



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

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.

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m.
Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell
Sung by The Noble Singers

The Ordinary of the Mass

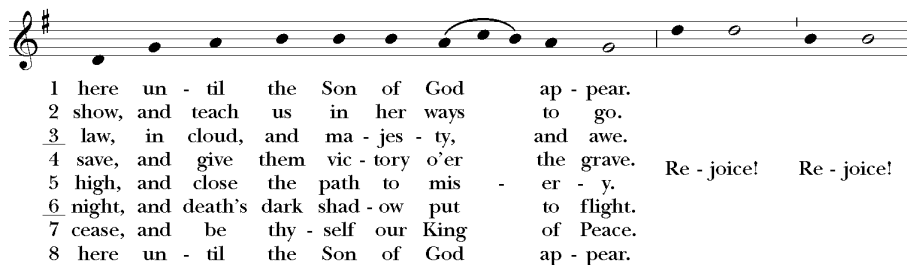
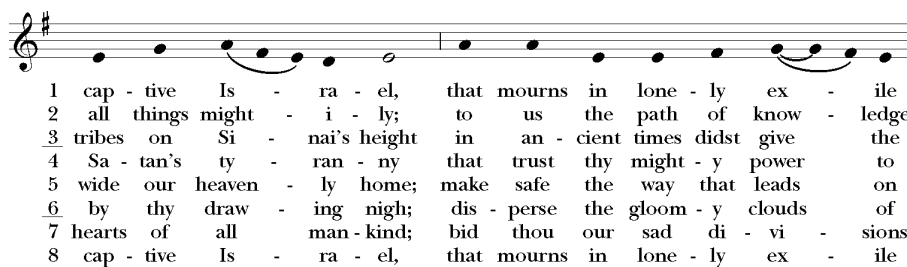
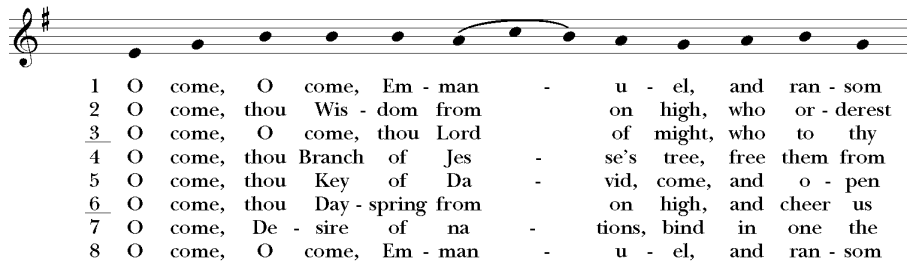
Missa Emmanuel

Maks Adach
(b. 1993)

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

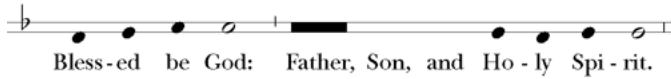
HYMN (OMIT VS. 4, 5, 6, & 7)

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

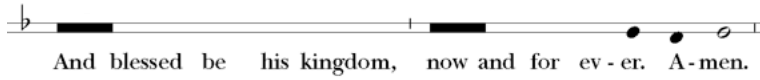


The Penitential Order

Celebrant



People



The Celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the celebration. Then, the Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

[illegible]

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

*People
Celebrant*

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, 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 7:10-16

*Lector
People*

The Word of the Lord.

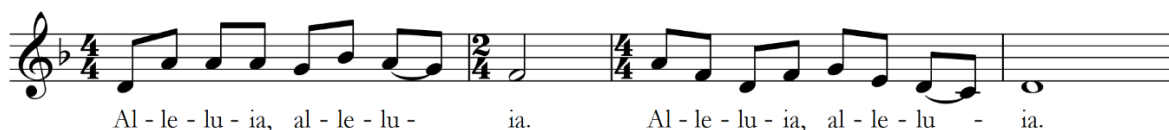
Thanks be to God.



- Choir* Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * / shine forth, you that are enthroned up-on the cherubim.
- Congregation* In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-nas-seh, * / stir up your strength and come to help us.
- Choir* Restore us, O God of hosts; * / show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- Congregation* Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * / the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- Choir* And so will we never turn a-way from you; * / give us life, that we may call up-on your Name.
- Congregation* Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; * / show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- Choir* Glory to the father and to the Son, * / and to the Ho-ly Spirit:
- Congregation* as it was in the be-gin-ning,* / is now, and will be for ev-er. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Advent Alleluia

*Stephen Pishner**The People stand. The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.*

Cantor A virgin will give birth to a son; his name shall be Emmanuel: God is with us.

*All repeat the Alleluia.***The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 1:18-25

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

People ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the end

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Fr. Gioia

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle**The Prayers of the People***The Leader says*

Let us pray.

The People remain standing.

At the end of each petition we respond:

*Intercessor
All*

Maranatha.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant says an Advent Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants,
who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty;
even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People

Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Greetings

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Anthem

Michael Bedford
(b. 1949)

THE angel, Gabriel by name,
Unto the Virgin Mary came,
With joyful news unto the same.
Nova, Noval Tidings of salvation!

Then said the angel, "Do not fear,
I bring glad news for you to hear:
You will bring forth God's Son so dear."
Nova, Noval Tidings of salvation!

Then Mary looked unto the sky:
"Be as it pleases God on high,
Whose name my soul shall magnify."
Nova, Noval Tidings of salvation!

By her the Christ Child comes to earth,
In Bethlehem to have his birth;
Let all the world be filled with mirth!
Nova, Noval Tidings of salvation!

Michael Bedford (based on Luke 1:26-31, 38, 46)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with the Celebrant's part on the left and the People's part on the right.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant sings the Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death,
and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again
in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to
behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all
the company of heaven, who for evering this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. It includes the dynamic markings *Org.* and *mf*, and a boxed instruction **ALL**. The lyrics "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of" are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with dynamics *f* and *ff*. The lyrics "pow - er, God of might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -" are written below. The third staff has dynamics *Org.* and *mp*. The lyrics "san - na in the high - est Blessed is He who" are written below. The fourth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics "comes in the Name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score uses various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests, with some notes beamed together.

The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known
to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through
the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days
you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him,
you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given
thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body,
which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, St. Thomas our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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
 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then is said

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction is not permitted.

You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

Communion Anthem

*Terre Johnson
(b. 1959)*

TWAS in the moon of winter-time
When all the birds had fled,
That God, the Lord of all the earth
Sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim,
And wandering hunters heard the hymn:
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria."

Within a lodge of broken bark
The tender Babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
Enwrapp'd His beauty round;
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
The angel song rang loud and high:
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria."

O children of the forest free,
O sons of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and heaven
Is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant Boy
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy.
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria."

Jean de Brébeuf

Communion Taizé Chant

Jacques Berthier

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

People Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Mary Clark deBrabant, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Parsons Trotter

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist: The Feast of St. Thomas*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

**2022 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CONCERTS
AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE**



Tuesday, December 20

5:30 p.m.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*



Saturday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m.

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Wills, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*

10 p.m. (Doors open at 9:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR ORGAN AND BRASS

10:30 p.m.

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY (MIDNIGHT MASS)

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Brass

Music of *Lassus, Young, Wills, Bradley, and Filsell*

Sermon by The Rector



Sunday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

9 a.m.

SAID EUCHARIST at the High Altar

11 a.m.

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Young, Cohen, and Bradley*

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

PARISH NOTICES

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is open following the 11am Mass until 3pm. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street where you will find a wide selection of books for Advent & Christmas, Advent Calendars, Christmas cards, Choir Boy Ornaments, and CDs.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1pm. Fr. Schultz leads a series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Join us as we continue our exploration of the Book of Signs (John 1:18 through chapter 12). For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Angel Tree 2022: Last chance to make Christmas brighter for the children of Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in the Bronx and to children staying with their mothers in a temporary shelter for survivors of domestic abuse. To make a monetary donation to this initiative, which is so vital to these children and their families, or for more details, visit our website or contact Linda Morfi: lmorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families: Join us for this last Sunday of Advent as we gather to learn more about this special season of waiting and preparing for Jesus. This week we have an End of Term: Musical Family *Bring and Share* Feast at 10am on the third floor. Term resumes on January 8th. Sign up for our weekly newsletter, with details of Christmas outreach, services and activities: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org

Theology at Saint Thomas: Join us today at 10am when the Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, our new Associate for Adult Education and Formation, will lead us in a session entitled: *Handel's "Messiah" and the Spirit of Advent*. This great oratorio features the whole of Jesus' life: Nativity, Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension. Why then should the piece be especially performed during the season of Advent? Is it just because it starts with Jesus's birth? We will see that there are theological and spiritual reasons that explain why this oratorio resonates especially with the liturgical season of Advent. You are welcome to join us in person on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House or on Zoom using the link provided in our E-news.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, sings at the 9am Mass on Sundays during the program year. We welcome new singers at any time! No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer for the Fall Term, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

We have launched our **2023 Annual Appeal: Invitation, Community, Discipleship**. You can make a pledge via the QR code below to be taken to the website or email giving@saintthomaschurch.org. Every pledge makes a difference.



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