SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE in the

CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 AT 11 A.M. THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EUCHARIST

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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PRELUDE

Nun danket alle Gott BWV 657

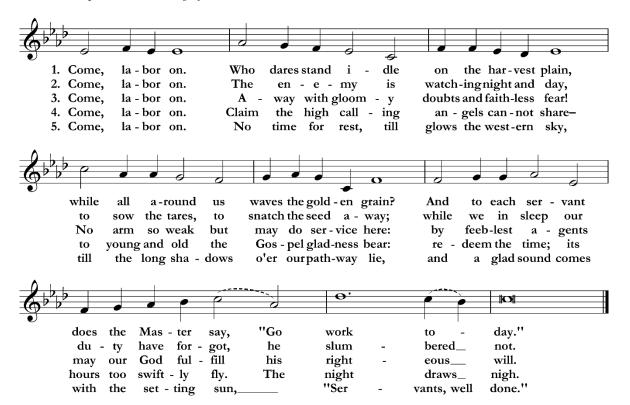
Jeremy Filsell (b. 1964)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE GREETINGS

Hymn

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



THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

A LMIGHTY and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind

ORA LABORA

in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

T HE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

LORIA in excelsis Deo, **J** 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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLet us pray.

G RANT us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Ezekiel 33:7-11

LEGEM PONE

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee. Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for thy judgements are good. Behold, my delight is in thy commandments : O quicken me in thy righteousness. 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

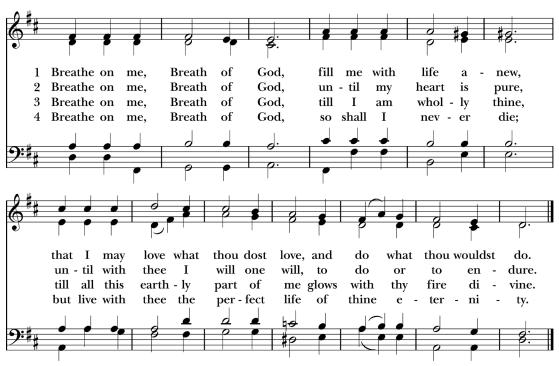
Subdeacon	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

Hymn

Romans 13:8-14

NOVA VITA



Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: Nova Vita, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor The word of the Lord endureth for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to thee.

1 Peter 1:25

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon

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



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Bennett

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 IV)

The Intercessor says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel. After each petition

Deacon Lord, in thy mercy People Hear our prayer.

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

A LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

W^E are the body of Christ. In the one spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The People offer one another a sign of peace.

The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence, and the People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

A Song to the Lamb

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

S PLENDOR and honor and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God, for you created everything that is, and by your will they were created, and have their being.

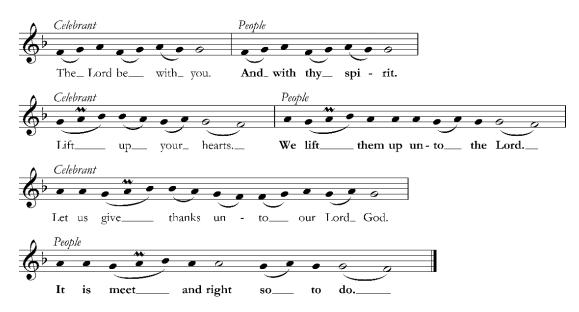
Splendor and honor and kingly power are yours, O Lord our God, and yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your blood you have redeemed for God, from every family, language, people and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, worship and praise, dominion and splendor for ever, and for evermore. Alleluia!

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

The People stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant continues

T IS very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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

CANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus	
${\boldsymbol{\mathcal{J}}}$ Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.	
Hosanna in excelsis.	

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

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**.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

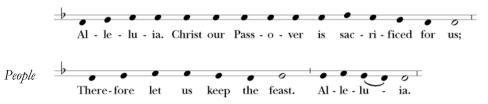
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

O ur Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said



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 shouldest 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)

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 at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted. You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest. A GNUS 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.

> Daniel Castellanos (b. 1995)

ANTHEM

Eternal Goodness deliver us from evil, Eternal Power be our support. Eternal Wisdom scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity have mercy upon us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Alcuin of York (c. 735-804)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

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**.

The People stand.

BLAENHAFREN



Hymn

THE DISMISSAL

DeaconGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Exultation

Daniel Ficarri (b. 1996)

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

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The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Margaret Crane Hurlbut

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today 4 p.m. Festal Evensong with Admission of a New Chorister, Head Chorister, and Deputy Head Chorister* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rector

Monday - Saturday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong* sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Wednesday – Eve of Holy Cross 5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday – Holy Cross Day **5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*** *sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys* Sermon by Fr. Schultz Friday 3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday 11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel *Confessor: Fr. Brown*

<u>Next Sunday:</u> September 17, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass *followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist* *sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys* Sermon by The Rev. Canon Victoria Johnson, Precentor York Minster

4 p.m. Festal Evensong* *sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys* Sermon by Fr. Schultz

Evensong will be followed by an organ recital featuring Ben Comeau of the United Kingdom.

PARISH NOTICES

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11 am service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign.

Our Parish **Bookstore and Gift Shop** is temporarily closed as we prepare for our Bicentennial celebrations. The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be relocated to part of the Narthex nearest the Chantry Chapel. We are excited about making this resource and ministry more available to those who visit our church throughout the week. And we are grateful for Jean Savage and all those who are making this transition possible through their leadership and support. If you have any questions, please reach out to giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Theology Program at Saint Thomas Church offers sound Christian teaching presented with intellectual vigor; teaching grounded in Holy Scripture, mediated by catholic tradition that is the inheritance of Anglicanism, and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. Sundays at 10am on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House and via Zoom. The talks are given by our Theologian in Residence, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia. For info, contact Fr. Gioia: lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families: Nursery and Sunday School are on recess until September 17, however throughout the Summer children continue to be welcome at Saint Thomas Church! Welcome activity packs and Sunday Papers are now available for children in the Narthex. In addition, 9am and 11am services will be streamed into the Nursery which is available for the sole use of babies and toddlers. Families using the Nursery are welcome to return to the Church at any time, especially for Communion or a Blessing. Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter and details of Children and Family plans for the Fall: <u>Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org</u>. **Soup Kitchen:** Today, after the 11am service there will be a meeting held on the 5th Floor to evaluate whether there is enough volunteer help to resume the Saint Thomas Soup Kitchen. Anyone interested in seeing this worthy and much needed outreach of the church return is urged to attend. At that time we will work out the necessary details and with the support of enough volunteers' hours set a date to start the Soup Kitchen. Light refreshments will be served.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1pm. 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 <u>MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.</u>

Saint Thomas Choir School is accepting applications from boys currently in grades 2-5 for admission to the 2023-2024 academic year. The school exists to nurture and educate the approximately 30 boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented boys come from Michigan to Texas, and Massachusetts to Virginia, and even Manhattan. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Nora Thomson, <u>nthomson@choirschool.org</u>.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is on summer break. We will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 14 and our first Sunday back will be Sunday, September 17 at the 9am Sung Mass. Watch for news about our September Choir Camp event and other special events such as our Preschool Music Circle. 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, contact <u>RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org</u>.

Throughout the summer, we continue 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 <u>giving@saintthomaschurch.org</u>. Every pledge makes a difference.



BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND



STC God's Love in the 200 Heart of New York

Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Saint Thomas Church October 12 – 15, 2023

3:00 p.m. Opening of the Bicentennial Exhibition

5:30 p.m. Bicentennial Orchestral Eucharist to commemorate the first service in 1823 Preacher: The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop of New York, followed by a Champagne Reception

Friday, October 13

7:30 p.m. Saint Thomas at 200 : A Musical Legacy Concert with the Choir of Men and Boys with Saint Thomas Brass (Free Admission)

Saturday, October 14 6:00 p.m. Bicentennial Black-tie Gala Fundraiser at the University Club

Sunday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist Preacher: The Rev. Andrew Mead, Rector Emeritus, followed by Brunch

2:15 p.m. Organ Recital on the Taylor-Boody Organ (hand-pumped)

3:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Te Deum Preacher: The Sub-Dean of Chapel Royal, The Rev. Canon Paul Wright LVO

BICENTENNIAL GALA

A milestone occasion, celebrating Saint Thomas Church's two-hundred-year history. The evening will serve as an opportunity to share the inspiring story of Saint Thomas Church, reflecting on its rich history, and looking to the future.



A Small School in a Great City

Saint Thomas Choir School educates the treble choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. The boys are nurtured and educated in grades three through eight and live together in the heart of Manhattan at the only boarding choir school in the U.S.

Life at the Choir School extends far beyond the choir stalls and classroom—boys enjoy animated conversations at the dinner table with resident faculty, quiet stories read before bed, outings to shows, and Central Park as their backyard. These formative experiences inspire many graduates to recall their time at the Choir School as the "privilege of a lifetime."

The Choir School invites you to visit and learn more about this distinctive educational opportunity. Tuition is modest and generous scholarships are available.

choirschool.org

Call to take the next step Nora Thomson Director of Outreach & Enrollment 212-247-3311

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