

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022 AT 4 P.M.
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FESTAL EVENSONG
TO HONOR ALL INVOLVED IN THE FUNERAL INDUSTRY
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

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

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Praeludium in C, BuxWV 138

Dietrich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-1707)

At the entry of the Choir and Ministers, the People stand.

HYMN

MACCABÆUS

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen_ con- quering Son,
2. Lo, Je - sus meets us, ri - sen_ from the tomb;
3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious_ Prince of Life;

End - less_ is the vic - t'ry thou o - er death has won;
Lo - ving - ly he greets us, scat - ters_ fear and gloom;
Life_ is_ nought with - out thee: aid us_ in our strife,

An - gels_ in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
Let_ the_ Church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
Make_ us_ more than con - querers through thy death - less love;

Kept_ the_ fold - ed grave - clothes where the bo - dy lay.
For_ her_ Lord now liv - eth, death hast_ lost its sting:
Bring us_ safe through Jor - dan to thy_ home a - bove:

Thine be the glo - ry ri - sen_ con- quering Son,

End - less_ is the vic - t'ry thou o'er_ death hast won.

Priest O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Priest O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Priest Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 139

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Wesley, Soaper*)

DOMINE, PROBASTI

O LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting
and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before.
Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.
For lo, there is not a word in my tongue: but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.
Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.
Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit: or whither shall I go then from thy presence?
If I climb up into heaven, thou art there: if I go down to hell, thou art there also.
If I take the wings of the morning: and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;
Even there also shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me.
If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me: then shall my night be turned to day.
Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.
For my reins are thine: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works,
and that my soul knoweth right well.
My bones are not hid from thee: though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.
Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect: and in thy book were all my members written;
Which day by day were fashioned: when as yet there was none of them.
How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God: O how great is the sum of them!
If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up I am present with thee.
Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God: depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.
For they speak unrighteously against thee: and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.
Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee: and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
Yea, I hate them right sore: even as though they were mine enemies.
Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart: prove me, and examine my thoughts.
Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me: and lead me in the way everlasting.
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.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 38:9-20

The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
 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 People sit.

SECOND LESSON

John 12:1-8

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Priest Let us pray.
Choir Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Priest O Lord, save the State;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Priest Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Priest O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE SECOND COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE THIRD COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Priest says

Let us pray.

The People respond to each petition with the words 'Lord, have mercy.'

Let us turn to Christ Jesus
with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and resurrection.

Risen Lord, pattern of our life for ever:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Promise and image of what we shall be:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Son of God who came to destroy sin and death:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, gentle shepherd who brings rest to our souls,
give peace to our departed brothers and sisters for ever:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, who said "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted:"

Comfort all of us here today, and bless the work of all Funeral Homes
and all who dedicate themselves to give dignity to the departed.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us sum up our prayers in the words that our Savior taught us.

Priest 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 that 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 Priest concludes the prayers with this collect

OLORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done; then Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People sit.

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. Amen.

Amos 5:8, Psalm 139:12

SERMON

The Rector

HYMN

ST. CLEMENT

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

THE BLESSING

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.*

The People stand. As the Choir and Ministers leave, the Choir sings

PSALM 150

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Talbot*)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

O PRAISE God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.
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.

VOLUNTARY

Fantasia

Simon Preston
(1938-2022)



*Please join us for a reception in the Narthex following this service
hosted by Frank E. Campbell - The Funeral Chapel, New York*

PARISH NOTICES

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.

The Pilgrims' Course 2022 explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to *worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage*. The class concludes this **Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m.** with the topic, "**Praying with All the Senses**". Classes are open to all and, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. Fr. Schultz and Mo. Lee-Pae will assist the Rector in the leadership of the course. Please [register online](#) if you would like to attend.

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.

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.

Spring Theology Lecture. We are pleased to announce that the Spring Theology Lecture will be titled "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic: Anglican and Episcopal Ecclesiology," and 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 on Thursday, June 2, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Attendance is free and open to the public. 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.

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.*

Tuesday and Wednesday – 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 Brown

CHORAL SERVICES AND CONCERTS THIS WEEK

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

✠ THURSDAY, MAY 26

ASCENSION DAY

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Schultz

✠ SUNDAY, MAY 29

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell

sung by the Noble Singers

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by The Rector