

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022 AT 11 A.M.
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

FESTAL EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR

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

PRELUDE

Praeludium in F

Vincent Lübeck
(1654-1740)

ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Sancti Thomae in tempore enim pestilencia

Jeremy Filzell
(b. 1964)

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

HYMN

CORONATION

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring
2. Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call: praise
3. Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call, the
4. Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall, hail
5. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall, go,

forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all! bring
him whose way of pain_ ye_ trod, and crown him Lord of all! praise
God in - car - nate, Man_ di - vine, and crown him Lord of all! the
him who saves you by_ his_ grace, and crown him Lord of all! go,
spread your tro - phies at_ his_ feet, and crown him Lord of all! go,

forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
him whose way of pain_ ye_ trod, and crown him Lord of all!
God in - car - nate, Man_ di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
spread your tro - phies by_ his_ grace, and crown him Lord of all!
spread your tro - phies at_ his_ feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6. Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

THE EASTER GREETING AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Acts 16:16-34

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

PSALM 97

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (*Tone V¹*)

DOMINUS REGNAVIT

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat. There shall go a fire before him: and burn up his enemies on every side. His lightnings gave shine unto the world: the earth saw it, and was afraid. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens have declared his righteousness: and all the people have seen his glory. Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: worship him, all ye gods. Sion heard of it, and rejoiced: and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord. For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly. There is sprung up a light for the righteous: and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous: and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness. 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

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

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

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 - sored 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

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



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rector

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

The Celebrant says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The People kneel.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop, Andrew our Bishop, Allen his Suffragan, and Mary his Assistant, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New York, and the Mayor of the City of New York, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, and especially all suffering from the pandemic at this time.

We also give unto thee heartfelt thanks for all thy servants who minister to the sick and the dying, those who work in our hospitals, those who work in the community, all front-liner workers and first responders, and those who work in our care homes.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially our own loved ones, and those whom we wish to remember today ... beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Thomas our patron, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

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 COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins.

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

GOD has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 1:22

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)*

AUF Christi Himmelfahrt allein
ich meine Nachfahrt gründe
und allen Zweifel, Angst und Pein
hiermit stets überwinde;
denn weil das Haupt im Himmel ist,
wird seine Glieder Jesus Christ
zu rechter Zeit nachholen.

*On Christ's ascension alone
I base my following journey,
and all doubt, tribulation, and pain
herewith always overcome;
for since the head is in heaven,
Jesus Christ will fetch its members
afterwards, in due season.*

Ernst Sonnemann (1630-1670)

The People stand.

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

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.

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection
manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us;
that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

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

MOTET

Johann Sebastian Bach

S EIN Allmacht zu ergründen,
wird sich kein Mensch finden,
mein Mund verstummt und schweigt.
ich sehe durch die Sterne,
dass er sich schon von ferne
zur Rechten Gottes zeigt.

*To fathom his omnipotence
no one will be found:
My mouth grows dumb and silent.
I see through the stars
already from afar
that he appears at God's right hand.*

Alsdenn so wirst du mich
zu deiner Rechten stellen
und mir als deinem Kind
ein gnädig Urteil fällen,
mich bringen zu der Lust,
wo deine Herrlichkeit
ich werde schauen an
in alle Ewigkeit.

*Thereupon you shall set me
at your right hand,
and on me, as your child,
pass a merciful sentence,
bringing me to that delight
wherein your glory
I shall behold
in all eternity.*

*Christiane Mariane von Ziegler (1695-1760)
Matthäus Avenarius (1625-1692)*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say

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 People stand

COMMEMORATION OF MEMORIAL DAY

The Rector says

LET us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping,
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

Silence is kept.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead:
We give thee thanks for all thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service
of our country. Grant to them thy mercy and the light of thy presence;
and give us such a lively sense of thy righteous will,
that the work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (*Verse one*)

1 O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,
2 O thus be it ev - er, when free - men shall stand

what so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,
be - tween their loved homes and the war's des - o - la - tion!

whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - ous fight,
Blest with vic - tory and peace, may the heaven-re-scued land

o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?
praise the Power that hath made and pre - served us a na - tion!

And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,
Then— con - quer we must, when our cause it is just,

gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
and this be our mot - to, "In God is our trust."

O say does that star-span-gled ban - ner yet wave
And the star-span-gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall wave

o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

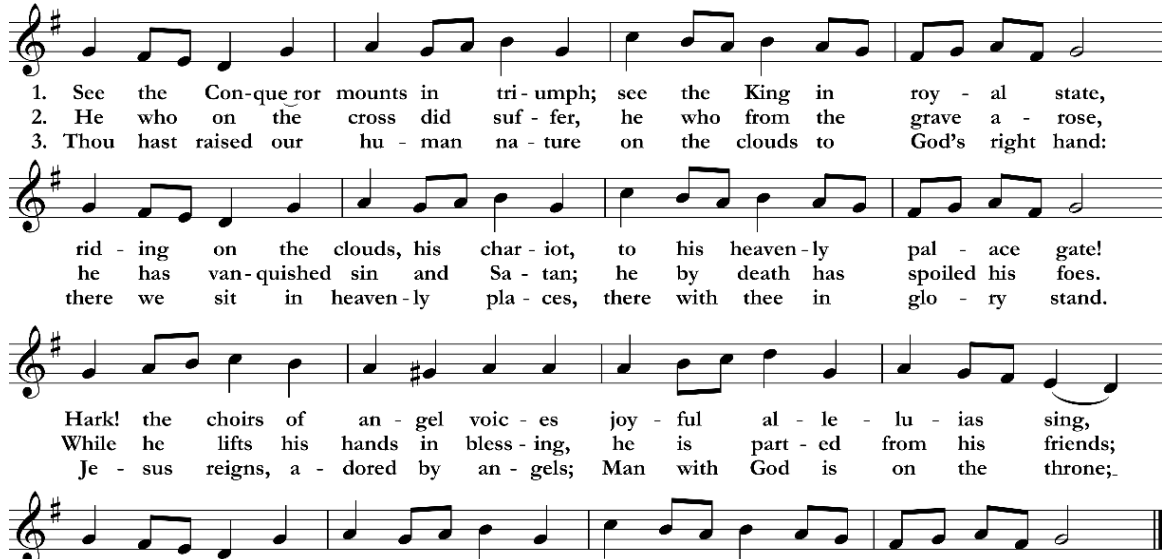
THE EASTER BLESSING

The Rector says

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*


HYMN

IN BABILONE



1. See the Con-queror mounts in tri-umph; see the King in roy - al state,
2. He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the grave a - rose,
3. Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to God's right hand:
rid - ing on the clouds, his char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!
he has van - quished sin and Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.
there we sit in heaven - ly pla - ces, there with thee in glo - ry stand.
Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing,
While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is part - ed from his friends;
Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with God is on the throne;
and the por - tals high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.
while their ea - ger eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.
might - y Lord, in thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

THE EASTER DISMISSAL



Deacon
Go, in the peace of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
People
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

VOLUNTARY

Transports de joie (*L'Ascension*)

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Margaret Crane Hurlbut, the Ralph Mead Hyde Family, and the Reverend Leslie John Alden Lang.

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education continues today at 10 a.m. with the **Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb** and her series called, “**The Gospel of Mark: Twelve Weeks with a Master of Surprise**” which will last until Sunday, July 17. 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.

You are invited to **Coffee Hour**, which takes place in the Narthex following this service.

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 will be open after the 11 a.m. service until 1:30 p.m. Currently in stock: “Breathe: A Child’s Guide to Ascension, Pentecost, And The Growing Time” by Laura Alary; “Ancient Wisdom: An Introduction to Sayings Collections” by Walter T. Wilson, “Father Abraham’s Many Children: The Bible in a World of Religious Difference” by Tyler D. Mayfield, “The Great Passion” by James Runcie and “House of Music: Raising the Kanneh-Masons” by Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason.

Children and Families’ Gatherings. Sunday School takes place each week following the 9 a.m. Mass both in person on the third floor of the Parish House as well as via Zoom. 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 children’s parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, has begun leading worship for our Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. It’s not too late to join! No audition is necessary; just enthusiasm and a love of music. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays at 4-4:45 p.m. and/or Saturdays from 10-10:45 a.m. For more information, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Friday Bible Study continues on Friday at 1 p.m.. Fr. Schultz will lead a series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Part One of the Series will cover the Prologue to John (1:1-18) as well as what scholars have named The Book of Signs (1:19 through chapter 12,) and these will last through July. For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Contemplative Prayer continues on Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the Resurrection Chapel. Mo. Lee-Pae will lead Taize praise, Centering Prayer and Lectio-Divina every Friday. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at PLeePae@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Spring Theology Lecture will be held on **Thursday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m.**, and is titled “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic: Anglican and Episcopal Ecclesiology”. It will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Patrick S. Cheng, our Theologian in Residence. Fr. Cheng’s lecture will focus on ecclesiology, or the doctrine of the church, and its particular manifestation in the Anglican and Episcopal context. Among other things, Fr. Cheng will discuss the principle of conciliarism and the polity of The Episcopal Church as expressed in its upcoming 80th General Convention, which will be held in Baltimore in July. The lecture will be held in person at the Fifth Floor of the Parish House, and via Zoom. If you are interested in attending the lecture via Zoom, you may RSVP to Fr. Moretz at MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org, and Zoom access credentials will be provided.

Saint Thomas Girls Chorister Course. We are pleased to announce that this course is returning to the church and Choir School this summer! The response to this course has been overwhelming with young women from around the country applying to join us for this weeklong, intensive choral experience. This summer, choristers will sing five services at the church during the week of July 23-31. If you would like to support our current Girls’ Course fund, please visit the [onetime donation page](#) on our website and select “Girls Chorister Course” from the drop-down menu. Thank you for supporting this important mission of our church and Choir School.

Saint Thomas Choir School. The boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys attend Saint Thomas Choir School, which exists solely to nurture, house, and educate the select group of approximately 30 boys in grades three through eight. If you know a boy who loves to sing, contact admissions@choirschool.org to learn more about this opportunity of a lifetime.

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 and hand sanitization are required for entry. Masks are **optional** except for unvaccinated children.*

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions)

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

Wednesday and Thursday – Said Mass 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. Mark Schultz

CHORAL SERVICES AND CONCERTS THIS WEEK

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

✠ TUESDAY, MAY 31

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

✠ SUNDAY, JUNE 5

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

9 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell

sung by the Noble Singers

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

11 a.m. Procession and Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Fr. Moretz