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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

SOLEMN EVENSONG — 3 p.m.
sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude: Set one no. 2 (Ps. 37:11)

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Malcolm Archer
(b. 1952)

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 37:1-20

Sung by the Choir.

Plainsong (Tone Ist)

FRET not thyself because of the ungodly: neither be thou envious against the evil-doers.
2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass: and be withered even as the green herb.
3 Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good: dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
4 Delight thou in the Lord: and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.
5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him: and he shall bring it to pass.
6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light: and thy just dealing as the noon-day.
7 Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him: but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.
8 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
9 Wicked doers shall be rooted out: and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.
10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone: thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.
11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth: and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.
12 The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just: and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
13 The Lord shall laugh him to scorn: for he hath seen that his day is coming.
14 The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow: to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as are of a right conversation.

15 Their sword shall go through their own heart: and their bow shall be broken.
 16 A small thing that the righteous hath: is better than great riches of the ungodly.
 17 For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken: and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.
 18 The Lord knoweth the days of the godly: and their inheritance shall endure for ever.
 19 They shall not be confounded in the perilous time: and in the days of dearth they shall have enough.
 20 As for the ungodly, they shall perish; and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs:
 yea, even as the smoke shall they consume away.
 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

Ezekiel 47:1-12

The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

ECCE TEMPUS

NOW is the healing time decreed
 For sins of heart and word and deed,
 When we in humble fear record
 The wrong that we have done the Lord:

3. Therefore with fasting and with prayer,
 Our secret sorrow we declare,
 With all good striving seek his face,
 And lowly-hearted plead for grace.

2. Who, always merciful and good,
 Has borne so long our wayward mood,
 Nor cut us off unsparingly
 In our so great iniquity.

4. Cleanse us, O Lord, from every stain,
 Help us the gifts of grace to gain,
 Till with the angels, linked in love,
 Joyful we tread thy courts above.

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

MAGNIFICAT

The Second Service

Thomas Tomkins
 (1572-1656)

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

Revelation 22:1-5

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

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
 Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls,
 that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
 and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)*

KOMMST du nun, Jesu!
vom Himmel herunter auf Erden?
Soll nun der Himmel und Erde vereinigt werden?
Ewiger Gott!
Kann dich mein Jammer und Not
Bringen zu menschengebärden?

*Come thou Jesus now,
from heaven to earth?
Should heaven and earth now be united?
Eternal God!
Can my woe and distress
Bring you humility?*

Caspar Friedrich Nachtenboefer (1624-1685)

SERMON

The Rector
Lenten Sermon Series – ‘Dreams and Visions’
III: *Water from the Side of the Temple*

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

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

Kleines harmonisches Labyrinth, BWV 591

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.” This Sunday will explore “Visual Prayer: Praying with Icons.” [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Brown at 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. 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 9. 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 2: Reformation, Anglicanism, and the Oxford Movement**. Please [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.

This week, *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents two, free on-demand concerts which were recently livestreamed from Saint Thomas Church. **Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ I** is available [here](#) until Friday, March 12, and **Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ II** is available [here](#) until Friday, April 9. Both concerts feature Organist and Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell, playing the Miller Scott Organ. [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 your 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

✠ **CHORAL EVENSONGS**

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

Tuesday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. – Commemoration of Gregory of Nyssa

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Wednesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. – Lent Weekday

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

✠ **COMPLINE WITH REFLECTIVE PRAYER**

Friday, March 12 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: Fr. Moretz

(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 14**

The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare)

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

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

First Mass of The Rev. Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: The Rev. Phil Jackson

Priest-in-Charge, Trinity Church, Wall Street

3 p.m. Festal Evensong

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Lenten Sermon Series – ‘Dreams and Visions’

IV: Peter’s Dream

Preacher: Fr. Bennett

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*
The Reverend Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM, *Deacon*

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The Reverend David F. Mc Neeley, *Honorary Assistant*
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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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