



# 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*

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

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

SETTING

Saint Thomas Missa Brevis

*Stephen Gauster-Filek*  
(b. 1970)

PRELUDE

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211

*Dieterich Buxtehude*  
(c. 1637-1707)

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

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 - pect - 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.

## 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.

**A**LMIGHTY 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*

**L**ORD, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

**M**ERCIFUL 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 LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

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

## CANTICLE

*Sung by the Choir*

*Philip Moore*  
(b. 1943)


**B**LESSED be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest,  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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 Subdeacon concludes*    The Word of the Lord.  
*The People respond*        Thanks be to God.

*The People stand.*

HYMN


PSALM 42




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

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



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

*People*    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

*People*    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

*People*



*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*



## SERMON

The Rector

## 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 (FORM I)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

*The People kneel.*

*After each petition,*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*At the end of the Litany,*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*After the last petition*

. . . let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* To thee, O Lord our God.

*After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect*

**H**EAVENLY Father, thou hast promised to hear what we ask in the Name of thy Son:  
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve  
in our sinfulness, but as thou knowest and lovest us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## CONFESSIO OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Celebrant and People*

**A**LMIGHTY 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*

**A**LMIGHTY 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 PEACE

*The Celebrant says*

**I**N 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*

*Grayston Ives*  
(b. 1948)

**T**HIS is the record of John,  
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,  
“Who art thou?”  
And he confessed and denied not; and said plainly,  
“I am not the Christ.”

And they asked him, “What art thou then? Art thou Elias?”  
And he said, “I am not.”  
And they asked him, “Art thou the prophet?”  
And he answered, “No.”

Then said they unto him,  
“What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.  
What sayest thou of thyself?”  
And he said, “I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Make straight the way of the Lord.”

*John 1:19-23*

### 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*

**I**T 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*

**H**OLY, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory,  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.

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

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Celebrant and People*

**O**UR 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.

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People*

**W**E 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

**B**EHOLD 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.

## 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 in one kind only in the Crossing.  
Gluten free hosts are available; please ask the priest.*

## AGNUS DEI

*Sung by the Choir*

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

## MOTET

*Sung by the Choir*

*Matthew Martin  
(b. 1976)*

**A** DAM 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 take been,  
the apple taken been,  
ne had never our lady  
a been heav'ne queen.  
Blessed be the time  
that apple taken was,  
therefore we moun singen  
'*Deo gracias.*'

*Anonymous 15<sup>th</sup> century*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Said by all, kneeling*

**A** LMIGHTY 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*

**M**AY 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 Egbwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

### 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

Fantasy on 'Helmsley', Op. 72/i

*Kenneth Leighton*  
 (1929-1988)

## 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, will begin her three-session sequence entitled **“Three Women and a Little Baby: Advent and Luke 1-2.”** The first session is “Elizabeth and the Gift of Faith” and features a brief overview of Luke’s Gospel and his special emphases, particularly regarding women. We will then delve into the character of Elizabeth. Who is she? How does her faith make a difference in the life of the infant Jesus? Come and learn of the surprising power of this older woman and her loving witness to her pregnant cousin, 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](mailto: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.

**Noble Singers – the Children’s Parish Choir** for singers ages 5-12 has been rehearsing this fall under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays at 4-4:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 10-10:45 a.m. Registration is [available online](#). This **FREE** music program features the acclaimed RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) Voice for Life curriculum in which choristers gain different colored ribbons by working towards different assessed levels of music and vocal instruction. The choir has already sung at their first 9 a.m. Mass. They will sing again on Tuesday, December 21, at the Crèche Service. For more information, contact [RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:Concerts@SaintThomasChurch.org) or call 212-664-9360.

**The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys** released our first new choral album in seven years, “The Music of Gerre Hancock”, in April 2021. The performances on the new recording are led by Dr. Jeremy Filsell, with accompaniment from Benjamin Sheen (former Associate Organist), Nicholas Quardokus (former Assistant Organist), and The Saint Thomas Brass Ensemble. [Listen](#) to tracks and purchase your own copy of the album to stream or [order the CD](#) directly from our website.

**The Bookstore** will be open on Sundays, December 5, 12, and 19, after the 11 a.m. service until 3 p.m., and by appointment at [Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@saintthomaschurch.org)

### The Daily Eucharist

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

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

### Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

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

## CHORAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

### ✠ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)

#### 9 a.m. Sung Eucharist

*Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell*

This service is especially suitable for children

Homily by Mo. Turner

#### 11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

#### 4 p.m. Festal Evensong

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

Sermon by The Rector

## 2021 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CONCERTS AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

### Tuesday, December 7, and Thursday, December 9

7:30 p.m. – tickets required

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

soloists with New York Baroque Incorporated

Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*



### Wednesday, December 15

12 p.m.

#### A Service of Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Dirksen, Robinson, Edwards, Rutter, Hancock, Preston* and *Baker*



**Thursday, December 16**

5:30 p.m. – tickets required

**Christmas on Fifth Avenue**

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

The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Parker Ramsay, *barp*

Nicolas Haigh, *Miller-Scott Organ*

Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*



**Saturday, December 18**

4 p.m.

**A Service of Lessons and Carols**

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Dirksen, Robinson, Edwards, Rutter, Hancock, Preston* and *Baker*



**Sunday, December 19, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

4 p.m.

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

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



**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*

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

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR STRINGS**

10:30 p.m.

**THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY**

**(MIDNIGHT MASS)**

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

Music of *Mozart, Hancock, Dirksen* and *Preston*

Sermon by The Rector



**Saturday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY**

9 a.m.

**SAID EUCHARIST** at the High Altar

11 a.m.

**SOLEMN EUCHARIST**

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

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

Sermon by Fr. Moretz