

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 IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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

PRELUDE Attende Domine Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Michael Leighton Jones (b. 1948)

Priest O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us. Priest Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest 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. Choir

Priest Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 135 Plainsong (Tone VII⁵) Sung by the Choir.

PRAISE the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord: praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;

- 2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord: in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
- 4 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself: and Israel for his own possession.
- For I know that the Lord is great: and that our Lord is above all gods. 5
- Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth: 6 and in the sea, and in all deep places.
- 7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world: and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.
- 8 He smote the first-born of Egypt: both of man and beast.
- He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt: 9 upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.
- 10 He smote divers nations: and slew mighty kings;
- 11 Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan: and all the kingdoms of Canaan;
- 12 And gave their land to be an heritage: even an heritage unto Israel his people.
- 13 Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever: so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.

- 14 For the Lord will avenge his people: and be gracious unto his servants.
- 15 As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold: the work of men's hands.
- They have mouths, and speak not: eyes have they, but they see not. 16
- 17 They have ears, and yet they hear not: neither is there any breath in their mouths.
- They that make them are like unto them: and so are all they that put their trust in them. 18
- Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel: praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron. 19
- 20 Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.
- Praised be the Lord out of Sion: who dwelleth at Jerusalem. 21 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 Isaiah 6:1-8

The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN AUDI BENIGNE

KIND Creator, bend thine ear To mark the cry, to know the tear Before thy throne of mercy spent In this thy holy fast of Lent.

2 Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee: Thou knowest our infirmity; Pour out on all who seek thy face Abundance of thy pardoning grace.

3 Our sins are many, this we know; Spare us, good Lord, thy mercy show; And for the honour of thy name Our fainting souls to life reclaim.

4 Give us the self-control that springs From discipline of outward things, That fasting inward secretly The soul may purely dwell with thee.

5 We pray thee, holy Trinity, One God, unchanging Unity, That we from this our abstinence May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.

MAGNIFICAT

Virgo Parens Christi Service

(b. 1969)

Y 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.

Simon Nieminski

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Virgo Parens Christi Service

Simon Nieminski

CRD, 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

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.

Our 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

GOD, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE SECOND COLLECT

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

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. Bálint Karosi (b. 1979)

A LMIGHTY God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to sing praise to your name,

O most high to herald your love in the morning, your truth at the close of the day.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship "Night Prayer"

SERMON

The Rev. Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM

Deacon

Lenten Sermon Series - 'Dreams and Visions'

II: Isaiah's Call

HYMN ST ANDREW



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THE BLESSING

CHRIST give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POSTLUDE Litanies Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education series on the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians continues this Sunday at 10 am. Often described as St. Paul's most emotional letter, Second Corinthians addresses powerful themes about suffering, strength in weakness, generosity, and authentic ministry. We will examine how these themes are relevant to our lives today. Click here to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at PCheng@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. Throughout Lent, we will focus on new ways of praying. 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>Pilgrims' Course 2021</u> continues this Tuesday, March 2. The course 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 History of the Church 1:** From House Church to Established Religion. Please <u>Click here</u> to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at <u>PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.</u>

On Saturday, March 6, at 3 p.m., Concerts at Saint Thomas presents Organist and Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell, playing <u>Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ II</u> 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. <u>Ticket packages</u> 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 <u>concerts@saintthomaschurch.org</u> or call 212-664-9360. 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.

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. 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.

<u>Friday Lenten Book Study</u>. During the season of Lent, this 1:30 p.m. class on Fridays over Zoom will study Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book, Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven. The class runs for about an hour. 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 masks, 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>

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

★ CHORAL EVENSONGS

NOTE: these services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Thursday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

★ COMPLINE WITH REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Friday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

(This service will be video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

Rosary Group - The Sorrowful Mysteries

Saturday at 10 a.m. via Zoom. (email MBrown@SaintThomasChurch.org for more information)

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: The Rector

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

Young Adult Group Compline:

Monday evenings (email Young Adults @ Saint Thomas Church.org for more information)

Evening Prayer and Meditation with Sister Promise SSM

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

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

★ SUNDAY, MARCH 7 The Third Sunday in Lent

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11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: Mo. Turner

3 p.m. Festal Evensong

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Lenten Sermon Series - Dreams and Visions'

III: Water from the Side of the Temple Preacher: Bp. Andrew St. John

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and Interim Director of Administration
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The Reverend Ryan Bennett, Assistant Priest
The Reverend Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM, Deacon

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