



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*

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

FESTAL EVENSONG — 3 p.m.
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

COVID-19. Please note that **only the choir and ministers will sing the hymns – the congregation must not join in the singing.** 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*

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre
from 'Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes'

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

(World Premiere)

Jonathan Bolena
(b. 2005)

Priest O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Priest O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Priest Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 142

Sung by the Choir.

Anglican Chant (*Stainer*)

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice:
yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.
I poured out my complaints before him: and shewed him of my trouble.
When my spirit was in heaviness thou knewest my path:
in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.
I looked also upon my right hand: and saw there was no man that would know me.
I had no place to flee unto: and no man cared for my soul.
I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said: Thou art my hope,
and my portion in the land of the living. Consider my complaint:
for I am brought very low. O deliver me from my persecutors:
for they are too strong for me. Bring my soul out of prison,
that I may give thanks unto thy Name: which thing if thou wilt grant me,
then shall the righteous resort unto my company.
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 People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

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1. The Lamb's high ban - quet we a - wait In snow - white robes of roy - al state,
2. Up - on the al - tar of the Cross His Bo - dy has re - deem'd our loss,
3. That Pas - chal eve God's arm was bared, The de - va - stat - ing an - gel spared;
4. Now Christ our Pass - ov - er is slain, The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
5. O thou from whom hell's mon arch flies, O great, O ve - ry Sac - ri - fice,



And now, the Red Sea's chan - nel past,
 And tast - ing of his pre - cious Blood,
 By strength of hand our hosts went free
 And he, the true un - leav - en'd Bread,
 Thy cap - tive peo - ple are set free,



To Christ our Prince we sing at last.
 Our life is hid with Christ in God.
 From Pha - roah's ruth - less ty - ran - ny.
 Is tru - ly our ob - la - tion made.
 And end - less life re - stor'd in thee.

6. For Christ, arising from the dead,
 From conquer'd hell victorious sped,
 He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,
 And Paradise for man regains.

7. Maker of all, to thee we pray,
 Fulfil in us thy joy today;
 When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
 May share thy Pascal victory.

8. To thee who, dead, again dost live,
 All glory, Lord, thy people give,
 All glory to the Father be
 And Spirit blest, eternaly. Amen.

MAGNIFICAT IN C

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
 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 People sit.

SECOND LESSON

John 21:15-25

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN C

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy catholic Church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Priest Let us pray.
Choir Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Priest O Lord, save the State;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Priest Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Priest O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O GOD, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son 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 SECOND COLLECT

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE THIRD COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The People sit.

ANTHEM

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

LOVE divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

SERMON

The Rector

HYMN

CROFT'S 136TH

1. 'Thou art the Christ, O Lord, The Son of God most high!'
 2. O sure-ly he was blest With bless-ed-ness un- priced,
 3. Thrice fall-en, thrice re- stored, The bit- ter les- son learnt,
 4. O bright tri-um-phant faith, O cour-age void of fears,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music is in a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 4. The lyrics are: 1. 'Thou art the Christ, O Lord, The Son of God most high!' 2. O sure-ly he was blest With bless-ed-ness un- priced, 3. Thrice fall-en, thrice re- stored, The bit- ter les- son learnt, 4. O bright tri-um-phant faith, O cour-age void of fears,

For ev - er be a - dored That name in earth and sky,
 Who, taught of God, con - fessed The God - head in the Christ;
 That heart for thee, O Lord, With tri - ple hon - or burnt.
 O love most strong in death, O pen - i - ten - tial tears!

In which, though mor - tal strength may fail,
 For of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own
 The cross he took he laid not down
 By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,

The saints of God at last pre - vail.
 Thy saint a true foun - da - tion stone.
 Un - til he grasp'd the mar - tyr's crown.
 And make us go where thou shalt call.

THE BLESSING

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on Croft's 136th

C. H. H. Parry
 (1848-1918)

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education. Fr. Cheng continues his exploration of the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. Often described as Paul's most personal letter, Second Corinthians addresses themes of suffering, generosity, and authentic ministry. First time attendees should [RSVP here](#). If you would like more information about this series, please contact Fr. Cheng at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families' Gatherings

Faith Alive (for ages 11+) will meet today at 9:30 a.m. over Zoom. All families are welcome to join **Sunday Zoom!** at 10:15 a.m. today. 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.

Pilgrims' Course 2021 will not meet on Tuesday, April 20. Instead, please join us at 6:30 p.m. for the **2021 Spring Theology Lecture**, "Opera and Christianity: Grace, Faith, and Miracles," which will be delivered via Zoom. Our lecturer will be Ms. Desirée Mays, the renowned lecturer with the Metropolitan Opera. To RSVP for this event, please [fill out this form](#). Please email Fr. Cheng at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org if you would like more information about this course.

Concerts at Saint Thomas invites you to join us for our next concert featuring Organist and Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell playing **Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ V** on Saturday, April 24, at 3 p.m. This concert will include a limited in-person audience, and will also be available via livestream. In-person tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased online. For tickets and more information, please visit us [here](#). Support **Concerts at Saint Thomas** by becoming a **Friend of Music**. To make your donation with our team, email concerts@saintthomaschurch.org or call 212-664-9360.

The Bookstore and Gift Shop is selling an inscribed Saint Thomas Church, 3-Ply Face Mask with removal PM 2.5 filter for \$8 plus shipping and taxes, where applicable. The mask may be purchased by sending an email to the Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org. Please be sure to include your full name, address, telephone number and mask request. We will contact you at the number provided to process your payment.

Friday Bible Study continues at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom, and runs for about an hour. For more information, contact Fr. Bennett at RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org.

SERVICES THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

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

Face masks, 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.

Open to the Public, live audio stream and then on-demand.

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

✠ WEEKDAY CHORAL EVENSONGS

(NOTE: these services will be video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

Wednesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. and

Thursday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: The Rector

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

Young Adult Group Compline:

Monday evenings (email YoungAdults@SaintThomasChurch.org for more information)

Evening Prayer and Meditation with Sister Promise SSM

Thursday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Platform

(Contact Sr. Promise: SrPromise@SaintThomasChurch.org for details)

✠ SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(NOTE: all service are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

Services open to the public – please pre-register for 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

9 a.m. Said Mass

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Preacher: Mo. Turner

3 p.m. Festal Evensong

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Preacher: Fr. Bennett

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