

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

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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*

THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER 25, 2021

SOLEMN EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

SETTING

Missa Sancti Thomae

Brian Preston Harlow
(b. 1976)

PRELUDE

Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest-home:
All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home;
E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest-home;

all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
wheat and tares to-ge-th-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of-fen-ses purge a-way;
gath-er thou thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin;

God, our Ma-ker, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear:
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
there, for ev-er pur-i-fied, in thy pres-ence to a-bide;

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest-home.
grant, O har-vest Lord, that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
come, with all thine an-gels come, raise the glo-rious har-vest-home.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season
and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards
of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need,
to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit.

THE LESSON

Joel 2:21-27

The Lector concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

IN CONVERTENDO

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like unto them that dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with joy.
 Then said they among the heathen: The Lord hath done great things for them.
 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.
 Turn our captivity, O Lord: as the rivers in the south.
 They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.
 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed:
 shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.
 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

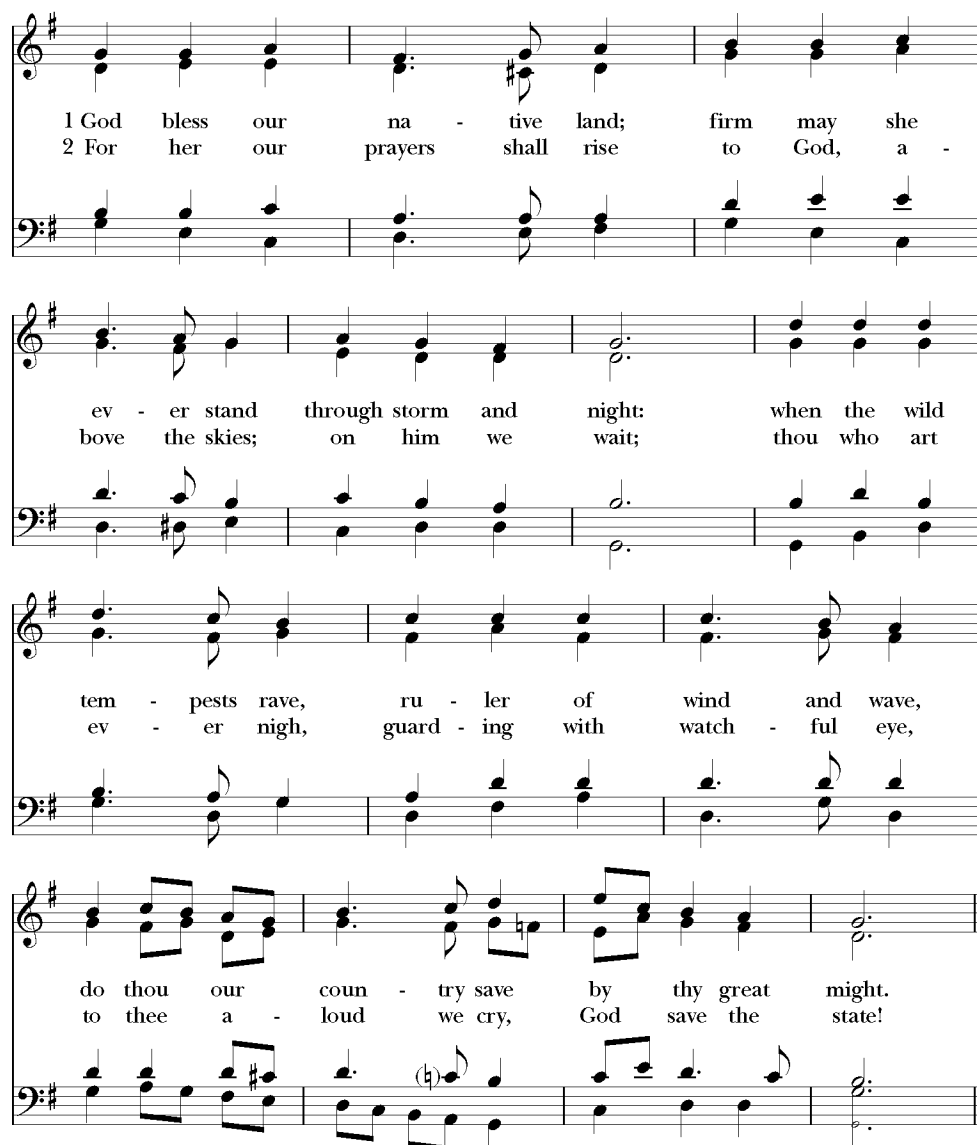
1 Timothy 2:1-7

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

HYMN

AMERICA



1 God bless our na-tive land; firm may she
 2 For her our prayers shall rise to God, a -

ev - er stand through storm and night: when the wild
 bove the skies; on him and we wait; thou who art

tem - pests rave, ru - ler of wind and wave,
 ev - er nigh, guard - ing with watch - ful eye,

do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
 to thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn,
that they shall laugh and sing.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-33

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

People



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



SERMON

The Rev. Mark Schultz
Associate for Pastoral Care

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.

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

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.

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 of Hosts.
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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

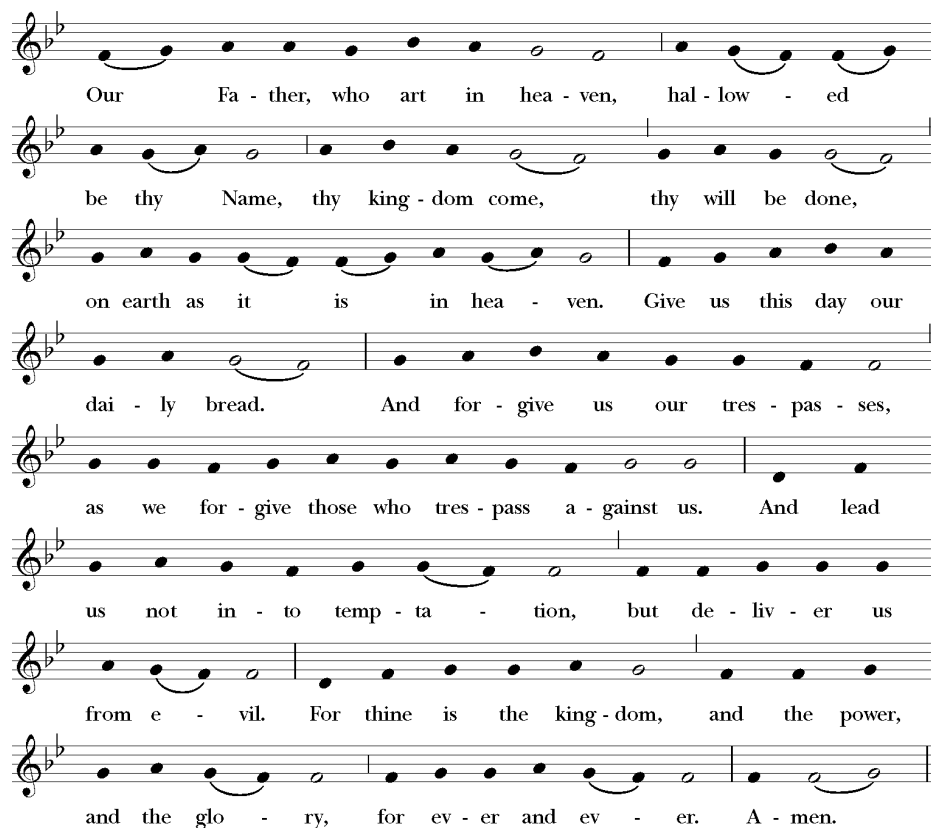
The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant and People



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)*

IBELIEVE 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.

AT THE COMMUNION, AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

MOTET

Sung by the Choir

*Jack Ossewaarde
(1918-2004)*

DRAW us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

The People kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 People stand.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

NATIONAL ANTHEM



O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,
what so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - i - lous fight,
o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?
And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that star - span - gled ban - ner yet wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

MAY God our creator, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air, bestow on you his care and increase the harvest of your righteousness; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
 2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
 3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
 he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
 the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
 the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
 but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain
 All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt. Music: *Wir pflügen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)

The flowers are offered to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for his blessings upon this country.

The flowers today are also offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Amy Mazzola Flynn and John W. Mazzola.

PARISH NOTICES

The **Annual Election for the Vestry of Saint Thomas Church** will be held on 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 **this Sunday, November 28**, 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.

SERVICES THIS WEEKEND

The Church is open for Private Prayer and Visits

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)

Friday and 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

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

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

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

CHORAL SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

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

✠ **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9 a.m. Sung Eucharist

sung by the Noble Singers

Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell

This service is especially suitable for children

Homily by Fr. Moretz

11 a.m. The Great Litany and Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

4 p.m. 'Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!'

A Service for Advent

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

ASSISTING CLERGY

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and *Chief Operating Officer*

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