæ et gloriæ tuæ,  
ubi laudaverunt te patres nostri.

Peccavimus, et facti sumus  
tamquam immundus nos,  
et cecidimus quasi folium universi:  
et iniquitates nostræ quasi ventus abstulerunt nos:  
abscondisti faciem tuam a nobis,  
et allisisti nos in manu iniquitatis nostræ.

Vide Domine afflictionem populi tui,  
et mitte quem missurus es:  
emitte Agnum dominatorem terræ,  
de Petra deserti ad montem filiæ Sion:  
ut auferat ipse jugum captivitatis nostræ.

Consolamini, consolamini, popule meus:  
cito veniet salus tua:  
quare mærore consumeris,  
quia innovavit te dolor?  
Salvabo te, noli timere,  
ego enim sum Dominus Deus tuus,  
Sanctus Israël, Redemptor tuus.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

*Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,  
neither remember iniquity for ever:  
thy holy city is a wilderness,  
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:  
our holy and our beautiful house,  
where our fathers praised thee.*

*We have sinned,  
and are as an unclean thing,  
and we all do fade as a leaf:  
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away:  
thou hast hid thy face from us:  
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.*

*Behold, O Lord, the affliction of thy people,  
and send forth him whom thou wilt send;  
send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth,  
from Petra of the desert to the mount of the daughter of Sion:  
that he may take away the yoke of our captivity.*

*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people;  
my salvation shall not tarry:  
why wilt thou waste away in sadness?  
why hath sorrow seized thee?  
Fear not, for I will save thee:  
For I am the Lord thy God,  
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.*

## SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.*

*Reader: A Member of the Sunday School*

**CAROL** Jesu as Thou art our Saviour

*Sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir.*

*Benjamin Britten  
(1913-1976)*

**J**ESU, Save us all through Thy virtue.

Jesu, as Thou art our Saviour  
That Thou save us fro dolour!  
Jesu is mine paramour.  
Blessed be Thy name, Jesu.

Jesu was born of a may,  
Upon Christēmas Day,  
She was may befor and ay,  
Blessed be Thy name.

*Anonymous Fifteenth Century*

## THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

*Reader: A Gentleman of the Choir*

**CAROL** Balulalow

*Sung by the Boys of the Choir.*

*Benjamin Britten*

**O** MY dere hert, young Jesu sweit,  
Prepare thy creddil in my spreit,  
And I sall rock thee to my hert,  
And never mair from thee depart.  
But I sall praise thee evermoir  
With sanges sweit unto thy gloir;  
The knees of my hert sall I bow,  
And sing that richt Balulalow.

*James, John and Robert Wedderburn*

*The People stand.*

**HYMN** O little town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN

**O** little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

2. O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth;  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.

3. How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

*Phillips Brooks*

*The People sit.*

**FOURTH LESSON**

Isaiah 11:1-9

*The Peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*  
*Reader: The Organist and Director of Music*

**CAROL** Jubilate Deo in chordis, SWV 276

*Sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir.*

*Heinrich Schütz*  
(1585-1672)

**J**UBILATE Deo in chordis et organo,  
in tympano et choro.  
Cantate et exultate et psallite,  
psallite sapienter.  
Alleluja.

*Let us rejoice with strings and organ,  
with drum and in chorus.  
Sing and rejoice and sing psalms,  
as well as you know how.  
Alleluia.*

*Psalms 150:4; Psalms 98:4*

**FIFTH LESSON**

Luke 1:26-38

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*  
*Reader: A Member of the Choir School Faculty*

**CAROL** Ave maria

*Sung by the Boys of the Choir.*

*Matthew Martin*  
(b. 1976)

**A**VE Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum;  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Regina caeli,  
dulcis et pia, O Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
ut cum electis te videamus.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Queen of heaven,  
sweet and saintly, O Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, so that with the elect we may look  
upon you.*

*Saint Luke 1:28*

**SIXTH LESSON**

Luke 2:1-7

*Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*  
*Reader: A Member of Faith Alive*

*The People stand.*

**HYMN** Unto us a boy is born!

**PUER NOBIS NASCITUR**

**U**NTO us a boy is born!  
The King of all creation,  
came he to a world forlorn,  
the Lord of every nation.

2. Cradled in a stall was he  
with sleepy cows and asses;  
but the very beasts could see  
that he all men surpasses.
3. Herod then with fear was filled;  
'A prince,' he said, 'in Jewry!'  
All the little boys he killed  
at Bethlehem in his fury.
4. Now may Mary's son, who came  
so long ago to love us,  
lead us all with hearts aflame  
unto the joys above us.
5. Unto us a boy is born!  
The King of all creation,  
came he to a world forlorn,  
the Lord of every nation.

*Fifteenth Century Latin Carol*

*The People sit.*

**SEVENTH LESSON**

Luke 2:8-16

*The shepherds go to the manger.*  
*Reader: A Member of the Congregation*

**CAROLS** C'est la Noel

*Sung by the Boys of the Choir.*

*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.

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

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.

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

*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.*

*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."*

*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.*

*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.*

**EIGHTH LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-12

*The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.*  
*Reader: The Deacon of the Parish*

**CAROL** Reges Tharsis

*Sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir.*

*William Byrd*  
(c. 1540-1623)

**R**EGES Tharsis,  
et insulae munera offerent:  
Reges Arabum, et Saba dona adducent,  
et adorabunt eum omnes Reges terrae,  
omnes gentes servient ei.

*The kings of Tarshish*  
*and the isles shall bring gifts:*  
*the kings of Arabia and Saba shall offer presents*  
*to the Lord God: and all kings of the earth shall*  
*adore him; all nations shall serve him.*

*Psalm 71:10-11; Offertory, Mass for Epiphany*

**CAROL** In the bleak midwinter

*Sung by the Boys of the Choir.*

*Mary Caldwell*  
(1909-2003)

**I**N 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.

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.

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.

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*

*The People stand.*

**NINTH LESSON**

John 1:1-14

*Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

*Reader: The Rector*

*The People sit.*

**CAROL** What tidings?

*Sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir.*

*Alun Hoddinott*  
(1929-2008)

**W**HAT tidings bring you, messenger,  
Of Christ's birth on Christmas Day?

A babe is born of high nature,  
A Prince of Peace that ever shall be;  
Of heaven and earth he hath the cure,  
His lordship is eternity,  
Such wondrous tidings ye may hear:  
That God and man is one on earth,  
Brought to us by this wondrous birth.

A seemingly sight it is to see:  
The maid that hath this baby borne  
Conceived a lord of high degree,  
And maiden is as was before.  
Such wondrous tidings ye may hear:  
That God and man is one on earth,  
Brought to us by this wondrous birth.

A wondrous thing has now befall:  
That lord that made both sea and sun,  
Heaven and earth and angels all,  
In mankind is now become.  
What tidings bring you, messenger?  
Now God and man is one on earth,  
Brought to us by this wondrous birth.

That lord that all thing made of nought  
Is man become for mankind's love,  
For with his blood he shall be brought  
From woe to bliss that is above,  
Such wondrous tidings ye may hear:  
Now God and man is one on earth,  
Brought to us by this wondrous birth.

*John Audelay*

*The People stand.*

**HYMN** O come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

**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;  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

2. God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created:  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

3. See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps:  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

4. Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest:  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Eighteenth Century Latin*

*The People remain standing for the final prayer, the blessing and the hymn.*

#### THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

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

**O** GOD who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ:  
Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence  
behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

#### THE BLESSING

**C**HRIST, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the  
fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the  
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you  
always. *Amen.*



**H**ARK! 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

In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

Sortie on 'In Dulci Jubilo'

*David Briggs*  
(b. 1962)

## PARISH NOTICES

**Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials** are now being received in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. The deadline is **Sunday, December 20.**

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org) to learn more and receive login credentials.

### **Children and Families' Gatherings**

**Sunday Zoom!** continues today at 10 a.m. with a virtual Christmas Pageant and Celebration with readings, solos and prayers led by children and young people of Saint Thomas Church. 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](mailto:ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Friday Online Bible Study** will not meet on Friday, December 25 or January 1. It will resume on January 8. For more information, contact Fr. Bennett at [Bennett@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:Bennett@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**The Church is open Monday through Thursday, and 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** (Contact details are mandatory to attend Mass)

**Monday – Wednesday and Saturday at 12 p.m.**

*Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

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

**Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel**

**Saturday from 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)*

**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 24 or 31. It will resume on January 7.

✠ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

12 p.m. Said Vigil Eucharist of Christmas (Rite II) (High Altar)

*Celebrant, Fr. Mark Brown, Honorary Assistant*

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

[Register by following this link.](#)

6 p.m. Solemn Eucharist of the Nativity  
*sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir*

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

*Celebrant, The Rector*

*Preacher, Fr. Moretz*

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

[Register by following this link.](#)

✠ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

10 a.m. Solemn Eucharist of the Nativity  
*sung by the Gentlemen of the Saint Thomas Choir*

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

*Celebrant and Preacher, The Rector*

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

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12 p.m. Said Eucharist (Rite II) (High Altar)

*Celebrant, Fr. Adam Spencer*

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

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✠ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

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

*Celebrant, Fr. Spencer*

*Preacher, Sr. Promise*

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

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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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✠ **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)

✠ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

**The Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

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

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✠ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 6**

**The Epiphany**

12 p.m. Solemn Eucharist

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Saint Thomas Choir*

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