

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK

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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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE)

MARCH 14, 2021

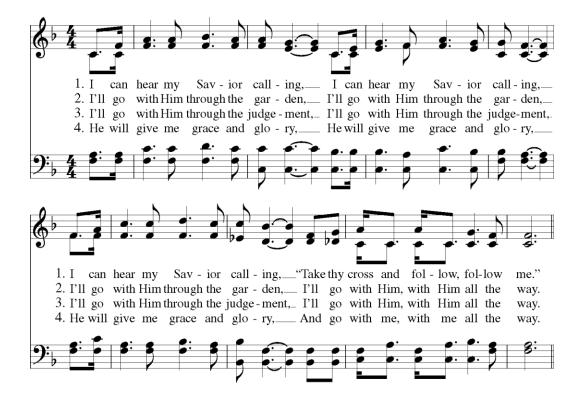
FESTAL EUCHARIST – 11 a.m. First Mass of the Rev. Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

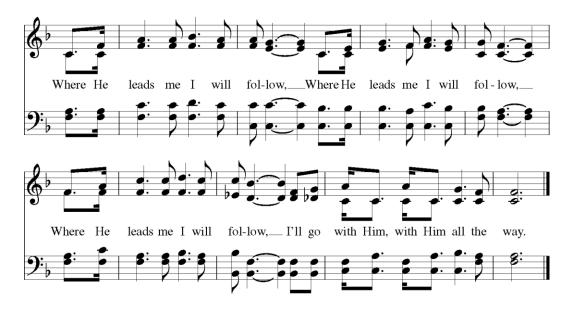
SETTING Missa Sancti Thomae Brian Harlow (b. 1976)

PRELUDE Adagio, from Symphonie no. 3, Op. 28 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers

HYMN John S. Norris (1844-1907)





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*.

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir.

YRIE Eleison Kyrie Eleison	Lord, have mercy upon us
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Christe Eleison Christ, have mercy upon us.
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Christe Eleison Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie Eleison

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Kyrie Eleison

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

RACIOUS Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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 Numbers 21:4-9

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

GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed: and delivered from the hand of the enemy;

- 17 Foolish men are plagued for their offence: and because of their wickedness.
- 18 Their soul abhorred all manner of meat: and they were even hard at death's door.
- 19 So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: he delivered them out of their distress.
- 20 He sent his word, and healed them: and they were saved from their destruction.
- O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
- That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and tell out his works with gladness! 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 2:1-10

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

The People stand.

HYMN OMNI DIE



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 3:14-21

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.

People

THE NICENE CREED

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)

The Leaders says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel.

After each petition

Leader Lord, in thy mercy. People Hear our prayer.

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

A LMIGHTY, God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage, we beseech thee, to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 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, ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

Francis Poulence (1899-1963)

MES très chers frères et mes enfants bénis pour toute l'éternité, écoutez-moi, écoutez la voix de votre Père: Nous avons promis de grandes choses, on nous en a promis de plus grandes; gardons les unes et soupirons après les autres. Le plaisir est court, la peine éternelle. La souffrance est légère, la gloire infinie. Beaucoup sont appelés, peu sont élus. Tous recevront ce qu'ils auront mérité. Ainsi soit-il. Ainsi soit-il.

O my very dear brothers and my children blessed for all eternity, listen to me, listen to the voice of your Father: We have promised great things, we have been promised yet greater than them: let us keep the former and long for the latter. The pleasure is brief, the punishment eternal. The suffering is light, the glory infinite. Many are called, few are chosen. All will receive what they have merited. So be it. So be it.

Prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1181/2-1226)

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

It is very 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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 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

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

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

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, bave 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.

David Hurd (b. 1950)

A VE, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail the true body,
born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.
O sweet, O holy,
O Jesus, Son of Mary.
Have mercy on me. Amen.

Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362)

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.*

PROCESSION TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FIFTH AVENUE

When a newly ordained priest celebrates mass for the first time, it is traditional for the new priest to give individual blessings to all present; because of the pandemic, this is not possible today. It is also customary for the new priest to give flowers to his or her mother, and also to the church's shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this next hymn, Sister Promise will place some flowers at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue in memory of her mother and offer a prayer.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF FIFTH AVENUE

The Celebrrant says

WELCOME to you, Holy Mother, to ask for your prayers. You give us all encouragement to approach you as your children whose brother, your son Jesus Christ we claim as our blessed Savior and yours. Help us now, we ask you, with a prayer to him on our behalf and for his sake. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Allegro maestoso, from Symphonie no. 3, Op. 28

Louis Vierne

THIS AFTERNOON

3 p.m. Festal Evensong

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: Fr. Bennett

Lent Sermon Series - Dreams and Visions

IV: Peter's Dream

*This service is video livestreamed and then available on-demand.

PARISH NOTICES

Contributions are now being received for Easter Flowers in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Easter service leaflet. In order to cover the cost of the flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation. Deadline for submission is Sunday, March 28.

Coffee Hour

Today, we offer a special Virtual Coffee Hour over the Zoom platform at 12:45 p.m. to celebrate the ordination of Sister Marie Promise Atelon SSM to the priesthood. Yesterday, she was ordained at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and today, she celebrated her first Mass here at Saint Thomas. Contact Adam MacDonald at AMacDonald@SaintThomasChurch.org to learn more and receive login credentials.

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

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 16. 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: **An Introduction to the Sacramental Life of the Church: Baptism and Confirmation**. Please <u>Click here</u> to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at <u>PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org</u>.

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ II now available On-demand here until Friday, April 9 and The Complete Beethoven Piano Sonatas V: The Grandest Monument to the Piano available on-demand here until April 16. <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 III-VI). Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music.* To make a 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.saintthomashurch.org/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 with removal PM 2.5 filter 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

★ COMPLINE WITH REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Friday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

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

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 <u>YoungAdults@SaintThomasChurch.org</u> 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 21 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

11 a.m. The Litany and Choral Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: The Rector

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Lenten Sermon Series - 'Dreams and Visions'

V: The New Jerusalem

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 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

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