



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

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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THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 8, 2023

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m.
Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell
Sung by The Noble Singers

The Ordinary of the Mass

St. Thomas Mass

Jeremy Filsell
(b. 1964)

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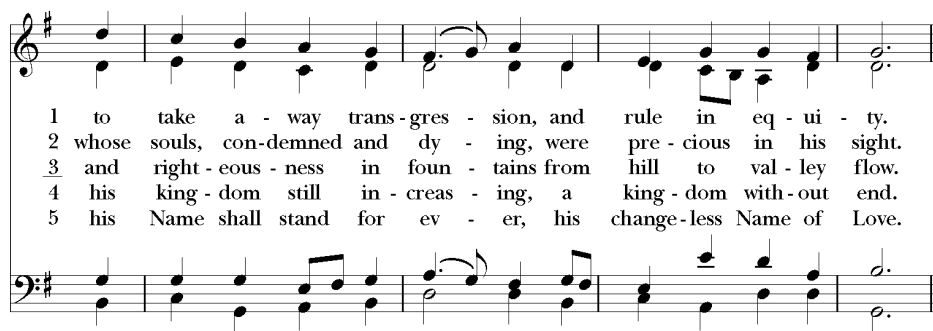
Hymn

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

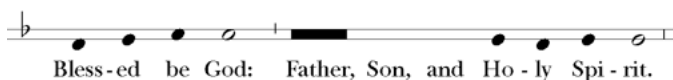
1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



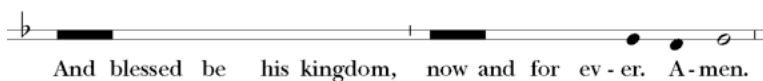
Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72
 Music: *Es flog ein klües Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

The Penitential Order

Celebrant



People



The Celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the celebration. Then, the Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
 through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth, Lord God heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry,
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us, you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer,
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly
spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the
Fa - ther, A - men, A -
men, A - men.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed 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 you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

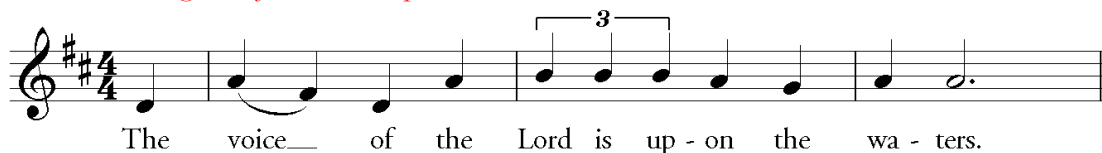
People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Wie Schön Leuchtet

The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



Ascribe to the Lord you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **Refrain**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. **Refrain**

In the temple of the Lord
all are crying "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore. **Refrain**

Gospel Acclamation

Plainsong (Mode VI)

The People stand. The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.



Cantor The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

All repeat the Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the end

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Fr. Moretz

The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

The Leader says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People remain standing. This response is used after each petition

People Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Greetings

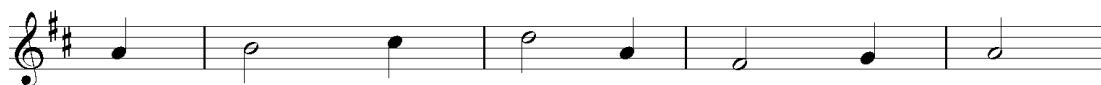
The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!
 5 go forth with you a world to win:
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

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Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant sings the Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all
the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry,
Ho - san - na, in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known
to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through
the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days
you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him,
you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, St. Thomas our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

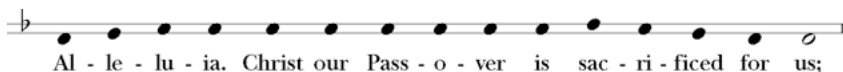
Celebrant and People

**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.**

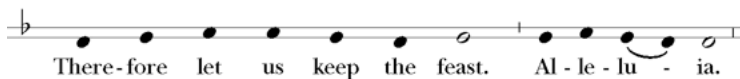
The Breaking of the Bread

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

Then is said



People



The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction is not permitted.

You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

Communion Hymn

SAINT AGNES

1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;
2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;
3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;

kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.
ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Saint Agnes*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

There is one Lord, one faith, one bap - tis - m,

There is one God who is Fa - ther of all.

After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Mary Jane Little, Clare Fabnestock Moorhead, and George Stevens Schermerhorn

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Dr. Garwood Anderson, Dean of Nashota House and Professor of New Testament

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Fr. Schultz

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday – William Laud

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday – Aelred, Abbot

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

4 p.m. Contemplative Prayer – NOTE TIME CHANGE THIS WEEK!

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday

11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel

Confessor: Mother Turner

Next Sunday: January 15, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

especially suitable for Children and Families followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. An Epiphany Procession*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

PARISH NOTICES

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 and Giftshop** is open Sunday following the 11 am Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street where you will find a wide selection of books, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

Theology at Saint Thomas: Join us at 10 a.m. for the start of a four-week series entitled: **“I have called you friends”: Glimpses into God’s Ways**. In this series of exercises in Narrative Theology we will learn that the best way to know God is paying attention to his “ways”, that is to how he behaves with those whom he calls his friends. God is invisible and mysterious and yet becomes an open book. Tales of encounter, dialogue, intrigue, conflict, and appeasement between God and his friends brim with glimpses into his personality, passion, charm, playfulness, and soft spots. The subject of today’s class is **Eve and Adam: God the Tailor**. 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.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1 p.m. 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 MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families: Sunday School and Nursery resume today after the 9 a.m. service. To learn more or get your children involved, **sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of programs and activities for 2023: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Pilgrims’ Course Begins Wednesday, January 18
The Pilgrims’ Course, our annual educational and fellowship series, 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. 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. **The Pilgrims’ Course, begins Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30pm in the Parish House.** To discover more about the topics, the schedule, and to register, please go to our webpage.

Classes are held on most Wednesdays from mid-January to May (with a break for Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter Week). Before the pandemic, classes began with an optional hot meal which was very popular. At this time, with increasing COVID infections, we are unsure when the meal element will resume; please check back frequently for updates. Classes are hybrid and you can attend in-person or on-line. Each week, you will be sent an email with the class details, and a link to a recording of last week’s class. The Pilgrims’ Class is traditionally taught by the Rector of Saint Thomas Church. In 2023, Canon Turner will be assisted by our new Associate for Adult Education and Formation, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, who has an international reputation as a teacher, author, and spiritual director. Other clergy will also be available to support members of the group.

The Noble Singers, our children’s parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, sings at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays during the program year. 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 for the Fall Term, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Pan-Asian Ministry: There will be a Festive Holy Eucharist, refreshments, and games at St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue on January 21 at 2 p.m. Pan-Asians of the Diocese of New York will gather to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Please RSVP to Mo. Lee-Pae by January 14: pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org.

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents *New York Polyphony: From the Gyffard Partbooks* on Thursday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. We are pleased to welcome the four-part vocal ensemble [New York Polyphony](#) for an evening of antiphons, motets, and responsories taken from the Gyffard Partbooks and the Eton Choirbook. These manuscripts are among the few collections of Latin liturgical music to have survived the Reformation, with much of the music unheard and unrecorded. 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](tel:212-664-9360).

For the first part of this year, 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 giving@saintthomaschurch.org. Every pledge makes a difference



