



**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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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 25, 2021**

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**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**

Pastorale, Op. 19

*César Franck*  
(1822-1890)

*At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.*

**VERSICLES AND RESPONSES**

*Jonathan Bolena*  
(b. 2005)

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

**PSALM 119:89-104**

*Sung by the Choir.*

Anglican Chant (*Atkins, Marchant*)

**O** LORD, thy word: endureth for ever in heaven.  
Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another:  
thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.  
They continue this day according to thine ordinance: for all things serve thee.  
If my delight had not been in thy law: I should have perished in my trouble.  
I will never forget thy commandments: for with them thou hast quickened me.  
I am thine, O save me: for I have sought thy commandments.  
The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.  
I see that all things come to an end: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.  
Lord, what love have I unto thy law: all the day long is my study in it.  
Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers: for thy testimonies are my study.  
 I am wiser than the aged: because I keep thy commandments.  
 I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I may keep thy word.  
 I have not shrunk from thy judgements: for thou teachest me.  
 O how sweet are thy words unto my throat: yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.  
 Through thy commandments I get understanding: therefore I hate all evil ways.  
 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.

## FIRST LESSON

Exodus 25:1-4, 30-38

*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.

**M**Y 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

Matthew 7:15-29

*The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

in tempore enim pestilencia

Jeremy Filsell

**L**ORD, 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.

**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 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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and 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

**L**IGHTEN 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

*T. Frederick H. Candlyn*

(1892-1964)

*Organist of St. Thomas Church (1943-1954)*

**K**ING of glory, King of peace,  
 I will love thee;  
 and that love may never cease,  
 I will move thee.  
 Thou hast granted my request,  
 thou hast heard me;  
 thou didst note my working breast,  
 thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art  
 I will sing thee,  
 and the cream of all my heart  
 I will bring thee.  
 Though my sins against me cried,  
 thou didst clear me;  
 and alone, when they replied,  
 thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
 I will praise thee;  
 in my heart, though not in heaven,  
 I can raise thee.  
 Small it is, in this poor sort  
 to enroll thee:  
 e'en eternity's too short  
 to extol thee.

*George Herbert (1593-1632)*

#### SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Bennett  
*Assistant Priest*

## HYMN

## GAUDEAMUS PARITER



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

## THE BLESSING

**T**HE 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

Variations sur Lucis Creator

*Jehan Alain*  
 (1911-1940)

## 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 [PCcheng@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:PCcheng@SaintThomasChurch.org).

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

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](mailto:ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Pilgrims' Course 2021** continues this Tuesday, April 27. The course is a comprehensive introduction to the Christian faith as received and understood by the Episcopal Church. The course is taught by the Rector and Fr. Cheng over Zoom, and meets most Tuesdays until May. This week's topic is: **Relationships: Marriage, Commitment, and Religious Communities**. Please [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at [PCcheng@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:PCcheng@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys** announces the release of "The Music of Gerre Hancock", our first new choral album in seven years. The performances on the new recording are led by Dr. Jeremy Filsell, with accompaniment from Benjamin Sheen (former Associate Organist), Nicholas Quardokus (Assistant Organist), and The Saint Thomas Brass Ensemble. [Listen](#) to tracks and purchase your own copy of the album to stream or [order the CD](#) directly from our website.

**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](mailto: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](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 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](mailto:prayer@saintthomaschurch.org)

### ✠ **WEEKDAY CHORAL EVENSONGS**

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

**Tuesday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. and**

**Wednesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m.**

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

**Rosary Group – The Sorrowful Mysteries**

**Saturday at 10 a.m. via Zoom.** (email [MBrown@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:MBrown@SaintThomasChurch.org) for more information)

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

**Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: Mo. Turner**

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

**Young Adult Group Compline:**

**Monday evenings** (email [YoungAdults@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:SrPromise@SaintThomasChurch.org) for details)

### ✠ **SUNDAY, MAY 2**

#### **Fifth 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 Gentlemen of the Choir*

**Preacher: Sr. Promise**

**3 p.m. Festal Evensong**

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

**Preacher: Fr. Brown**

### **ASSISTING CLERGY**

The Reverend Matthew Moretz, *Associate Rector  
and Interim Director of Administration*  
The Reverend Alison J. Turner,  
*Associate for Children and Family Ministry*  
The Reverend Dr. Patrick S. Cheng,  
*Theologian in Residence*  
The Reverend Ryan Bennett, *Assistant Priest*  
The Reverend Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM, *Deacon*

### **STAFF**

Dr. Jeremy Filsell, *Organist and Director of Music*  
Nicolas Haigh, *Associate Organist*  
Nicholas Quardokus, *Assistant Organist*  
Aaron W. Koch, *Head Verger*  
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The Reverend Andrew C. Mead, OBE, DD, *Rector Emeritus*  
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The Reverend Gina Gore, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Reverend Canon Anne Mallonee, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Reverend David F. Mc Neeley, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Reverend William A. Norgren, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Reverend Thomas F. Pike, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Rev. Canon Prof. J. Robert Wright, *Honorary Assistant*

### **THE VESTRY**

The Rector, *Chair*

Kazie Metzger Harvey, *Warden*  
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