

# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

# in the CITY OF NEW YORK

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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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2021** 

# FESTAL EVENSONG — 4 p.m. sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

PRELUDE Master Tallis' Testament Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.

#### **VERSICLES AND RESPONSES**

Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

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 98, 99

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Suter, Attwood)

#### CANTATE DOMINO

SING unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms: O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for he is come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world: and the people with equity.

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.

#### DOMINUS REGNAVIT

THE Lord is King, be the people never so unpatient: he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.

The Lord is great in Sion: and high above all people.

They shall give thanks unto thy Name: which is great, wonderful, and holy.

The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity: thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

O magnify the Lord our God: and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar: for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

Thou heardest them, O Lord our God: thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.

O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill: for the Lord our God is holy.

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.

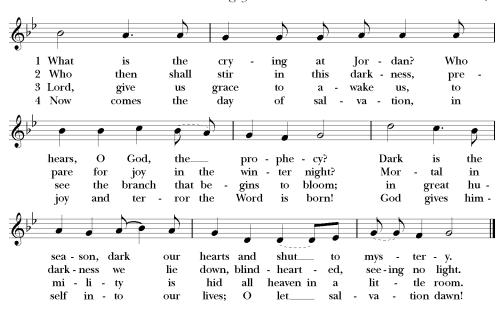
FIRST LESSON Judith 5:22–6:4, 10-21

The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

#### **OFFICE HYMN**

## Sung by the Choir

## ST. MARK'S, BERKELEY



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## MAGNIFICAT

# Collegium Sancti Johannes Cantabrigiense

Herbert Howells

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.

SECOND LESSON Luke 3:7-18

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Collegium Sancti Johannes Cantabrigiense

Herbert Howells

**ORD**, 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**

**T** 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.

UR 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 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; And bless thine inheritance. Choir Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God. Choir

Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us; Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**RANT** us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; U and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; 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

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

**IGHTEN** 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 Grayston Ives
(b. 1948)

THERE is a land of pure delight where saints immortal reign; infinite day excludes the night and pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides and never withering flowers;

Death like a narrow sea divides that heavenly land from ours.

Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood stand dressed in living green; so to the Jews old Canaan stood while Jordan rolled between.

But timorous mortals start and shrink to cross the narrow sea, and linger shivering on the brink, and fear to launch away.

O could we make our doubts remove, those gloomy doubts that rise, and see the Canaan that we love with unbeclouded eyes.

Could we but climb where Moses stood and view the landscape o'er; not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood should fright us from the shore.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)



**SERMON** 

The Rev. Ryan Bennett

Assistant Priest

## THE BLESSING

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

PSALM 150 Anglican Chant (Talbot)

## LAUDATE DOMINUM

Praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

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.

**POSTLUDE** 

Dithyrambe (Triptyque Op. 51)

*Marcel Dupré* (1886-1971)

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Peter Lever A. Aideyan, Florence D. Hafer, Margaret Crane Hurlbut and Kathleen J. Williams.

# **PARISH NOTICES**

**Adult Education** will resume next Sunday, September 26, when Fr. Moretz offers a class on the "Theology of the Reredos of Saint Thomas". This class will be offered over Zoom. For more information and login credentials, please contact Fr. Moretz at <a href="Moretz@SaintThomasChurch.org">MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org</a>.

Children and Families' Gatherings. Sunday School and Nursery have resumed. Sunday School starts at 1 a.m., and runs during the academic year from mid-September through June with special celebrations throughout the year and occasional breaks for holidays. Nursery Care is available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. throughout the year for children up to 5 years of age including during the 11 a.m. Mass. Pagers will be available for parents participating in worship at that time. As part of our enhanced COVID-19 and safety guidelines, all participants must register to attend, and parents continue to be expected to be on site when their children are in the Nursery or Sunday School. Please register Here. For any queries regarding the above or to receive our weekly newsletter please contact: ChildrenandFamilies@SaintThomasChurch.org. A quiet Children's area in the Chantry Chapel is also available for parents with their children during the 11 a.m. Mass.

Concerts at Saint Thomas is pleased to announce that tickets for the <u>2021-2022 Concert Season</u> are now on sale to the general public. To purchase in-person or digital tickets and for information about future concerts, please visit us <u>Here</u>. On **Saturday, September 25**, at 3 p.m., *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents Organist and Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell, playing <u>Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ VIII</u> on the Miller-Scott Organ. Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a <u>Friend of Music</u>. To make your donation with our team, email <u>Concerts@SaintThomasChurch.org</u> or call 212-664-9360.

The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys released our first new choral album in seven years, "The Music of Gerre Hancock", in April 2021. The performances on the new recording are led by Dr. Jeremy Filsell, with accompaniment from Benjamin Sheen (former Associate Organist), Nicholas Quardokus (former Assistant Organist), and The Saint Thomas Brass Ensemble. <u>Listen</u> to tracks and purchase your own copy of the album to stream or order the CD directly from our website.

New Children's Parish Choir. Under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, coming this fall is a new children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays at 4-4:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 10-10:45 a.m., beginning Tuesday, September 14, and Saturday, September 18. This FREE music program will feature the acclaimed RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) Voice for Life curriculum in which choristers will gain different colored ribbons by working towards different assessed levels of music and vocal instruction. Our first appearance as a choir will be at the Crèche Service in December. Then, beginning in January 2022, we will sing at the 9 a.m. Sunday morning Mass (Family Service). No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Friday Bible Study continues at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom, and runs for about an hour. For more information, please contact Fr. Bennett at RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org.

The Nominating Committee of the Vestry is now soliciting suggestions from parishioners for Vestry candidates, and will meet to review them. Please understand that not all those suggested will be put on the ballot. The Nominating Committee is tasked with selecting candidates who best meet the current needs of the Vestry, needs that vary from election to election depending on the current Vestry members and their expertise. For instance, one year the Vestry might need a new member with investment experience, while the next year, there could be a need for someone with architectural knowledge. If your suggestion does not make it onto the ballot this year, please don't be discouraged or take it as a rejection for the future. Once the Nominating Committee has assembled a ballot, candidates will be notified. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Kazie Metzger Harvey, Warden & Chairman; Jay Sterling; Edith Morrill; Anne Kelly Treantafeles; and Pamela Zonsius. Kenneth Koen is the alternate.

Please send any suggestions to Kazie Harvey at <u>KHarvey@SaintThomasChurch.org</u> by October 1. Including a resume or bio would be helpful. Further, please make sure any suggested person would be willing to serve.

## SERVICES THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

The Church is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Face masks, hand sanitization and health screening are required for entry.

# Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Holy Eucharist

Monday - Saturday at 12 p.m.

Open to the public, live audio stream and then on-demand.

Please send your requests for prayers via the website click here or emailed to: prayer@saintthomaschurch.org

# Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: Fr. Bennett

(need to wear a mask if unvaccinated; chairs will be placed at an appropriate distance)

# CHORAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

All choral services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand

# TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 THE FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW

# 5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: Fr. Bennett

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

# **▼ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## 9 a.m. Sung Eucharist

This service is especially suitable for children

Preacher: Mo. Turner

## 11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Preacher: The Rector

# 4 p.m. Festal Evensong

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Preacher: Mo. Turner

#### ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Matthew Moretz, Vicar and Chief Operating Officer The Reverend Alison J. Turner, Associate for Children & Family Ministry and School Chaplain The Reverend Ryan Bennett, Assistant Priest

#### **STAFF**

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The Reverend Mark Brown, Honorary Assistant
The Reverend Gina Gore, Honorary Assistant
The Reverend David F. Mc Neeley, Honorary Assistant
The Reverend William A. Norgren, Honorary Assistant
The Reverend Thomas F. Pike, Honorary Assistant
The Rev. Canon Prof. J. Robert Wright, Honorary Assistant

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