

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK

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The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

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.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 26, 2021

FESTAL EUCHARIST – 11 A.M. sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa de Beata Virgine

Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

PRELUDE

In dulci jubilo BuxWV 197

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir. This Hymn is sung as the Sacred Ministers go to the altar.

HYMN

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



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.

The Celebrant says

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

Caratias 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,

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

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

LAUDATE DOMINUM

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.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart: and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars: and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power: yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek: and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving: sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

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;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle: and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse: neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him: and put their trust in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates: and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: and his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who is able to abide his frost?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

He sheweth his word unto Jacob: his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

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.

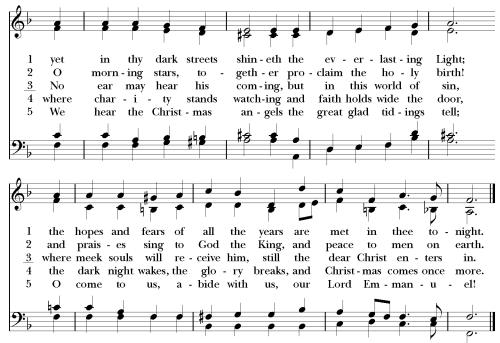
THE EPISTLE Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

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

The People stand.

HYMN ST. LOUIS





Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The People stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John. People



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Mark Schultz, Associate for Pastoral Care

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. 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)

The Leader says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel. After each petition

Leader Lord, in thy mercy. People Hear our prayer.

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

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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

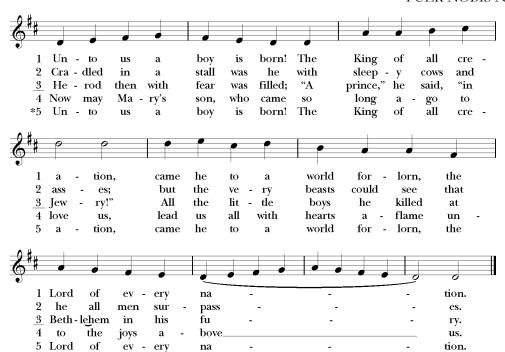
JUBILATE Deo in chordis et organo, in tympano et choro. Cantate et exultate et psallite sapienter. Alleluja.

Rejoice in God with strings and organ, with drum and in chorus. Sing and rejoice and sing psalms as well as you know how. Alleluia.

Paraphrase of Psalm 98:4

HYMN

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLift 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.

T is very 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.

Benedictus qui venit In nomine Domini Hosanna in excelsis.

The People kneel.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

AMEN.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those unable to receive Holy Communion)

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar; I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there. Never permit me to be separated from thee!

O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only at the Crossing. Gluten free hosts are available; please ask the priest.

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 upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

ANTHEM
Sung by the Choir
Adrien Willaert
(c.1490-1562)

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

O great mystery
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you.
Alleluia!

Responsory for Matins on Christmas Day

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

MAY 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*.



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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education. There will be no class on December 26 or January 2. It will resume January 9.

Children and Families' Gatherings. The Sunday School and Nursery will be on Christmas recess until Sunday, January 9. During the Sunday Services today and on January 2, the Nursery will be available for babies and toddlers with their parents. Young children with their families are also welcome to use the quiet area in the Chantry Chapel. For any queries regarding the above or to receive our weekly newsletter please contact: ChildrenandFamilies@SaintThomasChurch.org. Thank you to all who supported our Advent and Christmas Outreach Projects, and who attended our recent Crèche Service.

The Noble Singers. Our new children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now underway. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays at 4-4:45 p.m. and/or Saturdays from 10-10:45 a.m. It's not too late to join us. Registration is currently available online. This FREE music program features the acclaimed RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) Voice for Life curriculum in which choristers will gain different colored ribbons by working towards different assessed levels of music and vocal instruction. Beginning in January 2022, we will start singing weekly at the 9 a.m. service. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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

Welcome the Christmas Season into your home with on-demand performances featuring The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Whether you are re-living these concerts or watching them for the first time, our December livestream concert presentations are available for a limited time only. Don't miss the magic of Christmas at Saint Thomas Church. On-demand tickets are available on our website. 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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

The Church is open for Private Prayer and Visits

Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Proof of vaccination, face masks, hand sanitization and health screening are required for entry.

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions)

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

The Daily Eucharist

Monday - Saturday at 12:05 p.m. Live audio stream and then on-demand.

CHORAL SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

The 11 am service is video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand

▼ SUNDAY, JANUARY 2THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

9 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Cantor: Alex Longnecker Sermon by Mo. Turner

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by Fr. Bennett

ASSISTING CLERGY

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