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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*

VALEDICTORY EVENSONG

MAY 27, 2021

FESTAL EVENSONG — 5:30 p.m.
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

PRELUDE

Fugue on 'Ora Labora'

Nicholas Quardokus
(b. 1994)

At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Jonathan Bolena
(b. 2005)

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.

PSALMS 127 & 128

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Parratt, Goss*)

NISI DOMINUS

EXCEPT the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it.
Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman waketh but in vain.
It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest,
and eat the bread of carefulness: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
Lo, children and the fruit of the womb: are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.
Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant: even so are the young children.
Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.
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.

BEATI OMNES

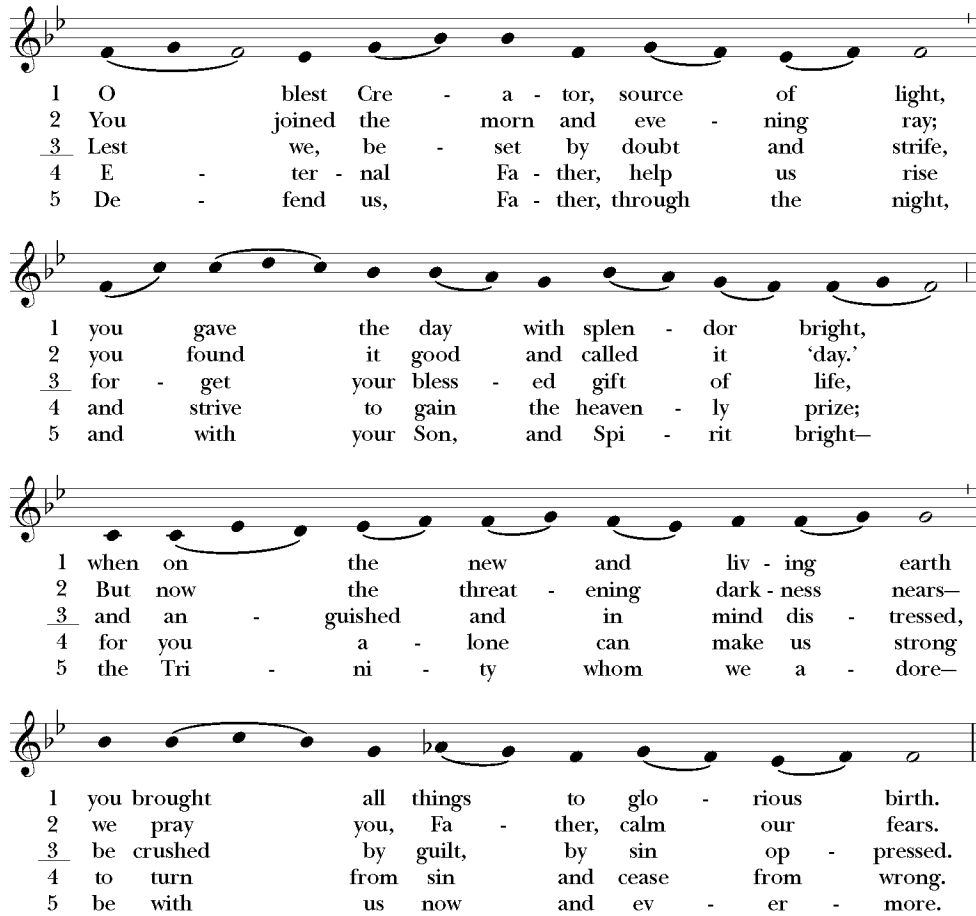
BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in his ways.
For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.
Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine: upon the walls of thine house.
Thy children like the olive-branches: round about thy table.
Lo, thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the Lord.
The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee:
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.
Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon 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.

The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

Sung by the Choir

LUCIS CREATOR OPTIME



1 O blest Cre - a - tor, source of light,
 2 You joined the morn and eve - ning ray;
 3 Lest we, be - set by doubt and strife,
 4 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, help us rise
 5 De - fend us, Fa - ther, through the night,

1 you gave the day with splen - dor bright,
 2 you found it good and called it 'day.'
 3 for - get your bless - ed gift of life,
 4 and strive to gain the heaven - ly prize;
 5 and with your Son, and Spi - rit bright—

1 when on the new and liv - ing earth
 2 But now the threat - ening dark - ness nears—
 3 and an - guished and in mind dis - tressed,
 4 for you a - lone can make us strong
 5 the Tri - ni - ty whom we a - dore—

1 you brought all things to glo - rious birth.
 2 we pray you, Fa - ther, calm our fears.
 3 be crushed by guilt, by sin op - pressed.
 4 to turn from sin and cease from wrong.
 5 be with us now and ev - er - more.

MAGNIFICAT IN C

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

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

Colossians 3:12-17
read by Ethan Kim

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN C

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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, 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 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

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth:
We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and give us those things
which are profitable for us; 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

A Song of Wisdom

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

I CAME forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth as a mist.
I dwelt in high places, and my throne is in the pillar of the cloud.
Alone I compassed the circuit of heaven and walked in the depth of the abyss.
In the waves of the sea and in all the earth, and in every people and nation, I got a possession.
With all these I sought rest.
And I took root in a people that was glorified, in the portion of the Lord's own inheritance.
I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress on the mountains of Hermon.
I was exalted like a palm tree on the sea shore, and as a fair olive tree in the plain.
And my branches are branches of glory and grace, and my flowers are the fruit of glory and riches.
Come unto me, ye that are desirous of me, and ye be filled with my fruits.
And I came out as a stream from a river, I said, I will water my garden,
and will water abundantly my garden-bed.
And lo, my stream became a river, and my river became a sea.
For my thoughts are filled from the sea, and my counsels from the great deep.
I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and my throne is in the pillar of the cloud.

Ecclesiasticus 24

HOMILY

The Rector



1 When in our music God is glo - ri - fied, _____
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
 3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____

1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
 2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
 3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____
 4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____
 5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____

1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____

— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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PRAYERS

The Rev. Alison Turner, *Acting Chaplain*

The Acting Chaplain says

Let us pray.

The People kneel. This response is used

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The prayers end with the General Thanksgiving said by all

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies,
 we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
 for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.
 We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service,
 and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost
 be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The People sit. The Rector, the Interim Head of School, and the Acting Chaplain gather at the High Altar with the Class of 2021.

VALEDICTION

Ms. Amalia Francisco, *Interim Head of School*

The Interim Head of School addresses the boys who are graduating

GRADUATING Class of 2021 - Leighton, Ethan, James, Quinn, Christopher - a significant part of your young lives has been spent in this beautiful and special place. I hope that in the years to come you will be pleased that you have offered so much of your time and talent here and that you will come to understand at deeper and deeper levels the true significance of what you have been involved in. The time has now come for you to move on to new schools, to achieve new things and to make new friends. Our prayer for you today is that you will leave with a determination always to offer your very best in whatever sphere of life you may be called to, and that you will take with you a love of beauty, a respect for truth, a desire to serve other people and the seeds of a faith that will endure.

The graduating boys kneel and each receives a silver cross as the Choir sings this motet

MOTET

*Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)*

UBI caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.*

Adapted from the Offertorium for Maundy Thursday

FINAL PRAYER

The Acting Chaplain says

Let us pray.

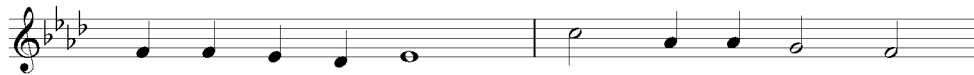
The People stand.

ALMIGHTY God, who through the generations has enriched this parish by the faithful service of its members and those who support its daily life we commend thy protection to Leighton, Ethan, James, Quinn, Christopher now to leave our fellowship, preserve them from all that may harm, in body or in spirit, all the days of their life. Give them the companionship of faithful friends, trustworthy neighbors and loyal colleagues. But most of all, continue to assure them of thy presence and thy love on their pilgrimage in this world and unto the joys of life eternal, this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. *Amen.*

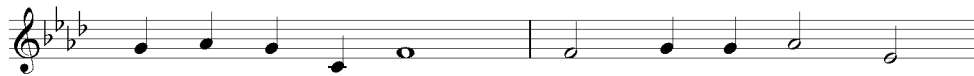
The Interim Head of School and the Graduating Boys return to their places in Choir.



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

THE BLESSING

MAY the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POSTLUDE

Variations on 'Ora Labora'

Gerre Hancock
 (1934-2012)

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and Interim Director of Administration*
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