



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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)

DECEMBER 12, 2021

FESTAL EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

SETTING

Missa Brevis

Andrea Gabrieli
(c. 1532-1585)

PRELUDE

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, Op. 67/XXIX

Max Reger
(1873-1916)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir. This Hymn is sung as the Sacred Ministers go to the altar.

HYMN

HELMSLEY

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

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.*

KYRIE

Sung by the Choir

KYRIE eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, 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.

STIR up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are
sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory,
world without end. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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

PSALM 146

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Lane*)

LAUDA, ANIMA MEA

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being,
I will sing praises unto my God.
O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man: for there is no help in them.
For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth: and then all his thoughts perish.
Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: who keepeth his promise for ever;
Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth the hungry.
The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: the Lord careth for the righteous.
The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow:
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore: and throughout all generations.
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

Philippians 4:4-7

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

The People stand.

1. Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior prom-ised long;
 2. He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's bond - age held;
 3. He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing soul to cure;
 4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come shall pro - claim;

5
 let ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 the gates of brass be - fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 and with the trea - sures of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 and heaven's e - ter - nal arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Plainsong (Mode VI)**This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*Cantor* 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 3:7-18

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

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise_ be to thee, Praise_ be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit.

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Celebrant says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The People kneel.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, The Presiding Bishop, Andrew, our bishop, Allen, his Suffragan, and Mary, his Assistant, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the President of the United States, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Saint Thomas our Patron, Saint John the Baptist, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins.

The People stand.

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

John Joubert
(1927-2019)

THERE is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: *Alleluia*.
For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space: *Resmiranda* (*a wonderful thing*).
By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three: *Pares forma* (*equal in form*).
Then leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyous birth: *Transeamus* (*let's go*).

The People stand.

HYMN

WINCHESTER NEW

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. .*

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

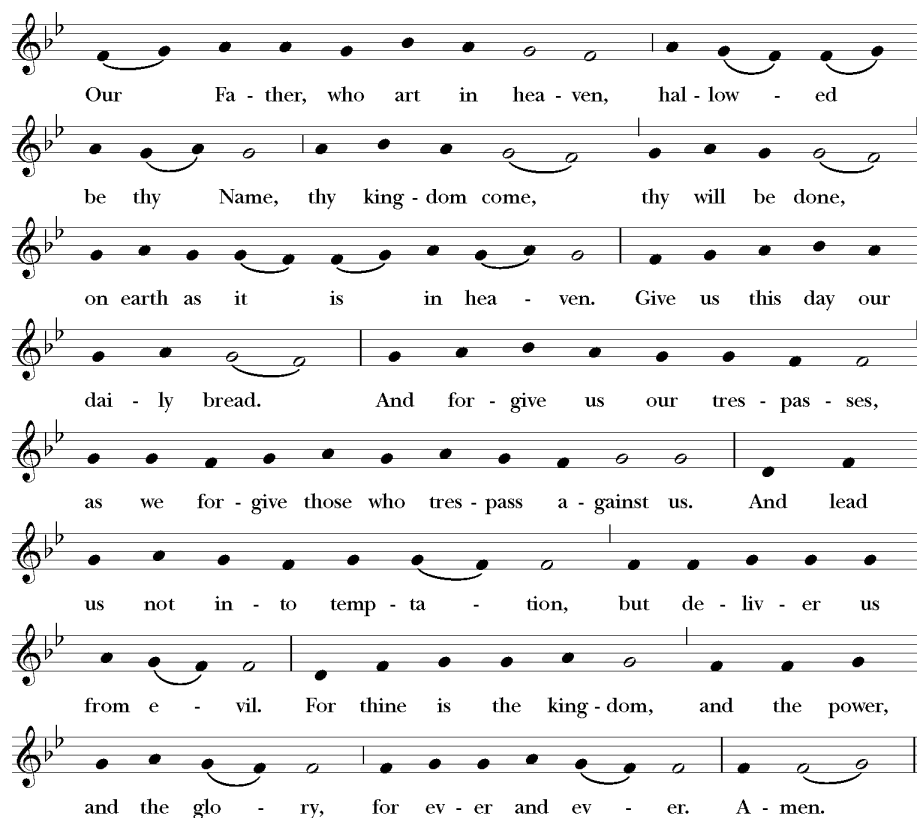
The People kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with 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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

*The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.
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.*

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

*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 BLESSING

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.*

HYMN

WACHET AUF

1. Wake, O wake! with ti - dings thrill - ing The watch - men all the
2. Si - on hears the watch - men shou - ting, Her heart leaps up with
3. Ev - ery soul in thee re - joi - ces; From men and from an -
air are fill - ing, A - rise, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!
joy un - doubt - ing, She stands and waits with ea - ger eyes;
ge - lic voi - ces Be glo - ry giv'n to thee a - lone!
Mid - night strikes! no more de - lay - ing, 'The hour has come!' we
See her Friend from heav'n des - cen - ding, A - dorned with truth and
Now the gates of pearl re - ceive us, Thy pres - ence ne - ver
hear them say - ing. Where are ye all, ye vir - gins wise?
grace un - en - ding! Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
more shall leave us, We stand with An - gels round thy throne.
The Bride - groom comes in sight, Raise high your tor - ches
Now come, thou pre - cious Crown, Lord Je - su, God's own
Earth can - not give be - low The bliss thou dost be -
bright! Al - le - lu - ia! The wed - ding song Swells
Son! Ho - san - na! Let us pre - pare To
stow. Al - le - lu - ia! Grant us to raise, To
loud and strong: Go forth and join the fes - tal throng.
fol - low there, Where in thy sup - per we may share.
length of days, The tri - umph - cho - rus of thy praise.

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

Wachet Auf, ruft uns die stimme, Op. 67/XLI

Max Reger

PARISH NOTICES

Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. The deadline is **Sunday, December 19**.

Adult Education. At 10 a.m. today, the **Reverend Dr. Julie Faith Parker**, our guest teacher, continues her three-session sequence entitled **“Three Women and a Little Baby: Advent and Luke 1-2.”** This second session is “Mary and the Strength of Courage” and “explores Mary’s courage, with an emphasis on her youth. How does her age influence her story? We will discuss biblical scholarship that focuses on children. We will look at Mary’s scriptural sisters and come to a new appreciation of her power and bravery. This program will combine images and music as we deepen our understanding of Mary.” 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 Noble Singers. Our new children’s parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now underway. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays at 4-4:45 p.m. and/or Saturdays from 10-10:45 a.m. It’s not too late to join us. Registration is currently 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 official appearance as a choir will be at the Crèche Service on December 21, but we have already started leading the music at the 9 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. Beginning in January 2022, we will start singing weekly at the 9 a.m. service. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents **Christmas on Fifth Avenue** on Thursday, December 16, at 5:30 p.m. This holiday favorite features the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir along with harpist Parker Ramsay in an hour-long concert to celebrate 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, email Concerts@SaintThomasChurch.org or call 212-664-9360.

Annual Crèche Service on Tuesday, December 21, at 5:30 p.m. Please join us as we mark the approach of Christmas with drama, readings and music led by children for children, culminating in the blessing of our very own Saint Thomas Crèche. This service is especially suited for the young and young at heart, and all visitors are welcome to join the service dressed as their favorite Nativity character. Music will be led for the first time by our new Children’s Choir, *The Noble Singers*, and by our Grade 8 Choristers. We look forward to seeing you!

The Bookstore will be open on Sundays, December 12 and 19, after the 11 a.m. service until 3 p.m., and by appointment at Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org. Just in time for the holiday season, CD’s featuring the **Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys** are now available on our [website](#) or by emailing the Bookstore.

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.

Christmastide Candles in Memory of Loved Ones. During Christmastide, the time between Christmas Day and New Year’s Day, we will light an eight-day candle for your loved one(s), and place it before the Crèche of Saint Thomas Church. Each candle will be affixed with the name you submit. The suggested donation for each eight-day candle is \$25. We also offer a one-day candle, which can be lit at any time during Christmastide, and the names will be added to the prayer list of that day. A candle will be lit at Our Lady of Fifth Avenue. The suggested donation for each one-day candle is \$5.

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

Tuesday following Evensong.

Wednesday following A Service of Lessons and Carols and following Evensong.

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

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

CHORAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

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, Robinson, Edwards, Rutter, Hancock, Preston and Baker

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

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, Robinson, Edwards, Rutter, Hancock, Preston and Baker

✠ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell

This service is especially suitable for children

Homily by The Rector

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Schultz

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

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of Dirksen, Robinson, Ledger, Edwards, M. Martin, Hancock, Pott and Preston

2021 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CONCERTS AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

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*



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 *Dirksen, Robinson, Ledger, Edwards, M. Martin, Hancock, Pott* and *Preston*

(followed by a short, Said, Vigil Mass in the Chantry Chapel)

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 Strings

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

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