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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 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m.

Sung by The Noble Singers

The Ordinary of the Mass

St. James Mass

Jeremy Filsell

(b. 1964)

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Hymn

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Unison

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, #618 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945).
 Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The Penitential Order

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-4

ST. ANNE

The choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



Lord you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God. *Refrain*

You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back O child of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll arr. Christopher Walker

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



Cantor Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.
Speak your words of wisdom,
For the words you speak are everlasting life.

The People repeat the Alleluia

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

At the end

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

The Homily

The Rector

The People stand for the Nicene Creed and the Prayers.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully,
grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 Anthem

Toni Sullivan

I give thanks with a grateful heart.
God has given us this world, the moon and stars and sun.
The land and seas, the birds and trees, God's given every one.
God has given us good friends, our loving families, too.
The people who will share the love that's sent from heaven above.
But the greatest gift of all, God sent Jesus to show the way
of God's great love and God's great care that we can share today.



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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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your
 image, and called us to new life in 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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and,
 when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy,
 sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature,
 to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will,
 a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

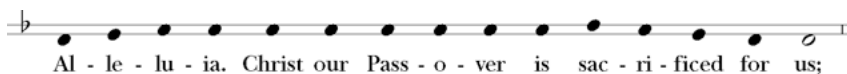
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

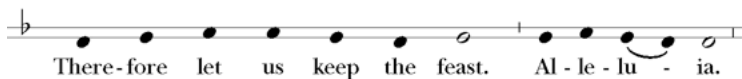
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

The Breaking of the Bread

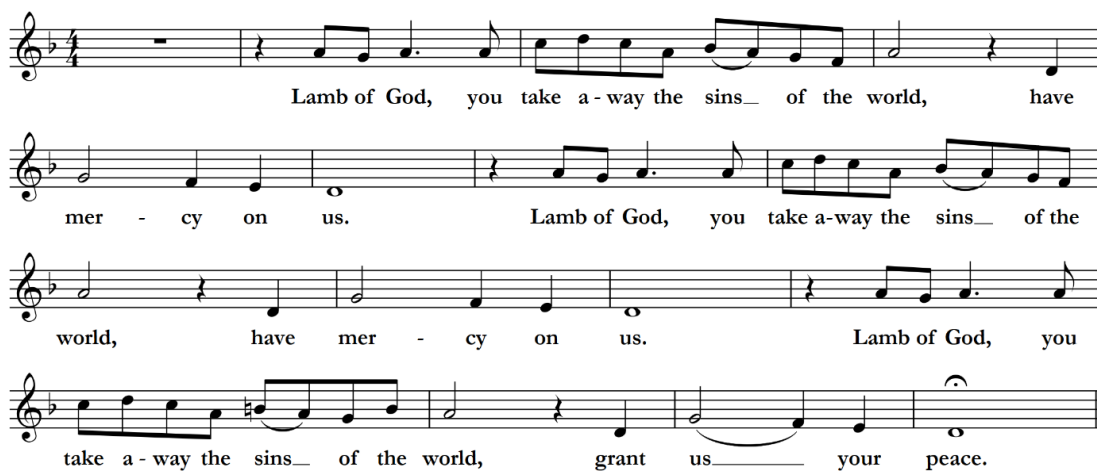
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



People



Agnus Dei



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 (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.

Communion Anthem

Mary Plumstead
(1905-1980)

Thou that hast given so much to me give one thing more, a grateful heart.
Not thankful when it pleaseth me, as if thy blessings had spare days:
But such a heart, whose pulse may be thy praise.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

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

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in the Peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

People

Hymn

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,
who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,
who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;
who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;



Now thank we all our God, #397 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.

ANNUAL VESTRY ELECTIONS

The Annual Election for the Vestry of Saint Thomas Church will be held on December 5, 2023.

The following parishioners are standing for election: As Warden, Lloyd Stanford;
and for the Vestry, Christopher Haley, Winnie King, and Benita Potters.

The by-laws of the parish define those eligible to vote as follows: “Persons of full age belonging to the Parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants at its worship and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to such election or special meeting, shall be qualified voters at any such election or special meeting.” Ballots have been mailed electronically, mailed via USPS to those without online access, and will also be available at the reception desk of Saint Thomas Church (1 West 53rd St.) If you have not received a ballot and are a qualified voter, please contact Lizette Hernandez at [\(212\) 757-7013](tel:2127577013). Please note that the By-Laws of Saint Thomas Church have recently been changed by the Vestry so that terms of office begin on January 1 following the election.



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
*Sarah Aurelia Brush, Marjorie Carr, Zach Carr, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Alice Mary Hyde,
Linda Griffith Vorsanger, and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Burks Yuille*

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rector

5:30 p.m. Chamber Recital

The Western Wind, New York, NY

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Wednesday – Cecilia, Martyr of Rome, c. 230

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday – Thanksgiving Day

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rector

Saturday

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

Next Sunday: November 26, The Last Sunday after
Pentecost: Christ the King

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 Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by Fr. Moretz

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

5:30 p.m. Organ Recital

Tyrone Whiting, Philadelphia, PA

PARISH NOTICES

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am service. 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 it is being relocated to part of the Narthex nearest the Chantry Chapel. If you have any questions, please reach out to giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Family Ministries: The Nursery is open 9am to 1pm for the use of babies and young children with parents/caregivers. Services are streamed into the Nursery during this time. Sunday School meets at 10am on the 3rd floor and in the Dining Room. For more info, contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1pm. Fr. Schultz leads a zoom 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 info, contact Fr. Schultz: MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Note: We will not meet this Friday, due to the holidays.

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from all over the country to sing, study, play, perform, and live together. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Nora Thomson: nthomson@choirschool.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, has resumed weekly rehearsals and singing at the 9am Mass. We welcome new singers at any time. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For info, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. The deadline is Sunday, December 11.

On Thanksgiving Day our **Angel Tree** will be revealed. There will be tags on the tree for children from St. Ann's Episcopal Church and Safe Horizons shelter as well as some of the migrant children known to the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership. We hope you will take a tag, and ask you to bring the requested gift to STC before December 19. Would you like to help wrap gifts, decorate the Angel Tree or make tags for the Angel Tree? Please volunteer by contacting Linda Morfi: lmorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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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.”

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@ 4:00 PM

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and all of God's creatures
to the manger.

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Children and Families Service
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