



# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the  
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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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ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MARCH 25, 2021

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SOLEMN EUCHARIST – 5:30 p.m.  
sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

SETTING

Messe Brève

*Théodore Dubois*  
(1837-1924)

PRELUDE

Ave Maria, Ave Maris Stella  
from "Trois Paraphrases Grégoriennes", Op. 5 no.2

*Jean Langlais*  
(1907-1991)

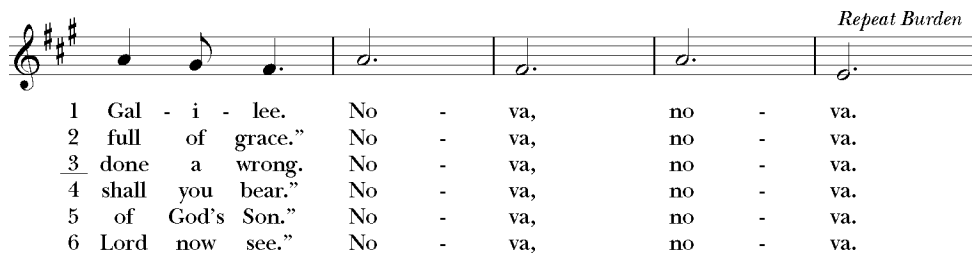
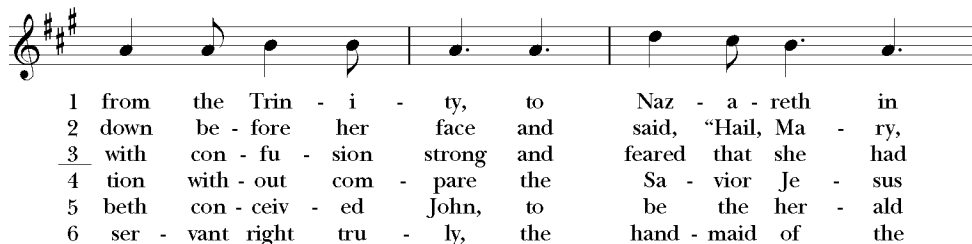
*The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers*

HYMN

NOVA NOVA



(Translation: "News! News! 'Ave' has been made from 'Eve'!")



## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

**H**EAR what our Lord Jesus saith:  
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.  
This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:  
Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.  
On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The People kneel. Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**M**OST merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

**T**HE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins,  
true repentance, amendment of life,  
and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*The People stand.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Sung by the Choir.*

**G**LORIA in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,

*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,*

Filius Patris.  
 Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 miserere nobis.  
 Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
 Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
 miserere nobis.  
 Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
 tu solus Dominus,  
 tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.  
 Cum Sancto Spiritu  
 in Gloria Dei Patris.  
 Amen.

*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,  
 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.

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; 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

Isaiah 7:10-14

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

### PSALM 15

Plainsong (*Tone IV*<sup>4</sup>)

**L**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 EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:5-10

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

*The People stand.*



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## SERMON

The Rector

## THE NICENE CREED

*Said by all, standing. On this feast day, it is customary to kneel at the underlined words.*

**I 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 (SPECIAL FORM)

*The Leader says*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*The People remain standing to pray.*

*After each petition*

*Leader* Lord, in thy mercy.

*People* Hear our prayer.

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

**O GOD**, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*The Celebrant introduces the peace with these words*

**I N** the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1:78, 79*

*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.*

*Matthew Martin*  
(b. 1976)

**A**VE Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum;  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Regina caeli,  
dulcis et pia, O Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
ut cum electis te videamus. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Queen of heaven,  
sweet and saintly, O Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
so that with the elect we may look upon you. Amen.*

*Saint Luke 1:28*

### 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*

**I**T 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.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be  
born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost,  
was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his  
mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin,  
and receive power to become thy children.

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.*

**S**ANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
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, 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*

**O**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.*

**A**GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*O 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

**B**EHOLD 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)*

**I**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.*

*Tomás Luis de Victoria  
(1548-1611)*

Ne timeas Maria:  
invenisti enim gratiam apud Dominum:  
ecce concipies in utero et paries filium;  
et vocabitur Altissimi filius.

Fear not, Mary:  
for thou hast found favor with God.  
And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb,  
and bring forth a son, and he shall be called the  
Son of the Highest.

*Saint Luke 1:30-32*

## 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

**C**Hrist the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## HYMN

ANGELUS EMITTITUR  
*melody from Piae Cantiones, 1592*

1 Ga - briel's mes - sage does a - way Sa - tan's curse and  
2 He that comes de - spised shall reign; he that can - not  
3 Weak - ness shall the strong con - found; by the hands, in  
4 Art by art shall be as - sailed; to the cross shall

Sa - tan's sway, out of dark - ness brings our Day:  
die, be slain; death by death its death shall gain:  
grave clothes wound, Ad - am's chains shall be un - bound:  
Life be nailed; from the grave shall hope be hailed:

*Refrain*  
so, be - hold, all the gates of heaven un - fold.

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

Go, in the light and peace of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Magnificat: VI. Gloria  
from 'Vêpres du commun des fêtes de la Sainte Vierge', Op.18

*Marcel Dupré*  
(1885-1971)