

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 AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 16, 2022

AN EPIPHANY SEQUENCE — 4 p.m. sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie, Op. 13

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

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

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William Prendergast (1868-1933)

ARISE, shine, for thy light is come: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. All the earth shall worship thee, O God: They shall sing praise to thy name, O most Highest.

Winchester Antiphons

BIDDING PRAYER

DEARLY Beloved, we are gathered to celebrate with joy the appearance of God's glory in the world through the birth of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us; to reflect upon the visit of the magi bringing homage to their King at his birth; to wonder at his Baptism in the River Jordan; and to hear of his first miracle at a wedding at Cana in Galilee by which he revealed his glory to his disciples.

As we rejoice in the Word made flesh, who has called us out of darkness into light, so we pray that his love and faithfulness may be known in all the world.

We pray for the unity and mission of Christ's Church, and for all who minister the gospel of Christ; we pray for the world, that we may have reverence for the natural order and respect for every person, made in the image and likeness of God; and we pray for those who stand in need, for the lonely, the fearful, the sick and the bereaved, and for all who have no-one to pray for them.

May God our Father take us and use us in his service; may he open our eyes to see his glory, and equip us to bless his people, now and at all times. Amen.

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

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 People sit.

I: THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED

LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-7 The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

RISE, shine; for your light has come, Λ and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Mid'ian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebai'oth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house.

Now there lightens upon us a holy daybreak. Alleluia. Come, come, all good people, and praise the Lord with gladness. For the star which we have looked for shines forth a sign to all men. Alleluia.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The People sit.

II: THE GLORY REVEALED TO THE GENTILES

LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12 The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel."'

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

ANTHEM

Jacobus Clemens non Papa

(c. 1510-1556)

Magi veniunt ab Oriente Jerosolimam, quaerentes et dicentes: 'Ubi est qui natus est, rex Judaeorum, cujus stellam vidimus? Et venimus cum muneribus adorare Dominum.'

Wise men came from eastern lands to Jerusalem, and asked, saying:
Where is he who has been born King of the Jews?
For we saw his star arise,
and have come with gifts to worship him
and acknowledge him to be the Lord.'

HYMN DIX



COLLECT

Let us pray.

GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

The People sit.

III: THE GLORY REVEALED AT JORDAN'S STREAM

LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Saint Luke tells of the Baptism of Jesus.

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

MOTET

'The Baptism of Jesus'

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

ESUS autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.

On this day, Jesus went to the river Jordan.

When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father voice was heard in the place:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

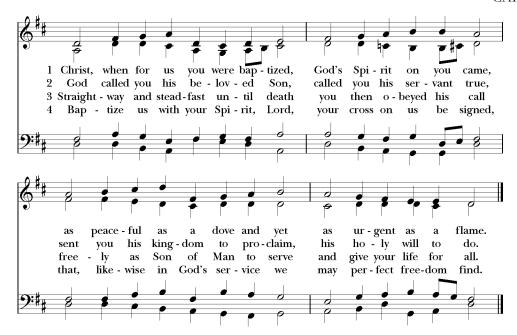
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptised with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptised in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Anonymous Medieval Text

HYMN CAITHNESS



COLLECT

Let us pray.

ATHER in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The People sit.

IV: THE GLORY REVEALED AT THE WEDDING AT CANA IN GALILEE

LESSON

John 2:1-11

Saint John tells of Jesus' first miracle at Cana of Galilee.

N the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

MOTET

Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525 – 1594)

TRIBUS miraculis ornatum diem sanctum colimus: hodie stella Magos duxit ad praesepium: hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias: hodie a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit, ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.

We observe this holy day, ornamented with three miracles: today a star led the Magi to the manger; today wine was made from water at the wedding; today Christ desired to be baptised by John, so that he might save us, Alleluia.

Magnificat antiphon at Second Vespers of the Feast of the Epiphany

HYMN



COLLECT

Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People sit.

V: THE PROMISE OF A SHARE IN CHRIST'S GLORY

LESSON

Romans 8:18-30 'Those whom he justified he also glorified'

CONSIDER that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

ANTHEM

Jonathan Dove
(b. 1959)

SEEK him that maketh the seven stars and Orion and turneth the shadow of death into the morning.

Alleluia, Yea, the darkness shineth as the day, the night is light about me. Seek him that turneth the shadow of death into the morning. Amen.

Amos 5:8; Psalm 139

HOMILY

The Rev. Prisca Lee-Pae Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry

ANTHEM 'Epiphany' Judith Bingham (b. 1952)

EEP midwinter, the dark center of the year, wake, o earth, awake, out on the hills, a star appears, wake, o earth, awake, here lies the way for pilgrim kings, three magi on an ancient path, black hours begin their journeyings. Wake, o earth, awake.

Their star has risen in our hearts, empty thrones, abandoned fears, out on the hills their journey starts, in dazzling darkness, God appears.

Judith Bingham

The People stand.

RESPONSORY

A minister says

I SAW the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, People prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice from the throne, saying, *People* Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples, and God himself will be with them.

Behold, I make all things new:

People I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift *People* from the spring of the water of life.'

Let us pray.

GOD, Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.



SOLEMN BLESSING

MAY Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen*.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen*.

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

VOLUNTARY

Epiphania Domini: V. Fantaisie from L'Orgue Mystique

Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Godfrey Pierson Connfelt, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Mary Jane Little, Clare Fahnestock Moorhead, Charles H. Van Braam Roberts, and The George Stevens Schermerhorn Family.

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education. At 10 a.m. today, Fr. Moretz, will begin an open-ended series on the stained glass of our parish, The Treasure of Saint Thomas: the Whitefriars' Glass. Using high quality images collected by Julie L. Sloan during the recent restoration of the glass (2007-2016), I will lead you through a careful theological reading of our windows, created between 1927 and 1974. As with the reredos, there is so very much to discover in this extraordinary iconographic scheme that was developed by Roelif H. Brooks, IX Rector, and Whitefriars' artist, James H. Hogan. 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. Sunday School takes place each week on the third floor of the Parish House, following the 9 a.m. Mass. This week we will continue to celebrate this special Epiphany Season. The Nursery Room is available for babies and toddlers with their parents during the 11 a.m. Mass. Young children with their families are also welcome to use the quiet area in the Chantry Chapel during the Mass. For any queries regarding the above or to receive our weekly newsletter please contact: ChildrenandFamilies@SaintThomasChurch.org.

The Noble Singers. Our new children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, welcomes returning and new singers. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays at 4-4:45 p.m. and/or Saturdays from 10-10:45 a.m. 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 Noble Singers will sing as scheduled at the 9 a.m. Sunday service throughout the year. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. It's not too join us! Registration is available online. For more information, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents organist Stephen Tharp playing Demessieux: The Complete Works for Organ I-III on the Miller-Scott Organ this Saturday, January 22. These three concerts (rescheduled from November 2021) will be presented at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. with guest lecturer Renée Anne Louprette presenting Femmes de l'orgue: Pioneering Women of the Pipe Organ in 20th-century France at 3:45 p.m. 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.

Friday Bible Study continues at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom, and runs for about an hour. For more information, please contact Fr. Brown at MBrown@SaintThomasChurch.org.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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 – Saturday at 12:05 p.m. Live audio stream and then on-demand. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday following An Epiphany Sequence (Tuesday) and Evensong (Wednesday and Thursday).

<u>Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry</u> in the Resurrection Chapel Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: The Rector

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

5:30 p.m. An Epiphany Sequence

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

★ THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

¥ SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell Sermon by Mo. Turner

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. Festal Evensong for Christian Unity

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Archbishop Gabriele Giordano Caccia Permanent Observer of The Holy See to The United Nations

5:15 p.m. Organ Recital

Janet Yieh New York, New York

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and Chief Operating Officer
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The Reverend Thomas F. Pike, Honorary Assistant

In Loving Memory of The Rev. Canon Prof. J. Robert Wright,

October 20, 1936 – January 12, 2022

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