

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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

JANUARY 3, 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 – 11 a.m. sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

SETTING Missa Aeterna Christe munera Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

(c. 1525-1594)

PRELUDE Prelude on 'Divinum Mysterium' T. Frederick Candlyn

(1892-1964)

PERSONENT HODIE HYMN Sung by the Choir. melody from Pies Cantiones

(1582)

N this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save as; him the Father gave us. Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him. Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

- 3. God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him. Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!
- 4. On this day, angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us. Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

Piae Cantiones, 1582; tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929) [Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!' is Latin for 'Therefore, glory to God in the highest!']

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.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir.

C LORIA in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias 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,

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.

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*.

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Jeremiah 31:7-14

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

How amiable are thy dwellings,* thou Lord of hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord;* my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young;* even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;* they will be alway praising thee.
- 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;* in whose heart are thy ways.
- 6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well;* and the pools are filled with water.
- 7 They will go from strength to strength,* and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
- $8\,\,\mathrm{O}$ Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;* hearken, O God of Jacob.

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 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Plainsong Mode VI

Please stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! People Alleluia, 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!
Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON The Reverend Mark Brown

THE NICENE CREED

People

The People stand. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

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 III)

Reader: Please kneel for the prayers.

The People kneel.

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee; *That thy Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in thy sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.*

In a moment of silence, let us bring our own petitions to the Lord.

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

A LMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *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.

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 People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

Unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given. And his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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

THE GREETINGS
The Rector

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

HRISTE, redemptor omnium
Ex patre, Patris unice,
Solus ante principium
Quis natus inefffabiliter,

Memento, salutis Auctor, Quod nostri quondam corporis Ex illibata virgine Nascendo formam sumpseris.

Hunc caelum, terra hunc mare, Hunc omne quod is eis est, Auctorem adventus tui Exsultans laudat cantico.

Gloria tibi, Domine, Qui natus es de virgine; Cum Patre et Sancto Spiritu In sempiterna saecula. Amen. O Christ, redeemer of all men, from the Father, the Father's only son, you alone before time began were born in wondrous wise.

Remember, Lord of our salvation, that once you took our flesh upon you by your birth by a spotless virgin and appeared in human form.

The heavens, the earth, the sea and all that is in them praise the Author of your coming and they sing a song of joy.

Glory to you, Lord, who are born of a virgin today: with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

from the Sarum Rite, circa Sixth Century

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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 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 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

Holy, holy, holy,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit
In nomine Domini
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please kneel.

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

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.

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 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 signs on the floor.

Gluten free hosts are available – please ask the Celebrant.

AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

Sung by the Choir.

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

PSALLITE, unigenito Christo Dei Filio, Christo Dei Filio, Redemptori Domino, puerulo, iacenti in praesepio.

Ein kleines Kindelein liegt in dem Krippelein; Alle liebe Engelein dienen dem Kindelein, und singen ihm fein. Sing your psalms to Christ, the only begotten Son of God, sing your psalms to the Redeemer.

A small Child lies in the manger. All the blessed angels serve Him and sing to Him.

Anonymous Fifteenth Century Carol

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling

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.

HYMN Sung by the Choir.

GREENSLEEVES

English Melody

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

AY the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph, the holiness of Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand as the Ministers depart.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Vom Himmel hoch'

Garth Edmundson (1892-1971)

PARISH NOTICES

With the 2021 Winter Concert Season right around the corner, tickets and packages for *Concerts at Saint Thomas'* digital concert presentations are now available for the **Beethoven 32@32 Series** (Recitals IV-VIII) and **Marcel Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ Series** (Recitals I-VI). Both of these series are free online presentations. Beginning in January 2021, **Friends of Music** will receive exclusive invitations to attend our concerts in-person as we begin to welcome back our audience. Email <u>concerts@saintthomaschurch.org</u> or call 212-664-9360 to make your donation and complete your in-person reservation with our team. In-person tickets are limited, and reservations must be made through the Concerts Office. Our special Christmas archival audio presentations of **Handel's Messiah** and **Britten's A Ceremony of Carols** from 2019, are both still available on-demand now through January 6, 2021. To listen, and for more information about our 2021 offerings, visit <u>www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts</u>.

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.

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Coffee Hour

There is no zoom coffee hour today. Next week, we will gather after Choral Evensong at 4pm to bid farewell to Father Spencer and Ben Williams.

Children and Families' Gatherings

Sunday Zoom! is on break until January 10. However, special family activities will be available via our weekly Children and Families newsletter. 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**.

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

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.)

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

Live audio stream and then on-demand.

<u>Please send your requests for prayers</u> via the website <u>click here</u> or emailed to: <u>prayer@saintthomaschurch.org</u> <u>Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel</u>
Saturday from 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Priest: Fr. Bennett.

(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 Fr. Spencer and Sister Promise Thursday at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM Platform

(Contact Fr. Spencer: <u>ASpencer@SaintThomasChurch.org</u> for details)

<u>* WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6</u>The Epiphany

12 p.m. Solemn Eucharist sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

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

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

Register by following this link.

★ 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)

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11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Preacher: Father Spencer

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

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

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