



# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

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*

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 27, 2020

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SOLEMN EUCHARIST  
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

SETTING	Missa in Nativitate Domini nostri Jesu	<i>Giuseppe Pitoni</i> (1657-1743)
PRELUDE	'Pastorale' from Concerto grosso in G minor 'Fatto per la Notte di Natale', Op.6 No.8	<i>Arcangelo Corelli</i> (1653-1713)

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.

**A**LMIGHTY 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.*

**G**LORIA 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.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word:  
Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People sit.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE LESSON

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

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

### PSALM 147

*Sung by the Choir.*

Plainsong (*Tone VIII<sup>1</sup>*)

**O**PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God;\* yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

- 2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem,\* and gather together the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He healeth those that are broken in heart,\* and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
- 4 He telleth the number of the stars,\* and calleth them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power;\* yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
- 6 The Lord setteth up the meek,\* and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
- 7 O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving;\* sing praises upon the harp unto our God:
- 8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth;\* and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;
- 9 Who giveth fodder unto the cattle,\* and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
- 10 He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse;\* neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
- 11 But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him,\* and put their trust in his mercy.
- 12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem;\* praise thy God, O Sion.
- 13 For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates,\* and hath blessed thy children within thee.
- 14 He maketh peace in thy borders,\* and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.
- 15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth,\* and his word runneth very swiftly.
- 16 He giveth snow like wool,\* and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
- 17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels:\* who is able to abide his frost?
- 18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:\* he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob,\* his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
- 20 He hath not dealt so with any nation;\* neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.  
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

Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7

*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

John 1:1-18

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Andrew St. John  
*Bishop in Residence*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The People stand. 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 IV)

*After each petition:*

*Leader:* Lord, in thy mercy.

*People:* Hear our prayer.

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

**O** GOD, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Celebrant and People*

**A**LMIGHTY 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*

**A**LMIGHTY 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

*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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

*William Byrd*  
(c. 1540-1623)

**O**MNES de Saba venient aurum  
et thus deferentes:  
et laudem Domino anuntiantes.

*All they from Sheba shall come:  
they shall bring gold and incense.  
and they shall shew forth their praises of the Lord.*

Surge illuminare, Jerusalem  
quia venit lumen tuum:  
et Gloria Domini super te orta est.  
Alleluia.

*Arise, for thy light is come  
to shine upon Jerusalem  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.  
Alleluia.*

*from Isaiah 60; Gradual, Mass for Epiphany*

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## 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*

**I**T 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.*

**S**ANCTUS, 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*

**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.

## 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.*

**A**GNUS 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*

**B**EHOLD 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.  
Gluten free hosts are available to the right of the Celebrant.*

## AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

*Sung by the Choir.*

*William Byrd*

**O**MAGNUM mysterium  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent  
Dominum natum  
jacentem in praesepe.  
Beata Virgo,  
cujus viscera meruerunt  
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.  
Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum.

*O most awesome mystery  
and sacrament divine and most wondrous,  
that animals should look and see the Lord  
a babe newborn  
beside them in a manger laid.  
O how truly blessed is the Virgin,  
whose womb was worthy  
to bear and bring forth the Lord Christ Jesus.  
Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.*

*Fourth of the Nine Responsories for Matins of Christmas Day*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Said by all, kneeling*

**A**LMIGHTY 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 AND DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And with thy spirit.

**M**AY Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*The People stand as the Ministers depart.*

**VOLUNTARY**

'Le Verbe' from La Nativité du Seigneur

*Olivier Messiaen*  
(1908-1992)

### PARISH NOTICES

With the 2021 Winter Concert Season right around the corner, tickets and packages for *Concerts at Saint Thomas'* digital concert presentations are now available for the **Beethoven 32@32 Series** (Recitals IV-VIII) and **Marcel Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ Series** (Recitals I-VI). Both of these series are free online presentations. Beginning in January 2021, **Friends of Music** will receive exclusive invitations to attend our concerts in-person as we begin to welcome back our audience. Email [concerts@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:concerts@saintthomaschurch.org) or call 212-664-9360 to make your donation and complete your in-person reservation with our team. In-person tickets are limited, and reservations must be made through the Concerts Office. Our special Christmas archival audio presentations of **Handel's *Messiah*** and **Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*** from 2019, are both still available on-demand now through January 6, 2021. To listen, and for more information about our 2021 offerings, 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 shipping and taxes, where applicable, or take advantage of our discount pricing of two for \$25.00 or three 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!** 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](mailto:ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org).

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

### SERVICES THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

**The Church is open 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** (Contact details are mandatory to attend Mass)

**Monday – 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 Rt. Rev. Andrew St. John  
(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 31. It will resume on January 7.

✠ **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)

*(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)*

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and to save time upon arrival)*

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✠ **SUNDAY, 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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