



# 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*

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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

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**FESTAL EVENSONG — 3 p.m.**  
**sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir**

**PRELUDE**

A Fancy

*William Byrd*  
(c. 1543-1623)

*At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.*

**VERSICLES AND RESPONSES**

*Thomas Tallis*  
(c. 1505-1585)

*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 65**

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Plainsong (Tone VIII!)*

**T**HOU, O God, art praised in Sion; \* and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.  
2 Thou that hearest the prayer, \* unto thee shall all flesh come.  
3 My misdeeds prevail against me: \* O be thou merciful unto our sins.  
4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receives unto thee: \* he shall dwell in thy court,  
and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.  
5 Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; \*  
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.  
6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, \* and is girded about with power.  
7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea, \* and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.  
8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, \* thou that  
makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise thee.  
9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; \* thou makest it very plenteous.  
10 The river of God is full of water: \* thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.  
11 Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; \* thou makest it soft  
with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.  
12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; \* and thy clouds drop fatness.  
13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; \* and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.  
14 The folds shall be full of sheep; \* the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn,  
that they shall laugh and sing.  
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**

Genesis 24:50-67

OFFICE HYMN

LUCIS CREATOR OPTIME

1 O blest Cre - a - tor, source of light,  
 2 You joined the morn and eve - ning ray;  
 3 Lest we, be - set by doubt and strife,  
 4 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, help us rise  
 5 De - fend us, Fa - ther, through the night,

1 you gave the day with splen - dor bright,  
 2 you found it good and called it 'day.'  
 3 for - get your bless - ed gift of life,  
 4 and strive to gain the heaven - ly prize;  
 5 and with your Son, and Spi - rit bright—

1 when on the new and liv - ing earth  
 2 But now the threat - ening dark - ness nears—  
 3 and an - guished and in mind dis - tressed,  
 4 for you a - lone can make us strong  
 5 the Tri - ni - ty whom we a - dore—

1 you brought all things to glo - rious birth.  
 2 we pray you, Fa - ther, calm our fears.  
 3 be crushed by guilt, by sin op - pressed.  
 4 to turn from sin and cease from wrong.  
 5 be with us now and ev - er - more.

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MAGNIFICAT

Quarti Toni

Philippe de Monte  
(1521-1603)

**M**MAGNIFICAT anima mea Dominum;  
 Et exultavit spiritus meus  
 in Deo salutari meo,  
 Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae;  
 ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent  
 omnes generationes.  
 Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est,  
 et sanctum nomen ejus,  
 Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies  
 timentibus eum.  
 Fecit potentiam in bracchio suo;  
 Dispertit superbos mente cordis sui.  
 Deposuit potentes de sede, et exaltavit humiles.  
 Esurientes implevit bonis,  
 et divites dimisit inanes.  
 Suscepit Israel, puerum suum, recordatus  
 misericordiae suae,  
 Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,  
 Abraham et semini ejus in saecula.  
 Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,  
 sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper:  
 et in Saecula saeculorum. Amen

*My 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.  
 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.*

*The People sit.*

**SECOND LESSON**

John 7:37-46

*The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Plainsong (Tone IV)*

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

**I** 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.

**O**UR FATHER, which 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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Priest*      O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
*Choir*      And grant us thy salvation.  
*Priest*      O Lord, save the State;  
*Choir*      And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
*Priest*      Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
*Choir*      And make thy chosen people joyful.  
*Priest*      O Lord, save thy people;  
*Choir*      And bless thine inheritance.  
*Priest*      Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*Choir*      Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
*Priest*      O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
*Choir*      And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**S**ET us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE SECOND COLLECT

**O** 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

**L**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

*Sung by the Choir.*

*William Byrd*

**C**IBAVIT eos ex adipe frumenti, alleluia.  
Et de petra melle saturavit eos, alleluia.  
Exultate Deo adiutori nostro,  
Iubilate Deo Iacob.

*I would have fed them also with the finest wheat-flour, alleluia.  
And with honey out of the stony rock would I have satisfied thee, alleluia.  
Sing we merrily unto God our strength,  
Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.*

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto  
sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper,  
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*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.*

*Psalm 80: 17, 1*

## SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Bennett  
*Assistant Priest*

## HYMN

TOPLADY

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

## THE BLESSING

**T**HE 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.*

## POSTLUDE

Toccata D-moll, BuxWV 155

*Dieterich Buxtehude*  
(c. 1637-1707)

## PARISH NOTICES

**Adult Education** welcomes back Fr. Mark Brown today at 10 a.m. with his online series of monthly classes on “The Practice of Prayer.” The topic for this Sunday’s class will be “Repetitive Prayer: The Rosary and the Jesus Prayer.” [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Brown at [MBrown@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:MBrown@SaintThomasChurch.org).

### **Children and Families’ Gatherings**

Young teens are welcome to join **Faith Alive** at 9:30 a.m. today, and all families are welcome to join **Sunday Zoom!** at 10:15 a.m. 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](mailto:ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Pilgrims’ Course 2021** 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: **The Christian Exodus: An Introduction to Lent and Holy Week**. Please [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at [PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**On Saturday, March 6, at 3 p.m.**, *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents Organist and Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell, playing [Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ II](#) on the Miller-Scott Organ. This is the second concert in this FREE series of 9 concerts that will be presented from the church via livestream. [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 II-VI). Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make your donation with our team, email [concerts@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:concerts@saintthomaschurch.org) or call 212-664-9360. For more information about our 2021 offerings, visit [www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts](http://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](mailto: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 for \$8 plus shipping and taxes, where applicable. The mask may be purchased by sending an email to the [Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto: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 Online Bible Study** continues at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom, and runs for about an hour. For more information, contact Fr. Bennett at [RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org).

## 2021 Annual Appeal – Candlemas Campaign

**Thank you to all those who have pledged to the 2021 Annual Campaign!**

If you have not yet pledged to the annual campaign, please consider doing so now. Your pledges are crucial for planning purposes. We are grateful for your support. Saint Thomas Church and Choir School have been blessed by the generosity of many people across many generations. Through times of abundance and times of scarcity, through times of growth and times of retrenchment, through fire, pandemic, and war, our beloved Church and Choir School has continued to thrive. Now, in 2021, we need your help more than ever. You may make your pledge on the website [here](#).

If you have any questions or would like a pledge form, please contact:  
Adam MacDonald at [amacdonald@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:amacdonald@saintthomaschurch.org) or  
Bruce Smith at [bsmith@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:bsmith@saintthomaschurch.org)

### 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.**

*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](mailto:prayer@saintthomaschurch.org)

### ✠ CHORAL EVENSONG

*(These services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)*

**Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m. – Scholastica of Nursia**

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

**Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel**

**Saturday from 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Priest: The Rector**

*(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 Sister Promise**

**Thursday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Platform**

(Contact Sr. Promise: [SrPromise@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:SrPromise@SaintThomasChurch.org) for details)

**✠ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
**The Last Sunday after The Epiphany**

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

**11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist**

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

**Preacher: The Rector**

**3 p.m. Solemn Evensong**

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

**Preacher: Fr. Brown**

**ASSISTING CLERGY**

The Reverend Matthew Moretz, *Associate Rector  
and Interim Director of Administration*  
The Reverend Alison J. Turner,  
*Associate for Children and Family Ministry*  
The Reverend Dr. Patrick S. Cheng,  
*Theologian in Residence*  
The Reverend Ryan Bennett, *Assistant Priest*  
The Reverend Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM, *Deacon*

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The Reverend Gina Gore, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Reverend Canon Anne Mallonee, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Reverend David F. Mc Neeley, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Reverend William A. Norgren, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Reverend Thomas F. Pike, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Reverend John C. Smith, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Rev. Canon Prof. J. Robert Wright, *Honorary Assistant*

**THE VESTRY**

The Rector, *Chair*

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