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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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE)

MARCH 14, 2021

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

PRELUDE

Praeludium in c, BWV 546/i

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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 73

Sung by the Choir.

Plainsong (Tone I⁴)

TRULY God is loving unto Israel: because of the ungodly: even unto such as are of a clean heart.
2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone: my treadings had well-nigh slipt.
3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked: I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.
4 For they are in no peril of death: but are lusty and strong.
5 They come in no misfortune like other folk: neither are they plagued like other men.
6 And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride: and overwhelmed with cruelty.
7 Their eyes swell with fatness: and they do even what they lust.
8 They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy: their talking is against the most High.
9 For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven: and their tongue goeth through the world.
10 Therefore fall the people unto them: and thereout suck they no small advantage.
11 Tush, say they, how should God perceive it: is there knowledge in the most High?
12 Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession:
and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed mine hands in innocency.
13 All the day long have I been punished: and chastened every morning.
14 Yea, and I had almost said even as they: but lo, then I should have condemned the generation
of thy children.
15 Then thought I to understand this: but it was too hard for me,
16 Until I went into the sanctuary of God: then understood I the end of these men;
17 Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places: and castest them down, and destroyest them.

18 O how suddenly do they consume: perish, and come to a fearful end!
 19 Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh: so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.
 20 Thus my heart was grieved: and it went even through my reins.
 21 So foolish was I, and ignorant: even as it were a beast before thee.
 22 Nevertheless, I am alway by thee: for thou hast holden me by my right hand.
 23 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel: and after that receive me with glory.
 24 Whom have I in heaven but thee: and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.
 25 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
 26 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication
 against thee.
 27 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God: and to speak of
 all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.
 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 2:2-4

The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

AUDI BENIGNE

O **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.

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.

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.

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

Septimi Toni

Tomás Luis de Victoria
 (1548-1611)

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

Acts 10:9-18

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

LORD, 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.

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

GRACIOUS 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 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

LIGHTEN 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.

*John Sheppard
(c. 1515-1558)*

IN manus tuas Domine,
commendo spiritum meum.
Redemisti me Domine, Deus veritatis.

*Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.
For thou Lord, God of truth, hast redeemed me.*

Responsory from the office of Compline

SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Bennett
Lenten Sermon Series – ‘Dreams and Visions’
IV: *Peter’s Dream*

HYMN

ST. JOAN

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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

Fuga in c, BWV 546/ii

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.**

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 PCcheng@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.

Pilgrims' Course 2021 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 [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at PCcheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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. [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 III-VI). Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make a donation with our team, email concerts@saintthomaschurch.org or call 212-664-9360. For more information about our 2021 offerings, visit www.saintthomashurch.org/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 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.

Friday Lenten Book Study. 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 RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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.

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

✠ 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 YoungAdults@SaintThomasChurch.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 21

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

11 a.m. The Litany and Solemn 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,
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The Reverend Dr. Patrick S. Cheng,
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The Reverend Ryan Bennett, *Assistant Priest*
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