



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

PRELUDE

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
(1562-1621)

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

HYMN

VENI EMMANUEL



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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 68:1-19

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Turle, Atkins*)

EXURGAT DEUS

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered let them also that hate him flee before him.
 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away: and like as wax melteth at the fire,
 so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.
 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God: let them also be merry and joyful.
 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name: magnify him that rideth upon the heavens,
 as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name jah, and rejoice before him.
 He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows: even God in his holy habitation.
 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity:
 but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.
 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people: when thou wentest through the wilderness;
 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God: even as Sinai also was moved
 at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.
 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance: and refreshedst it when it was weary.
 Thy congregation shall dwell therein: for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.
 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of the preachers.
 Kings with their armies did flee, and were discomfited: and they of the household divided the spoil.
 Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove: that is covered with
 silver wings, and her feathers like gold.
 When the Almighty scattered kings for their sake: then were they as white as snow in Salmon.
 As the hill of Basan, so is God's hill: even an high hill, as the hill of Basan.
 Why hop ye so, ye high hills? this is God's hill, in the which it pleaseth him to dwell: yea,
 the Lord will abide in it for ever.
 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: and the Lord is among them,
 as in the holy place of Sinai.
 Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men: yea,
 even for thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.
 Praised be the Lord daily: even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.
 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

Isaiah 35

The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.



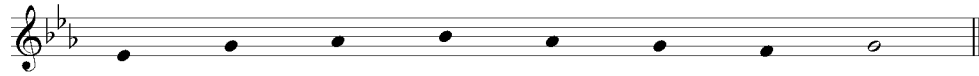
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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MAGNIFICAT IN D

*Sung by the Choir**Charles Wood*
(1866-1926)

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.

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Apostles' Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN D

Sung by the Choir

Charles Wood

LORD, 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

I 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 Catholick 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.

OUR 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 those who 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;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 SECOND COLLECT

O 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 both 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

LIGHTEN 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.*

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

*Adrian Peacock
(b. 1962)*

VENI, Emmanuel,
O veni adoremus.
Puer natus est nobis. Alleluia.
Hodie Christus natus est.
Laetantur archangeli.
Gaudete, Christus est natus. Alleluia.

*Come Emmanuel,
Come for us to worship.
A child to be born to us. Alleluia.
The day Christ will be born.
Let the angels be glad.
Rejoice, for Christ will be born. Alleluia.*

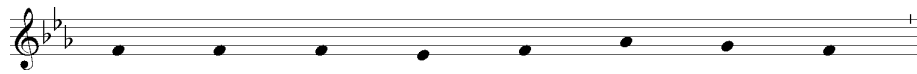
Isaiah 9:6, Luke 2:11

SERMON

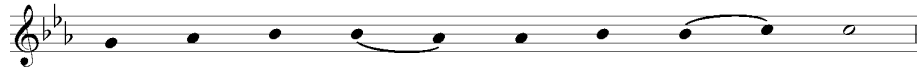
The Rector

HYMN

VENI REDEMPTOR GENTIUM



1 Re - deem - er of the na - tions, come;
 2 From hu - man will you do not spring,
 3 You came forth from the e - ter - nal God,
 4 With God the Fa - ther you are one,
 5 Your cra - dle shines with glo - ry's light;
 6 All praise, O un - be - got - ten God,



1 re - veal your - self in vir - gin birth,
 2 but from the Spi - rit of our God;
 3 and you re - turned to that same source,
 4 and one with us in hu - man flesh.
 5 its splen - dor pierc - es all our gloom.
 6 all praise to you, e - ter - nal Word,



1 the birth which a - ges all a - dore,
 2 O Word of God, come; take our flesh
 3 You suf - fered death and har - rowed hell,
 4 Oh, fill our weak and dy - ing frame
 5 Our faith re - flects those ra - diant beams;
 6 all praise, life - giv - ing Spi - rit, praise,



1 a won - drous birth, be - fit - ting God.
 2 and grow as child in Ma - ry's womb.
 3 and reigned once more from God's high throne.
 4 with god - ly strength which nev - er fails.
 5 no night shall o - ver - come it now.
 6 all glo - ry to our God Tri - une.

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THE BLESSING

CHRISt 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 amongst you
 and remain with you always. *Amen*

THE ADVENT PROSE

The Choir sings the Antiphon and all repeat. The People then sing the Antiphon where indicated.



BE not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee. *Antiphon*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away:
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *Antiphon*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen:
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *Antiphon*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud
thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *Antiphon*

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in c, BWV 537

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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!

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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The Saint Thomas Choir School is committed to nurturing, training and educating talented and high potential boys without regard to religious, economic, or social background. Generous financial aid is available to all successful applicants. Inquiries from interested families are sought throughout the year.

The Gentlemen of the Saint Thomas Choir are professional singers; the Boy Choristers attend the Saint Thomas Choir School. The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys is represented by Karen McFarlane Artists, Inc. and records for Resonus Classics and Signum Classics.

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