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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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 17, 2021

FESTAL EVENSONG — 3 p.m.

**with commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir**

PRELUDE

Reges Tharsis (*Méditation sur l'offertoire de l'Épiphanie*)

Gaston Litaize
(1909-1991)

At the entry of the Choir and Ministers, the People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Michael Leighton Jones
(b. 1948)

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 146

Sung by the Choir.

Plainsong (Tone VIII²)

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: while I live, will I praise the Lord;* yea, as long as I have any being,
I will sing praises unto my God.
2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man;* for there is no help in them.
3 For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again to his earth,* and then all his
thoughts perish.
4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,* and whose hope is in the Lord his God:
5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is;* who keepeth his promise for ever;
6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong;* who feedeth the hungry.
7 The Lord looseth men out of prison;* the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen;* the Lord careth for the righteous.
9 The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow:* as for the way of the
ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore,* and throughout all generations.
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

Amos 5:21-24

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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The People stand for the Magnificat.

MAGNIFICAT IN E

Sung by the Choir.

Charles Macpherson
(1870-1927)

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.

SECOND LESSON

James 2:1-4

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Apostles' Creed.

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, which 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 them 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

ALMIGHTY God, who by the hand of Moses thy servant didst lead thy people out of slavery, and didst make them free at last: Grant that thy Church, following the example of thy prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of thy love, and may strive to secure for all thy children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. *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.*

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel

GOD of love, we pray for your church: For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, our Bishop, Alan, his Suffragan, and Mary, his assistant; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,
Hear our prayer.

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom
Hear our prayer.

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice
Hear our prayer.

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace
Hear our prayer.

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy
Hear our prayer.

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace
Hear our prayer.

Silence is kept.

GRANT, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

John Joubert
(1927-2019)

Christu paremus cantica, In excelsis gloria.

WHEN Christ was born of Mary free,
In Bethlehem, that fair city,
Angels sung e're with mirth and glee, *Refrain*

This King is come to save his kind,
In the scripture as we find;
Therefore this song have we in mind: *Refrain*

Herdmen beheld these angels bright--
To them appeared with great light,
And said, "God's Son is born this night," *Refrain*

Then, dear Lord, for thy great grace,
Grant us the bliss to see thy face,
Where we may sing to thy solace. *Refrain*

Fifteenth Century Carol

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Moretz
Associate Rector

HYMN

DICKINSON COLLEGE

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace; where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

THE BLESSING

GOD give you grace to share the inheritance of his saints in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Carillon from Sept Pièces, Op. 27

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education, 12-week course on The Nicene Creed concludes today at 10 a.m. with Fr. Cheng via the ZOOM Platform ([Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org

Children and Families' Gatherings

Sunday Zoom! continues this Sunday at 10:15 a.m. with a **Talent Show** at 2 p.m. featuring live and recorded performances by the children and families of Saint Thomas via Zoom. 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.

On Tuesday at 6:30pm the PILGRIM'S CLASS meets via Zoom. This week's topic is **God the Son: Incarnation, Atonement, and Glory**. Please contact Fr. Cheng for log-in details.

On Monday at 10am, the Church Club of New York is encouraging us to participate in a 'virtual' celebration of the **Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Bishop Dietsche will be preaching. The celebration is a cooperation between the Episcopal Diocese of New York and the Bronx Council and traditionally raises funds for the MLK Memorial Scholarship Fund. Here is a link for further details:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Virtual-Bronx-wide-M--L--King--Jr--Celebration---Monday--January-18--10-a-m-.html?soid=1102067254998&aid=B5MwQ6lprZY>

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Monday, January 18. Here is a link to daily prayer resources and bible study from 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.'

<https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/WPCU-2021-English-pamphlet-Final.pdf.pagespeed.ce.SnR5lgw9dp.pdf>

On Saturday, January 23, at 3 p.m., *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents Organist and Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell, playing **Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ I** on the Miller-Scott Organ. This is the first in a series of nine, free concerts that will be presented via livestream. Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make your donation, email concerts@saintthomaschurch.org or call 212-664-9360. Ticket packages for *Concerts at Saint Thomas'* 2021 digital concert presentations are available for both the **Beethoven 32@32 Series** (Recitals IV-VIII) and **Marcel Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ Series** (Recitals I-VI). Visit www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts for more information about our 2021 offerings.

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 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.

The Bookstore and Gift Shop is selling an inscribed Saint Thomas Church, 3-Ply Face Mask 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 Online 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.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN

We are pleased to announce the publication of the Saint Thomas Strategic Plan. The plan will inform all decision-making and activities as we seek to fulfill our mission. Visit our website where you can view the full-color booklet outlining the process, goals, and steps toward implementation.

The printing and mailing of the Plan was generously underwritten, and all parishioners and Church and Choir School supporters will receive their copy in the coming weeks.

On the website you will also find the survey results from Wellspring Consulting and a beautiful short film created by Blake Martin.

Here is a link to the webpage: <https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/strategicplan/>

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.

In-person, Live audio stream and then on-demand.

Please send your requests for prayers *via the website* [click here](#) *or emailed to:* 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: Mother Turner

(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 with Sister Promise

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

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

✠ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**

The Third Sunday after The Epiphany

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

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Officiant: The Rector

Preacher: Fr. Moretz

3 p.m. Festal Evensong

sung by the Boys of the Choir

Officiant: Mo. Turner

Preacher: The Rector

ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Matthew Moretz, *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Adam Spencer, *Associate for Pastoral Care*
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The Reverend Dr. Patrick S. Cheng,
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The Reverend Ryan Bennett, *Assistant Priest*
The Reverend Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM, *Deacon*

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