

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

SAINT MATTHIAS

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

FESTAL EUCHARIST – 5:30 p.m. sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

SETTING The Short Service Arthur Wills (1926-2020)

PRELUDE Fantasy-Prelude William Henry Harris (1883-1973)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers

INTROIT ST. MATTHIAS

MIHI autem nimis honoráti sunt amíci túi, Déus: nimis confortátus est principátus eórum.

Dómine probásti me, et cognovísti me: tu cognovísti sessiónem méam, et resurrectiónem méam.

Glória Pátri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sáncto. Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in saécula saeculórum. Amen. To me, thy friends, O God, are made exceedingly honourable; their principality is exceedingly strengthened.

Lord, Thou hast proved me and known me; Thou hast known my sitting down and my rising up.

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 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.

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*.

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.

ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: Grant that thy Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Acts 1:15-26

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

PSALM 15 Domine quis habitabit? Plainsong (Tone IV⁴)

ORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

- 2 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life: and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.
- 3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour.
- 4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.
- 5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not: though it were to his own hindrance.
- 6 He that hath not given his money upon usury: nor taken reward against the innocent.
- 7 Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall.
 - 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 HOLY GOSPEL John 15:1, 6-16

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. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY The Rector

THE NICENE CREED

People

Said by all, standing. 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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Sung by the Choir.

William Byrd (c. 1542-1623)

ONSTITUES eos principes super omnem terram: Memores erunt nominis tui, Domine, in omni progenie et generatione.

Thou shalt make them princes in all lands. They will remember thy Name, O Lord, from one generation to another.

Psalm 45: 17b-18a

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift 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

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

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The People kneel. 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

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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, grant us thy peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those unable to receive Holy Communion)

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.

AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

Sung by the Choir.

William Henry Harris

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendor, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.

The Salisbury Diurnal G. H. Palmer

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

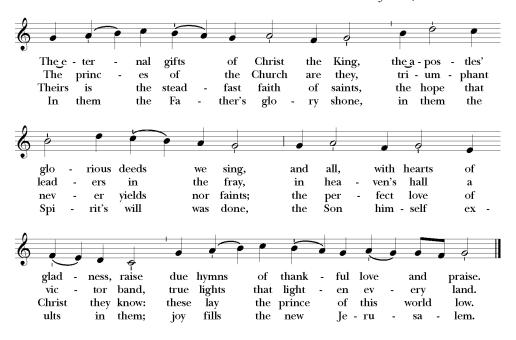
Said by all, kneeling.

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.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*



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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Prelude 'Alkmaar' Arthur Wills