

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 AT 11 A.M.
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SOLEMN EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.
Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Messe Brève

Théodore Dubois
(1837-1924)

PRELUDE

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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

HYMN

MERTON

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

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 ELEISON

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.

MERCIFUL God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Noble*)

DEUS, JUDICIUM

GIVE the King thy judgements, O God : and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
Then shall he judge thy people according unto right : and defend the poor.
The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
He shall keep the simple folk by their right :
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.
They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth : from one generation to another.
He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool : even as the drops that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish : yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel : which only doeth wondrous things;
And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever :
and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.
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

Romans 15:4-13

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

The People stand.



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near; call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (*Mode VI*)

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.



THE COMMISSIONING OF A NEW WARDEN AND VESTRY MEMBERS

The People sit.

The Celebrant addresses the Congregation

BROTHERS and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to the ministries to which they are called.

The Current Warden and the Retiring Warden present the new Warden and new members of the Vestry.

The Celebrant says

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of this Church?

Presenters I believe they are.

The Celebrant then addresses the newly elected Warden and members of the Vestry

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Answer I will.

Celebrant Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Answer I will.

The Presenters say

We present to you Gregory Zaffiro to be admitted to the ministry of Warden, and Samyel Lee, John Oghia, Benita Potters, and Karl Saunders to be admitted to the ministry of Member of the Vestry in this congregation.

Celebrant The Lord giveth wisdom, out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

People **He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous, he is a buckler to them that walk rightly.**

Celebrant I am thy servant, O grant me understanding:

People **That I may know thy testimonies.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O **ETERNAL** God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with thy grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek thy glory and promote the mission of thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Candidates are individually received to their office.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you, Gregory, as a Warden in this Parish.

The Celebrant blesses the Warden's medal.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose blessed Son hath sanctified and transfigured the use of material things: Receive this medal which we offer unto thee, and grant that it may proclaim thy love, benefit thy Church, and minister grace and joy to the one who shall wear it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The outgoing Warden vests the newly elected warden with the medal. The Celebrant then receives the new members of the Vestry in turn.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you, [*Samuel, John, Benita, Karl*] as a Member of the Vestry in this Parish.

The People stand, and the Celebrant concludes the ceremony with this prayer

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Matthew Martin
(b. 1976)

O COME, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine Advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel.

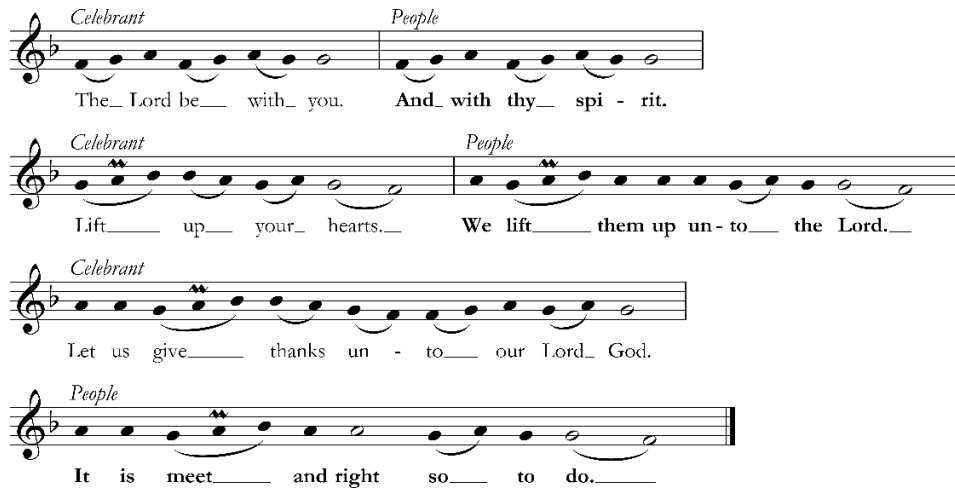
O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae:
veni, et illumine sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis.

O Dayspring, brightness of light everlasting, and sun of righteousness:
come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.
Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel.

Great Advent Antiphon for 21 December

The People stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to 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 of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.*

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 or stand.

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 Father, who 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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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 upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

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

The Celebrant says

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.

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

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

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction is not permitted.
You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*

MOTET

Sung by the Choir

*James Kennerley
(b. 1984)*

ADAM lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took.
As clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple, the apple taken been,
Ne had never our ladie abeen heav'ne queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen Deo Gratias!

15th Century English

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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.

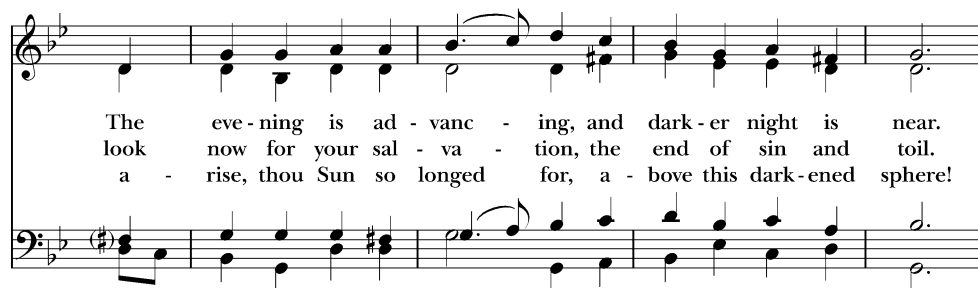
THE BLESSING

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.**




1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on *Veni, veni Emmanuel*

Adolphus Hailstork
 (b. 1941)



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Arthur Trumbull Hill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Hamilton Kissam, and Linda Griffith Vorsanger

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Andrew Hall after the service.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Mother Turner

*Followed by an organ recital by Amelie Held,
New York, NY*

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Said Mass

In the Chantry Chapel

*Note: There will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday or
Thursday due to the Messiah concerts.*

Friday

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday

11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice,
Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel

Confessor: Father Brown

**Next Sunday: December 11, The Third
Sunday of Advent: Gaudete**

9 a.m. Sung Mass

*especially suitable for Children and Families
followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Schultz

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Gioia

*Followed by an organ recital by Maks Adach,
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PARISH NOTICES

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11 a.m. service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. Tours generally last an hour and 15 minutes. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign.

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is open following the 11 am Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street where you will find a wide selection of books for Advent & Christmas, Advent Calendars, Christmas cards, Choir Boy Ornaments, and CDs.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1 p.m. Fr. Schultz leads a series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Join us as we continue our exploration of the Book of Signs (John 1:18 through chapter 12). For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Angel Tree 2022: It's time for the Saint Thomas community to open our hearts to the children of Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in the Bronx and to children staying with their mothers in a temporary shelter for survivors of domestic abuse. To make a monetary donation to this initiative, which is so vital to these children and their families, or for more details, visit our website or contact Linda Morfi: lmorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Theology at Saint Thomas: Join us **Sunday, December 4 at 10 a.m.** when the **Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia**, our new Associate for Adult Education and Formation, will join Fr. Moretz for an introductory interview for his new ministry. This will be a great way to welcome and to meet our newest priest. 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: Join us throughout **Advent** as we gather to learn more about this special season of waiting and preparing for Jesus. **Sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of Advent and Christmas outreach, services and activities, including our Blessing of The Creche service, December 17 at 4 p.m. Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Concerts at Saint Thomas is pleased to announce that an annual tradition returns on Tuesday, December 6 and Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. ET as **New York Baroque Incorporated** joins the **Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys** and soloists for 2 performances of Handel's *Messiah*. On Thursday, December 15, another holiday favorite returns as the **Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir**, along with harpist Bridget Kibbey, 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 Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, sings at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays during the program year. We welcome new singers at any time! No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer for the Fall Term, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

We have launched our **2023 Annual Appeal: Invitation, Community, Discipleship**. You can make a pledge via the QR code below to be taken to the website or email giving@saintthomaschurch.org. Every pledge makes a difference.

