



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK

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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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

THE GREAT LITANY and SOLEMN EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Sancti Thomae in tempore enim pestilencia

Jeremy Filsell
(b. 1964)

At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.

THE GREAT LITANY

Henry Loosemore
(fl. 1627-1670)

O GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Saint Mary, Mother of God our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Pray for us.

All holy Angels and Archangels, and all holy orders of blessed spirits,
Pray for us.

All holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs; and all the blessed company of heaven,
Pray for us.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine;
from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism;
from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism,
Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial;
by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern
thy holy Church universal in the right way;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the heart of thy servant, The President of the United States, that he
may above all things seek thy honour and glory;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates, giving them grace
to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and
understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and
show it accordingly;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth labourers into thy harvest;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy
commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to
receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted;
and to raise up them that fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land, by water, or by air; all women in childbirth,
all sick persons, and young children; and to shew thy pity upon prisoners and captives;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, Blessed Thomas our Patron, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lector concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9*Sung by the Choir*Anglican Chant (*Tredinnick*)**AD TE, DOMINE, LEVAVI**

UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee:
 O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed: but such as transgress without a cause
 shall be put to confusion.
 Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths.
 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: for thou art the God of my salvation;
 in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy loving-kindnesses,
 which have been ever of old.
 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou upon me,
 O Lord, for thy goodness.
 Gracious and righteous is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement: and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.
 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth: unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
 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

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

The Subdeacon concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

ADVENT SEQUENCE*Sung by the Choir*Plainsong (*Mode VII*)

SAVIOUR eternal! Health and life of the world unfailing. Light everlasting!
 And in verity our redemption, Grieving that the ages of men must perish
 Thro' the tempter's subtlety, Still in heaven abiding, thou comes earth-ward
 Of thine own great clemency:
 Then freely and graciously Deigning to assume humanity, To lost ones and perishing
 Gavest thou thy free deliverance, Filling all the world with joy.
 O Christ, our souls and bodies cleanse By thy perfect sacrifice;
 That we as temples pure and bright Fit for thine abode may be.
 By thy former advent justify, By thy second grant us liberty:
 That when in the might of glory Thou descendest, Judge of all, We in raiment undefiled,
 Bright may shine, and ever follow, Lord, thy footsteps blest, where'er they lead us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*The People stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God:
 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.
People

People



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



SERMON

The Rev. Prisca Lee-Pae
Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand. It is customary to bow 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 PEACE

The Celebrant says

IN 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.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Sung by the Choir

Leo Nestor
(1948-2019)

RORATE caeli desuper,
et nubes pluant justum.
Ne irascaris, Domine,
ne ultra memineris iniquitatem.
Ecce civitas sancta facta est deserta,
Sion deserta facta est.
Jerusalem desolata facta est.
Domus sanctificationis tuae et gloriae tuae,
ubi laudaverunt te patres nostrae.
Vide, Domine, afflictionem populi tui,
et mitte quem missurus es:
emitte Agnum dominatorem terrae,
de Petra deserti
ad montem filiae Sion
ut auferat ipse jugum captivitatis nostrae.
Consolamini, popule meus.
Cito veniet salus tua.
Quare moerore consumeris?
Quia innovavit te dolor?
Salvabo te, noli timere:
ego enim sum Dominus Deus noster.
Sanctus Israel, redemptor tuus.

*Drop down ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness:
Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity for ever.
The holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness.
Jerusalem is a desolation.
Our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.
Behold, o Lord, the affliction of thy people,
and send forth him who is to come:
send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth
from Petra of the desert
to the mount of the daughter of Sion
that he may take away the yoke of our captivity.
Comfort ye, my people.
My salvation shall not tarry.
Why wilt thou waste away in sadness?
Why hath sorrow seized thee?
Fear not, for I will save thee:
for I am the Lord thy God,
the holy one of Israel, thy redeemer.*

Isaiah 45:8, 64:9-11, 40:1

HYMN

STUTTGART

1 Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e-ter-nal Spi-rit rule in all our hearts a-lone;
from our fears and sins re-lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de-sire of ev-ery na-tion, joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev-er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
by thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmody Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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 continues

IT 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 send thy 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 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

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

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Sabaoth.
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 People kneel.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, and in 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

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BEHOLD 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.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only in the Crossing.
Gluten free hosts are available; please ask the priest.*

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.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

A GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	<i>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.</i>
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MOTET

Sung by the Choir

*Robert Ramsey
(1594-1644)*

O SAPIENTIA quae ex ore altissimi prodisti attingens a fine usque ad finem fortiter suaviter
disponensque omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentie. Amen.

*O wisdom which comes from the mouth of the Most High, extending strongly from pole to pole,
which orders all things fittingly, come and teach us the way of prudence. Amen.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling

ALMIGHTY 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 SOLEMN BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

The Celebrant says

MAY Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

HYMN

ST. STEPHEN

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925) Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

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

The People stand as the Ministers depart.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Helen Green Battle, Arthur Trumbull Hill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut and Linda Griffith Vorsanger.

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education. At 10 a.m. today, **Fr. Mark Schultz** concludes his two-session sequence titled, **“Let Them Measure the Pattern”: The Pattern of Salvation in John 1-18.** In this series, we’ll consider the Introduction to the Fourth Gospel as describing the pattern of John, as well as the pattern of salvation itself. We’ll explore some of the intricate strands of symbolism, scripture, liturgy, and history woven together in the Gospel’s narrative that are succinctly summarized in a cosmic and super-cosmic register in the Introduction. 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.

Children and Families’ Gatherings. Each Sunday begins with a **Sung Mass at 9 a.m.**, which is especially suitable for children. Afterwards, **Sunday School** is offered for children ages 4 to 11 on the third floor of the Parish House until 10:45 a.m. **Nursery care** is available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration for all 2021-22 Children and Family events and programs is essential. You may access the registration form [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.

The **Annual Election for the Vestry of Saint Thomas Church** will be held this Tuesday, November 30. The following parishioners are standing for election: as warden, Lloyd Stanford; and for the vestry, Inge Reist, Karen Duncan, Darren Littlejohn. The by-laws of the parish define those eligible to vote as follows: “Persons of full age belonging to the Parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants at its worship and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to such election or special meeting, shall be qualified voters at any such election or special meeting.” Eligible voters have been emailed a link to an online ballot, and paper ballots will be sent to those without email addresses. If you have not received one and are a qualified voter, please contact Fr. Moretz at MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Noble Singers – Children’s Parish Choir. Under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, a new children’s parish choir for singers ages 5-12 is now underway. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays at 4-4:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 10-10:45 a.m. Registration is [now available online](#). 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 **TODAY at the 9 a.m. Mass**. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Concerts at Saint Thomas is pleased to announce that an annual tradition returns on **Tuesday, December 7, and Thursday, December 9**, at 7:30 p.m. as New York Baroque Incorporated joins the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys and soloists for two performances of Handel’s *Messiah*. On Thursday, December 16, another holiday favorite returns as the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir, along with harpist Parker Ramsay, present *Christmas on Fifth Avenue*, an hour-long concert in celebration of the Christmas Season. Please [visit our website](#) for tickets and more information. 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.

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. [Listen](#) to tracks and purchase your own copy of the album to stream or [order the CD](#) directly from our website.

The Bookstore will be selling a limited number of items in the Narthex through **today** following the 11 a.m. service. Items for sale will be a selection of books for Advent and Christmas, choirboy ornaments, Advent Calendars and Christmas cards. Anyone requiring any items from the store should contact Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org to make an appointment.

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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

The Church is open for Private Prayer and Visits

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Proof of vaccination, face masks, hand sanitization and health screening are required for entry.

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions)

Monday – Saturday at 12 p.m. *Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

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

The Daily Eucharist

Monday – Saturday 12:05 p.m. *Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

Wednesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Chantry Chapel.

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: The Rector

CHORAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

5:30 p.m. 'Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!'

A Service for Advent

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

✠ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell

This service is especially suitable for children

Homily by Fr. Bennett

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Mo. Turner

2021 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CONCERTS AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

Tuesday, December 7, and Thursday, December 9

7:30 p.m. – tickets required

Handel's *Messiah* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

soloists with New York Baroque Incorporated

Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*



Wednesday, December 15

12 p.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Dirksen, Edwards, Bairston, Hancock, Preston and Baker*



Thursday, December 16

5:30 p.m. – tickets required

Christmas on Fifth Avenue

Dancing Day - *Rutter* and works by *Britten, Litaize, Bairstow, Stanford*

The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Parker Ramsay, *harp*

Nicolas Haigh, *Miller-Scott Organ*

Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*



Saturday, December 18

4 p.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Dirksen, Edwards, Bairstow, Hancock, Preston and Baker*



Sunday, December 19, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Ledger, Edwards, M. Martin, Hancock, Pott and Young*



Tuesday, December 21

5:30 p.m.

The Blessing of the Crèche: *A service for children and their families*

sung by the Noble Singers



Friday, 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, Ledger, Edwards, M. Martin, Hancock, Pott and Young*

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

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR STRINGS

10:30 p.m.

THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

(MIDNIGHT MASS)

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

Music of *Mozart, Hancock, Dirksen and Preston*

Sermon by The Rector



Saturday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

9 a.m.

SAID EUCHARIST at the High Altar

11 a.m.

SOLEMN EUCHARIST

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Filsell, Dirksen, Bairstow, and Ledger*

Sermon by Fr. Moretz