# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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# THE PATRONAL FEAST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 AT 11 A.M.

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

## 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 ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Communion Service in B flat and F

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

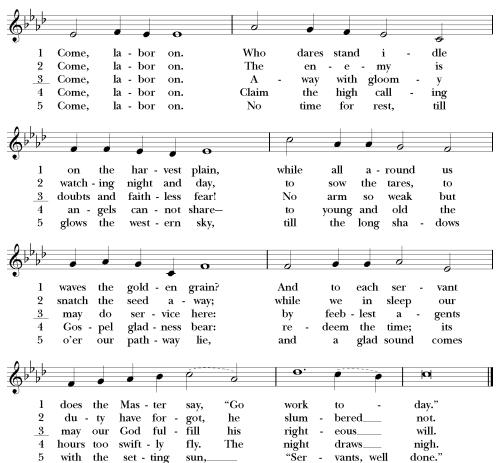
**PRELUDE** 

Prelude and Fugue on a Theme of Vittoria

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

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

HYMN ORA LABORA



#### 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.* 

#### ADMISSION OF HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD CHORISTERS

The People sit. The Choir and ministers remain standing. The Rector and Head of School stand at the top of the Chancel steps. The Director of Music presents the Boys for admission to the Rector, saying

**REVEREND** Father, I present to you Fernando Morel to be admitted as Head Chorister, and William Petretta to be admitted as Deputy Head Chorister of this Church of Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue.

The Rector addresses those to be admitted

Do you desire to be admitted as Head Choristers of this Church?

Answer I do.

The Rector says

Do you promise to set a good example, show respect to those in authority, and encourage your fellow choristers to offer their best to God and to the Choir School?

Answer I do.

The Rector takes the hand of the Head Chorister and says

I admit you, Fernando, as Head Chorister of this Church in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* 

The Rector takes the hand of the Deputy Head Choristers and says

I admit you, William, as Deputy Head Chorister of this Church in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

The Rector then adds this prayer

Let us pray.

The People stand.

SING, rejoice and be glad. Praise the Lord with a merry voice and take care that what you sing with your lips you may believe in your heart and practice in your life. May God grant you grace so to worship and serve him on earth, that you may praise him eternally among the saints in heaven. *Amen.* 

The Boys return to their places in the Choir stalls.

#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Sung by the Choir

CLORY 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.

God the Father annighty.

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, 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. And with thy spirit. People

Celebrant Let us pray.

TVERLIVING God, who didst strengthen thine apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in thy sight; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The People sit.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Habbakuk 2:1-4

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

**PSALM 126** Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Turle)

#### IN CONVERTENDO

HEN The Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like unto them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen: The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord: as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed: shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

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 Hebrews 10:35-11:1

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

HYMN ST. BOTOLPH



#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The People stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Jesus saith unto Thomas, "Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20:24-29

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON The Rector

HYMN (VERSES 1-2)



The People remain standing. Fr. Moretz stands with the Rector and Wardens. The Rector addresses the Congregation

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

The People sit.

The Rector says

In the continuing of the strategic plan across the parish and the Choir School. I commend this ministry to you, the people of this parish, and ask you to support Matthew in all his endeavors done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Rector says to Fr. Moretz

Matthew, will you endeavor to undertake this new responsibility to the best of your ability?

Answer By God's help I will.

The Rector addresses the People

Will you who witness this new beginning, support and uphold Matthew in this ministry? *People* We will.

Fr. Moretz kneels and the Rector blesses him, saying

MAY the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your heart by faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon you, this day and always. *Amen*.

Fr. Moretz stands.

#### THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The People stand. The Celebrant says

THROUGH the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. Together with Matthew, let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and

renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

People

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,

and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,

and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant sprinkles the People with Holy Water as a reminder of their baptism.

HYMN (VERSES 3-5)



#### LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing. Fr. Moretz leads the Litany.

For the Church universal, of which thou, O Christ, art the foundation and chief cornerstone, We thank thee, O Lord.

For our Parish and for our Choir School, We thank thee, O Lord.

For thy presence whenever two or three have gathered together in thy Name, We thank thee, O Lord.

For making us thy children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life, We thank thee, O Lord.

For the knowledge of thy will and the grace to perform it, *We thank thee*, O *Lord*.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as may be most expedient for us, We thank thee, O Lord.

For the pardoning of our sins, which restores us to the company of thy faithful people, We thank thee, O Lord.

For the blessing of lives with thy goodness, *We thank thee, O Lord.* 

For the faith, perseverance, and generosity of those who have gone before us, *We thank thee*, O *Lord*.

For the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, the holy apostles and martyrs, Saint Thomas our Patron, and all the saints, *We thank thee, O Lord.* 

The Celebrant concludes

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

People

Please be seated.

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)

#### 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.

The Celebrant continues

It 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.

Through the great shepherd of thy flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the ages.

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

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory, Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.

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

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

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

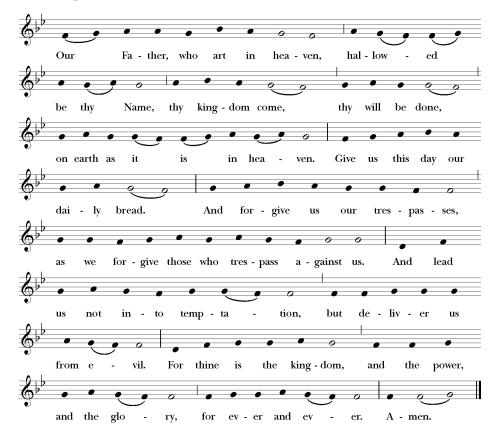
AMEN.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant and People



#### 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**

 $B^{\mathtt{EHOLD}}$  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.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only in the Crossing.

Gluten free hosts are available; please ask the priest.

#### **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.

#### AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

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, have mercy upon us.

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

MOTET
Sung by the Choir
American Spiritual
arr. Gerre Hancock

DEEP river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace?

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

American Spiritual

#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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.

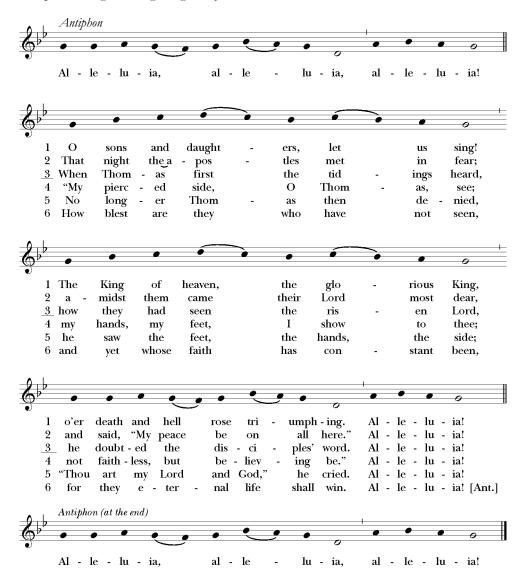
#### THE BLESSING

GOD, who hast prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

When the procession reaches the Icon of Saint Thomas in the Nave, the hymn is paused and all turn to face the Icon.

HYMN O FILII ET FILIAE

The Antiphon is sung at the beginning and after each verse.



#### ACCLAMATION

Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy power.

All thy works praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

They shew the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The hymn continues.

#### DISMISSAL

The Deacon says

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY** 

People

Final (Suite Op. 44)

*Marcel Dupré* (1886-1971)

#### **PARISH NOTICES**

**Adult Education** is still on break. It will resume on Sunday, September 26.

**Children and Families' Gatherings.** Sunday School will resume with an expanded, in-person program on Sunday, September 19. The annual Family Picnic in Central Park will also be held at 1 p.m. that day. For more information, contact <a href="mailto:ChildrenandFamilies@SaintThomasChurch.org">ChildrenandFamilies@SaintThomasChurch.org</a>.

Concerts at Saint Thomas is pleased to announce that tickets for the 2021-2022 Concert Season are now on sale to the general public. To purchase in-person or digital tickets and for information about future concerts, please visit us Here. On Saturday, September 18, at 3 p.m., Concerts at Saint Thomas presents our first concert of the season featuring Organist and Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell, playing Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ VII on the Miller-Scott Organ. 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 Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys released its first new choral album in seven years, "The Music of Gerre Hancock", in April 2021. The performances on the new recording are led by Dr. Jeremy Filsell, with accompaniment from Benjamin Sheen (former Associate Organist), Nicholas Quardokus (former Assistant Organist), and The Saint Thomas Brass Ensemble. <u>Listen</u> to tracks and purchase your own copy of the album to stream or order the CD directly from our website.

New Children's Parish Choir. Under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, coming this fall is a new children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays at 4-4:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 10-10:45 a.m., beginning Tuesday, September 14, and Saturday, September 18. This FREE music program will feature 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. Our first appearance as a choir will be at the Crèche Service in December. Then, beginning in January 2022, we will sing at the 9 a.m. Sunday morning Mass (Family 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**.

#### SERVICES THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

The Church is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (to 6:30 p.m. on major feast days)

Face masks for the unvaccinated, hand sanitization, health screening, and 6 ft. distancing required for entry.

<u>Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Holy Eucharist</u> (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

<u>Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry</u> in the Resurrection Chapel Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: The Rector

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

## **★ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**HOLY CROSS DAY

(NOTE: All choral services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

#### 5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

**Preacher: The Rector** 

## **★ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(NOTE: All choral services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

#### 9 a.m. Sung Eucharist

The first of our celebrations which are especially suitable for children

#### 11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Preacher: Fr. Moretz

#### 4 p.m. Festal Evensong

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Preacher: Fr. Bennett

#### ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Matthew Moretz, Vicar and Chief Operating Officer
The Reverend Alison J. Turner,
Associate for Children & Family Ministry
and School Chaplain
The Reverend Ryan Bennett, Assistant Priest

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### Saint Thomas Choir School

#### Do you know a boy who loves to sing?

Founded in 1919, the Saint Thomas Choir School is the only boarding school solely for choristers in the United States, and one of only three schools of its type remaining in the world today. The Choir School offers a challenging pre-preparatory curriculum, interscholastic sports, and musical training for boys in grades three through eight. Following graduation, boys move on to highly competitive independent boarding and day schools across the country.

The Saint Thomas Choir School is committed to training and educating talented musicians without regard to religious, economic, or social background. Generous financial aid is available to all successful applicants. Inquiries from interested families are sought throughout the year.

The Gentlemen of the Saint Thomas Choir are professional singers; the Boy Choristers attend the Saint Thomas Choir School. The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys is represented by Karen McFarlane Artists, Inc. and records exclusively for Resonus Classics.

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