

# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

*Fifth Avenue · New York City*

## Sermon Outline

Easter Day, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Lord Bishop Sentamu

11:00 a.m.

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Reading: Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

Theme: God in Christ Jesus loves us this much...  
and lives in us so that we may live a Jesus Christ Shaped Life

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*When our granddaughter Abigail asked*

*“How much does God love me?” I answered, “God in Jesus Christ loves you this much!”*



Yes, God loves each one of us this much. In Jesus' death and resurrection we see a God who would do his utmost to bring his lost children, in the wilderness of this world, home to his warm embrace.

The Crucified Saviour stands as a sign to everyone who has known pain, that God knows what it means to suffer, and he redeems our pains through his own sacrificial love. Jesus Christ came to earth not to start a new religion but to offer every human being a communion in God. A participation in the life of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All three Bible readings affirm the truth of his Resurrection with personal stories of those who saw him:

**Mary Magdalene** encounters Jesus in the garden;

**The Apostle Paul** tells us of all who had seen Jesus, including himself;

**Peter** tells Cornelius about it.

And when Cornelius accepts this message, the Holy Spirit comes down on his entire household

God in Jesus Christ loves us this much. Therefore give him your all in total **self-giving, surrender, and self-emptying.**



The Risen Christ assures us of his **Power**, and his **Presence** and he has **Commissioned** us to go and make disciples of all nations.

So step out into Resurrection light and joy. Know the new life he gives. Accept the peace he offers. And go and share the love he gives.

**Rejoice and be glad. For we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song. Amen.**

*The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector*

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