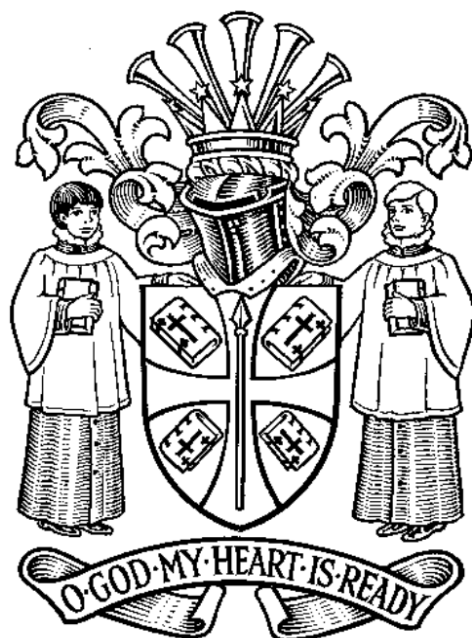


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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022 AT 11 A.M.
THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

FESTAL EUCHARIST

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Bell' Amfitrit' altera

Orlandus Lassus
(1532-1594)

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Coronation'

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

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

HYMN

DIADEMATA

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2. Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4. Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5. Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; crown

how the heaven - ly an - them_drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
ye, who tread where he hath_trod, crown him the Son of man; who
rose vic - to - rious in the__strife for those he came to save; his
once on earth, the in - car - nate__Word, for ran -somed sin - ners slain, now
him the King, to whom is__given, the won -drous name of Love. Crown

wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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.**

The Celebrant says

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son,
the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth,
divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule;
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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

PSALM 46

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Luther*)

DEUS NOSTER REFUGIUM

GOD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved :
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell :
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God :
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed :
God shall help her, and that right early.
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved :
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.
O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord :
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
He maketh wars to cease in all the world : he breaketh the bow,
and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen,
and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.
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

Colossians 1:11-20

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

The People stand.

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and
 5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most
 2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -
 4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his
 5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.
 3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;
 4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.
 5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. Music: *Gerontius*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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.**

Cantor At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

*Deacon
People*

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



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



CHRISTUS VINCIT

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong
arr. Martin Baker
(b. 1967)

CHRISTUS vincit,
Christus regnat,
Christus imperat.

*Christ conquers,
Christ reigns,
Christ commands.*

Exaudi Christe.
Summo Divinitas
et universali Patri vita.

*Listen, Christ.
To the supreme Godhead
and universal King, give life.*

Salvator mundi,
tu nos adjuva.
Sancta Maria,
tu nos adjuva.
Sancte Petre,
tu nos adjuva.
Sancte Paule,
tu nos adjuva.

*Saviour of the world,
come to our aid.
Holy Mary,
come to our aid.
Saint Peter,
come to our aid.
Saint Paul,
come to our aid.*

Rex regem,
Rex noster,
gloria nostra.

*King of Kings,
our King,
our glory.*

Ipsi soli imperium,
gloria, et potestas,
per immortalia saecula saeculorum.
Amen.

*To him alone be majesty,
glory, and power,
to everlasting ages of ages.
Amen.*

Christus vincit...

Christ conquers...

THE SERMON

The Rev. Alison Joan Turner
Associate for Children & Family Ministry and School Chaplain

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. 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

HEAVENLY 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 thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

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

Richard Allain
(b. 1965)

THE Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty :
the Lord is robed in majesty and is clothed with strength.
Your throne was established long ago : you are from all eternity.
The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice :
the floods have lifted up their waves.
The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters : the Lord on high is mighty.
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.

Adapted from Psalm 93

The People stand.

HYMN

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they -
O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -

bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
- a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,

by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -

may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -

stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
pride, o'er - thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* 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 in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us
as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom,
and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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
People*

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

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 in one kind only at 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 upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

*arr. Michael McCarthy
(b. 1955)*

THE King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)

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 peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

GUITING POWER



1. Christ tri - umph - ant, ev - er reign - ing, Sa - viour, Mas - ter, King!
2. Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing, Son of Man on earth!
3. Suf - fering ser - vant, scorned, ill - treat - ed, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!
4. Priest - ly king, en - throned for ev - er high in heaven a - bove!
5. So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing through the ag - es long,



Lord of heaven, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing:
Power and maj - es - ty con - ceal - ing by your hum - ble birth:
Death is through the cross de - feat - ed, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied:
Sin and death and hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love:
Cease - less - ly up - on you gaz - ing, this shall be our song:



Refrain
Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in F, BuxWV 156

Dietrich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-1707)



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Sarah Aurelia Brush, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Alice Mary Hyde, Linda Griffith Vorsanger,
and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Burks Yuille

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex after the service.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by the Rector
Followed by an organ recital by
Nicolas Haigh, Associate Organist

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday – Cecilia, Martyr of Rome

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Wednesday – Clement, Bishop of Rome

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday – Thanksgiving Day

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Saturday

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

Next Sunday: November 27:

The First Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. Sung Mass

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

11 a.m. Litany and Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Luigi Gioia

4 p.m. An Advent Procession*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

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.

Concerts at Saint Thomas is pleased to announce that an annual tradition returns on Tuesday, December 6 and Thursday, December 8 at 7:30pm 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.



ANNUAL VESTRY ELECTIONS

The Annual Election for the Vestry of Saint Thomas Church will be held on November 29, 2022. The following parishioners are standing for election: As Warden, Gregory Zaffiro; and for the Vestry, Samyel Lee, John G. Oghia, Benita Potters, and Karl C. Saunders. The by-laws of the parish define those eligible to vote as follows: "Persons of full age belonging to the Parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants at its worship and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to such election or special meeting, shall be qualified voters at any such election or special meeting." Ballots have been mailed electronically, mailed via USPS to those without online access, and will also be available at the reception desk of Saint Thomas Church (1 West 53rd St.)

If you have not received a ballot and are a qualified voter, please contact Lizette Hernandez at [\(212\) 757-7013](tel:2127577013).