

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

SOLEMN EVENSONG — 3 p.m. sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

PRELUDE Choral Dorien Jehan Alain
(1911-1940)

At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

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 46, 87 Sung by the Choir. Plainsong (Tone V^1 , Tone I^5)

GOD is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

- 3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
- 4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
- God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed: God shall help her, and that right early.
- The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved: but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord: what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
- 9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world: he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
- 10 Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.
- The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

 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.

ER foundations are upon the holy hills:

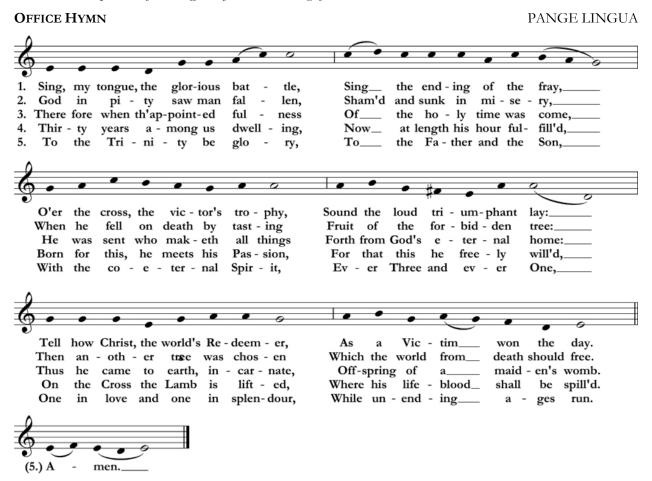
the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

- 2 Very excellent things are spoken of thee: thou city of God.
- 3 I will think upon Rahab and Babylon: with them that know me.
- Behold ye the Philistines also: and they of Tyre, with the Morians; lo, there was he born.
- 5 And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her: and the most High shall stablish her.
- The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people: that he was born there.
- The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse: All my fresh springs shall be in thee. 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 Isaiah 49:13-18

The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.



MAGNIFICAT

In tempore enim pestilencia

Jeremy Filsell (b. 1964)

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.

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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 Revelation 21:1-7

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS In tempore enim pestilencia Jeremy Filsell

ORD, now lettest thou in, because For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; **ORD**, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

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

T 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.

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;

And grant us thy salvation. Choir

O Lord, save the State; Priest

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness; Priest

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people; Priest Choir And bless thine inheritance. Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God. Choir

O God, make clean our hearts within us; Priest Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT

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

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

Judith Bingham

(b. 1952)

BENEATH these alien stars
In darkness I have stood alone,
Barriers more than mountains
Between me and my home

The Desert Wind has waved my hair, And desert sands have etched my face, And the courage of the mountains Has bound me to this place

And something of its peace I've won, Triumphant now the day is done, Oh, I have stood with only God Between me and the sun.

Pioneer Woman' by Vesta Pierce Crawford (1844-1955)

SERMON

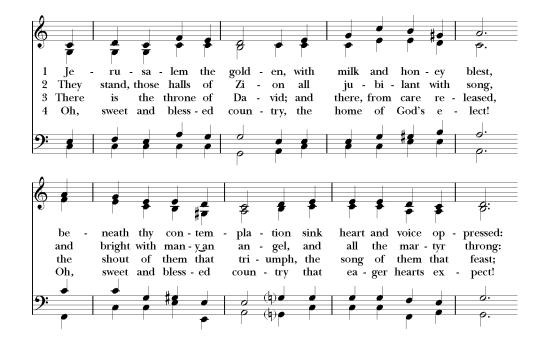
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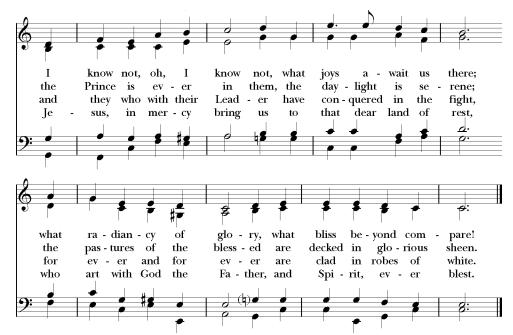
Honorary Assistant

Lenten Sermon Series - 'Dreams and Visions'

V: The New Jerusalem

HYMN EWING





Words: Bernard of Cluny (12th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. St. 4, Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861 Music: Ewing, Alexander Ewing (1830-1895)

THE BLESSING

CHRIST crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

POSTLUDE

Postlude from In Memoriam, Op. 61

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education series on the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians continues this Sunday at 10 am. Often described as St. Paul's most emotional letter, Second Corinthians addresses powerful themes about suffering, strength in weakness, generosity, and authentic ministry. We will examine how these themes are relevant to our lives today. Click here to RSVP for the online class or 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. Throughout Lent, we will focus on new ways of praying. 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 continues this Tuesday, March 23. 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: "They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread": The Eucharist at the Heart of Our Common Life. Please <u>Click here</u> to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at <u>PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.</u>

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents two Holy Week Meditations featuring Organist and Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell, playing a Lenten offering of the music of Marcel Dupré on Monday, March 29, at 6:45 p.m. followed by Dupré's seminal *Le Chemin de la Croix* on Tuesday, March 30, at 6:45 p.m. Both Meditations will be presented via livestream following the Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday Solemn Eucharists. Anyone registered for and attending these services in-person is invited to stay for the Meditations. Ticket packages for *Concerts at Saint Thomas* '2021 digital concert presentations are available for both the Beethoven 32@32 Series (Recitals VI-VIII) and Marcel Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ Series (Recitals III-VI). 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. For more information about our 2021 offerings, visit 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 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 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 Lenten Book Study. During the season of Lent, this 1:30 p.m. class on Fridays over Zoom will study Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book, Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven. The class 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.

<u>Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Holy Eucharist (Contact details are mandatory to attend Mass)</u> <u>Monday – Saturday at 12 p.m.</u>

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

▼ FESTAL EVENSONG FOR THE EVE OF THE ANNUNCIATION

NOTE: these services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

Wednesday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

▼ SOLEMN EUCHARIST FOR THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Thursday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Preacher: The Rector

(This service will be video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

▼ COMPLINE WITH REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Friday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

(This service will be video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: Fr. Moretz

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

Young Adult Group Compline:

Monday evenings (email Young Adults @ Saint Thomas Church.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, MARCH 28

Palm Sunday

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

Services open to the public — please pre-register

9 a.m. Said Mass

11 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms & Solemn Eucharist of the Passion

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb

Meade Professor in Biblical Interpretation, Virginia Theological Seminary

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Preacher: The Rector

ASSISTING CLERGY The Reverend Matthew Moretz, Associate Rector

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The Reverend Alison J. Turner,
Associate for Children and Family Ministry
The Reverend Dr. Patrick S. Cheng,
Theologian in Residence
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