



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 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 6, 2021

COVID-19. Note for in-person worshippers: Please DO NOT sing the hymns. 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. Other responses and acclamations should be sung or spoken **very quietly**. Please do not change your pew assignment without asking the Ushers.

The Rector and Wardens

SOLEMN EUCHARIST – 12 P.M.
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

SETTING The Short Service *Arthur Wills*
(1926-2020)

PRELUDE Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie *Maurice Duruflé*
(1902-1986)

HYMN *Sung by the Choir.* STUTTGART

EARTH has many a noble city;
Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.

2. Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing
seen in fleshly form on earth.

3. Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblations rich and rare;
see them give, in deep devotion,
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

4. Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.

5. Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped
at thy glad epiphany,
unto thee, with God the Father
and the Spirit, glory be.

Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern 1861

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.

ALmighty 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.*

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,
 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.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son
 to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith,
 to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same
 Jesus Christ our Lord, 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**

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14*Sung by the Choir.*Plainsong (*Tone VIII*²)

GIVE the King thy judgments, O God,* and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
 2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right,* and defend the poor.
 3 The mountains also shall bring peace,* and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
 4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right,* defend the children of the poor, and punish the
 wrong doer.
 5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth,* from one generation to another.
 6 He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool,* even as the drops that water the earth.
 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;* yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
 10 The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents;* the kings of Arabia and Saba shall
 bring gifts.

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

The Deacon says

Let us worship the Saviour with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

The People kneel.

After each petition,

Reader Lord, in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

After a brief silence, the Celebrant concludes the prayers with this Collect

ALMIGHTY God, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. In thy unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY 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

ALMIGHTY 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 People stand.

THE PEACE

People stand.

The Celebrant says

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

*Peter Cornelius
(1824-1874)*

DREI Könige wandern aus Morgenland;
Ein Sternlein führt sie
zum Jordanstrand.
In Juda fragen und forschen die drei,
Wo der neugeborene König sei?
Sie wollen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold
Dem Kinde spenden zum Opfersold.

Und hell erglänzet des Sternes Schein:
Zum Stalle gehen die Könige ein;
Das Knäblein schau'n sie wonniglich,
Anbetend neigen die Könige sich;
Sie bringen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold
Zum Opfer dar dem Knäblein hold.

O Menschenkind! halte treulich Schritt!
Die Könige wandern, o wandre mit!
Der Stern der Liebe, der Gnade Stern
Erhelle dein Ziel, so du suchst den Herrn,
Und fehlen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold,
Schenke dein Herz dem Knäblein hold!

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
voll Gnad und Wahrheit von dem Herrn,
die süße Wurzel Jesse.
Du Sohn Davids aus Jakobs Stamm,
mein König und mein Bräutigam,
hast mir mein Herz besessen;
lieblich, freundlich, schön und herrlich,
groß und ehrlich, reich an Gaben,
hoch und sehr prächtig erhaben.

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar
to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travellers three,
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee,
as Mary's child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King;
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
the Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
offer thy heart to the infant King.*

*How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
our Jesse tree now bloweth.
Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
my soul with love o'erfloweth.
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,
rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

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If you are present in church, you may leave an offering in the baskets as you leave.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Preface

IT is 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 People kneel.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with 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

OUR 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

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir.

OLAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

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.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only in the Crossing – please follow the markings on the floor.

Gluten free hosts are available – please ask the Celebrant.

AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

‘The Journey’
Sung by the Choir.

Simon Lole
(b. 1957)

THE wise men left their country
To journey morn by morn,
With gold and frankincense and myrrh,
Because the Lord was born,
God sent a star to guide them,
And sent a dream to warn.
My life is like their journey,
Their star is like God’s book,
I must be like those good wise men
With heavenward heart and look
But I shall give no gifts to God,
What precious gifts they took.
Lord I will give my love to Thee,
Than gold more costlier,
More sweet to Thee than frankincense,
More prized to Thee than myrrh,
Lord, make me dearer day by day,
By day holier,
Near and nearer day by day,
‘Til I my voice unite,
And sing my ‘Glory’ with angels clad in white,
All ‘Glory given to Thee’
Through all the angel height!

Christina Rossetti

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling

ALmighty 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 SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

MAY Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

VOLUNTARY

Epiphanie

Gaston Litaize
(1909-1991)

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.

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: Bp. St. John

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

Evening Prayer and Meditation with Fr. Spencer and Sister Promise

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

(Contact Fr. Spencer: ASpencer@SaintThomasChurch.org for details)

Friday Online Bible Study resumes this Friday, January 8. For more information, contact Fr. Bennett at RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org.

✠ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

The Baptism of Our Lord

9 a.m. Said Eucharist (Rite II) (High Altar)

*(Pre-registration is essential to ensure seating
and to save time upon arrival)*

[Register by following this link.](#)

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: Father Spencer

(video livestreamed, and, thereafter, on-demand)

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and to save time upon arrival)*

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3 p.m. Solemn Evensong

and Farewell to Father Adam Spencer

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

(video livestreamed, and, thereafter, on-demand)

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