

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022 AT 4 P.M.
AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.

‘O COME, O COME EMMANUEL’

A SERVICE FOR ADVENT

based on the Great ‘O’ Antiphons of Advent

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
Nun komm der Heiden heiland, BWV 660

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers from the Narthex.

As the People's candles are lit, the Choir sings

INTROIT

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

PREPARE ye the way of the Lord: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:
the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed: the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:3-5

THE OFFERING OF INCENSE

The Officiant says

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

O GOD who enfoldest us in night's sacred darkness, accept our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. As frankincense was brought to the Christ Child by the magi, so now we bring to thee our gift of incense. May these clouds ascending before thee be a sign of our prayer; may their fragrance fill us with longing for the sweetness of Christ; may our offering this night honor and please thee. This we pray through the one whose coming we await, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Peter Hallock
(1924-2014)

DIRIGATUR oratio mea sicut incensum in conspectu tuo,
elevatio manuum mearum sacrificium vespertinum.

*Let my prayer come up as the incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice.*

Psalms 141:2

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HELMSLEY



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The Officiant says

BELOVED in Christ, we celebrate the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ who is Emmanuel—God with us. Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us. And as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

The People sit.

ANTIPHON

Sung by the Choir

Peter Hallock

O SAPIENTIA,
quae ex ore Altissimi prodiisti,
attingens a fine usque ad finem,
fortiter suaviterque disponens omnia:
veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.

*O Wisdom,
You came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
And reach from one end of the earth to another
Mightily and sweetly ordering all things.
Come and teach us the way of prudence.*

READING

Wisdom of Sirach 1:1-10

ALL wisdom comes from the Lord
and is with him for ever.
The sand of the sea, the drops of rain,
and the days of eternity—who can count them?
The height of heaven, the breadth of the earth,
the abyss, and wisdom—who can search them out?
Wisdom was created before all things,
and prudent understanding from eternity.
The root of wisdom—to whom has it been revealed?
Her clever devices—who knows them?

There is One who is wise, greatly to be feared,
sitting upon his throne.
The Lord himself created wisdom;
he saw her and apportioned her,
he poured her out upon all his works.
She dwells with all flesh according to his gift,
and he supplied her to those who love him.

MOTET

Sung by the Choir

Paul Treppe
(b. 1954)

DROP down, ye heavens from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Behold, O Lord, the affliction of thy people,
and send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth
from Petra of the desert to the mount of the daughter of Sion:
that he may take away the yoke of our captivity.

Comfort ye, my people, my salvation will not tarry:
why wilt thou waste away in sadness?
Why hath sorrow seized thee?
Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God,
the holy one of Israel, thy Redeemer.

The Advent Prose

The People stand.

COLLECT

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

O WISDOM, whose words spoken in the beginning of creation generated a world of beauty and goodness: Come and instruct us in the way of prudence, that we may care for the world with justice and compassion; through the one whom we know as the Wisdom of the Ages, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

ANTIPHON

Sung by the Choir

Peter Hallock

O ADONAI, et Dux domus Israel,
qui Moysi in igne flammae
rubi apparuisti,
et ei in Sina legem dedisti:
veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extent.

*O Adonai, ruler of the house of Israel,
You appeared to Moses
in the fire of the burning bush;
On Mount Sinai you gave him your law:
With outstretched arm come and redeem us.*

As I live, says the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, says the Lord GOD. For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord GOD, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred offerings. As a pleasing odor I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations.

The People stand.

HYMN

PSALM 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878); alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal* 1982.

COLLECT

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

O ADONAI, Ruler of the house of Israel, that rescued the remnant of thy chosen people from slavery and exile: Come and with great might deliver us from all that binds us to sin and alienates us from thee, through the one whom we know as Mighty Savior of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

ANTIPHON

Sung by the Choir

Peter Hallock

O RADIX Jesse,
qui stas in signum populorum,
super quem continebunt reges os suum,
quem Gentes deprecabuntur:
veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.

*O Root of Jesse,
You stand as an ensign to the peoples;
Before you shall kings keep silence,
All nations bow in worship:
Come and save us, and do not delay.*

READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

THERE shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist,
and faithfulness the girdle of his loins.
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
and the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall feed;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples;
him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

MOTET*Sung by the Choir**William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)*

VIGILATE, nescitis enim quando dominus domus veniat,
sero, an media nocte, an gallicantu, an mane.
Vigilate ergo, ne cum venerit repente, inveniat vos dormientes.
Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico: vigilate.

*Watch ye therefore: for you know not when the master of the house cometh,
at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:
lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.
And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.*

*Mark 13:35-37**The People stand.***COLLECT***The Officiant says*

Let us pray.

O ROOT of Jesse, that reachest deep into our hearts, drawing forth our longing for justice: Come
and plant within us a passion for thy Kingdom; through the One whom we know as the Root
of all righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The People sit.***ANTIPHON***Sung by the Choir**Peter Hallock*

O CLAVIS David,
et sceptrum domus Israel;
qui aperis, et nemo claudit;
claudis, et nemo aperit:
veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris,
sedentem in tenebris et umbra mortis.

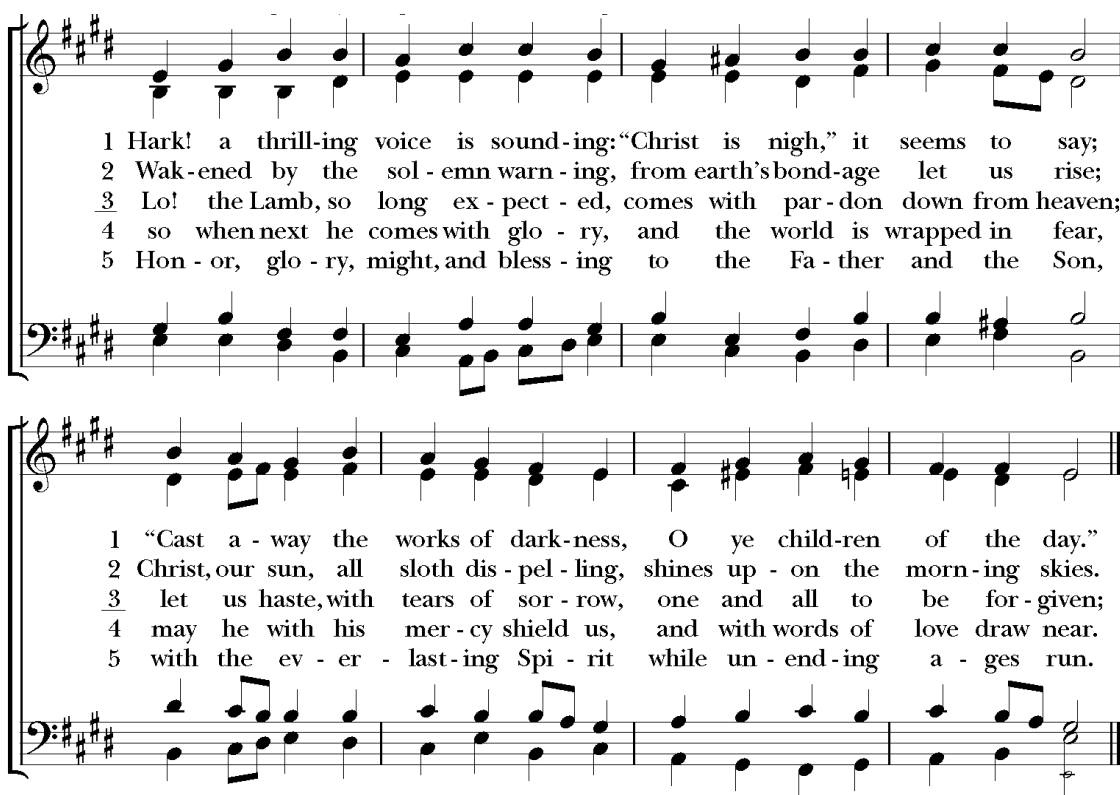
*O Key of David,
scepter of the house of Israel,
You open and no one closes;
You close and no one opens:
Come and deliver us from the chains of prison,
We who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death*

READING

Isaiah 22:20-23

IN that day I will call my servant Eli'akim the son of Hilki'ah, and I will clothe him with your robe,
and will bind your girdle on him, and will commit your authority to his hand; and he shall be a
father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the
key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

The People stand.



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

COLLECT

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

O KEY of David, that openest and no one shall shut; thou shuttest and no one shall open. Come and deliver us from captivity to the sins of our past, that we may face thy future's promise with boldness and purpose; through the One whom we know as the Son of David, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

ANTIPHON

Sung by the Choir

Peter Hallock

O ORIENS,
 splendor lucis aeternae,
 et sol justitiae:
 veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris,
 et umbra mortis.

*O Rising Dawn,
 Brightness of the light eternal,
 Sun of righteousness:
 Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness
 And in the shadow of death.*

READING

Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1

WISDOM is a reflection of eternal light,
 a spotless mirror of the working of God,
 and an image of his goodness.
 Though she is but one, she can do all things,
 and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;
 in every generation she passes into holy souls
 and makes them friends of God, and prophets;
 for God loves nothing so much as the man who lives with wisdom.

For she is more beautiful than the sun,
and excels every constellation of the stars.
Compared with the light she is found to be superior,
for it is succeeded by the night,
but against wisdom evil does not prevail.
She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,
and she orders all things well.
I loved her and sought her from my youth,
and I desired to take her for my bride,
and I became enamored of her beauty.

ANTHEM

O Oriens

Matthew Martin
(b. 1976)

O COME, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine Advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel.

*O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae:
veni, et illumine sedentes in tenebris,
et umbra mortis.*

O Dayspring, brightness of light everlasting,
and sun of righteousness:
come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness,
and the shadow of death.
Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel.

Antiphon for 21 December

The People stand.

COLLECT

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

O RISING Dawn, that chasest away the shadows of the night: Come and enlighten our darkness
with visions of thy peace, that we who are alienated one from another may seek fullness of life
together; through the One whom we know as the Light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

ANTIPHON

Sung by the Choir

Peter Hallock

O REX Gentium,
et desideratus earum,
lapisque angularis,
qui facis utraque unum:
veni, et salva hominem,
quem de limo formasti.

*O King of nations,
and their desire;
You are the cornerstone
that binds two into one:
Come and save the creature
whom you have fashioned from clay.*

As I looked,
 thrones were placed
 and one that was ancient of days took his seat;
 his raiment was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames,
 its wheels were burning fire.
 A stream of fire issued
 and came forth from before him;
 a thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
 the court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.

I looked then because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. I saw in the night visions,
 and behold, with the clouds of heaven
 there came one like a son of man,
 and he came to the Ancient of Days
 and was presented before him.
 And to him was given dominion
 and glory and kingdom,
 that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him;
 his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
 which shall not pass away,
 and his kingdom one
 that shall not be destroyed.

The People stand.

HYMN

LITTLE CORNARD

1 Hills of the North, re-joice, Ech-o-ing songs a-rise,
 2 Isles of the South-ern seas, Sing to the lis-tening earth,
 3 Lands of the East, a-rise, He is your bright-est morn,
 4 Shores of the ut-most West, Lands of the set-ting sun,
 5 Shout, as you jour-ney on, Songs be in ev-ery mouth,
 Hail with u-nit-ed voice, Him who made earth and skies:
 Car-ry on ev-ery breeze, Hope of a world's new birth:
 Greet him with joy-ous eyes, Praise shall his path a-dom:
 Wel-come the heaven-ly guest, In whom the dawn has come:
 Lo, from the North they come, From East and West and South:
 He comes in right-eous-ness and love,
 In Christ shall all be made a-new,
 The God whom you have longed to know,
 He brings a nev-er-end-ing light,
 In Je-sus all shall find their rest,
 He brings sal-va-tion from a-bove,
 His word is sure, his promise true,
 In Christ draws nears, and calls you now,
 Who tri-umphed o'er our dark-est night,
 In him the sons of earth be blest.

COLLECT

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

O KING of the Nations, that defendest the cause of the poor and raisest up the oppressed of the earth: Come and build us up into a community where all are valued and the vulnerable protected; through the one whom we know as the chief cornerstone, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

ANTIPHON

Sung by the Choir

Peter Hallock

O EMMANUEL, Rex et legifer noster,
exspectatio Gentium,
et Salvator earum:
veni ad salvandum nos,
Domine, Deus noster.

*O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,
The desire of the Nations
and their salvation:
Come and save us,
O Lord our God.*

READING

Isaiah 7:10–15

A GAIN the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman’u-el. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.”

CAROL

Sung by the Choir

*arr. James Bassi
(b. 1961)*

TOMORROW shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance.

Sing, O my love, O my love, O my love;
This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man’s nature,
To call my true love to my dance.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor, this was my chance,
Between an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance.

English Traditional

The People stand.

COLLECT

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

O EMMANUEL, God with us: Come among us in these days of Advent expectation, that we may give birth to what is true, just, beautiful and good; for thou art the One whom we know as Lord, and with the Father and the Holy Spirit, thou livest and reignest ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

SOLEMN BLESSING

MAY God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

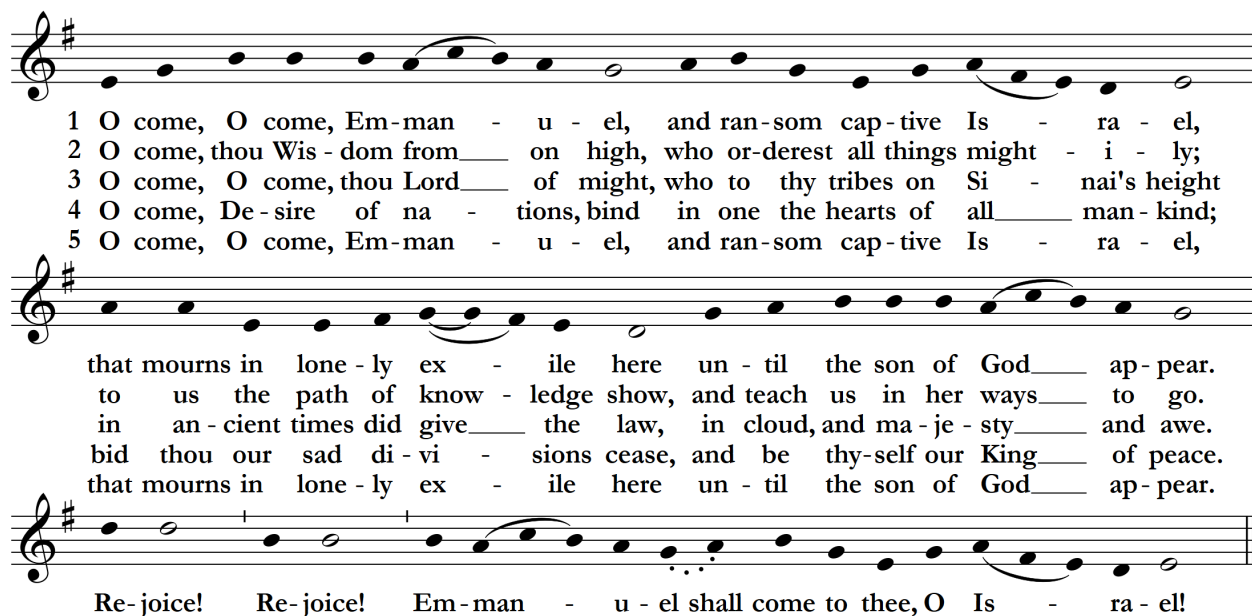
May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL



1 O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or-derest all things might - i - ly;
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height
4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of all man - kind;
5 O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the son of God ap - pear.
to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
in an - cient times did give the law, in cloud, and ma - je - sty and awe.
bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy-self our King of peace.
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the son of God ap - pear.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

POSTLUDE

Le Monde dans l'attente du Sauveur *from* Symphonie-Passion, Op. 23

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Helen Green Battle, Arthur Trumbull Hill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Linda Griffith Vorsanger

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. An Advent Procession*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Saturday

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

11:30 a.m. Rosary at the Shrine of our Lady of
Fifth Avenue*

Next Sunday: December 4, The Second Sunday of Advent

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. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell,
8th Bishop of Pittsburgh, Retired

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Mother Turner
*Followed by an organ recital by Amelie Held,
New York, NY*

ANNUAL VESTRY ELECTIONS

The Annual Election for the Vestry of Saint Thomas Church will be held on November 29, 2022. The following parishioners are standing for election: As Warden, Gregory Zaffiro; and for the Vestry, Samyel Lee, John G. Oghia, Benita Potters, and Karl C. Saunders. 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:212-757-7013).

2022 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CONCERTS AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

Tuesday, December 6, and Thursday, December 8

7:30 p.m. – tickets required

Handel's *Messiah* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
with New York Baroque Incorporated

Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*



Wednesday, December 14

12 p.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*



Thursday, December 15

5:30 p.m. – tickets required

Christmas on Fifth Avenue

Music of *Britten, Bingham, Head, Hendrie, Ridout, Rutter, and Wills*

The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Bridget Kibbey, *harp*

Nicolas Haigh, *Miller-Scott Organ*

Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*



Saturday, December 17

4 p.m.

The Blessing of the Crèche: *A service for children and their families*

sung by the Noble Singers



Sunday, December 18, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Wills, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*



Tuesday, December 20

5:30 p.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*



Saturday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Wills, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*

10 p.m. (Doors open at 9:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR ORGAN AND BRASS

10:30 p.m.

THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY (MIDNIGHT MASS)

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Brass

Music of *Lassus, Young, Wills, Bradley, and Filsell*

Sermon by The Rector

☞
Sunday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

9 a.m.

SAID EUCHARIST at the High Altar

11 a.m.

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Young, Cohen, and Bradley*

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

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 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 for Advent & Christmas, Advent Calendars, Christmas cards, Choir Boy Ornaments, and CDs.

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.

Angel Tree 2022: It's time for the Saint Thomas community to open our hearts to the children of Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in the Bronx and to children staying with their mothers in a temporary shelter for survivors of domestic abuse. To make a monetary donation to this initiative, which is so vital to these children and their families, or for more details, visit our website or contact Linda Morfi:

lmorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families: Join us throughout **Advent** as we gather to learn more about this special season of waiting and preparing for Jesus. This Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Parish House, families are welcome to participate in our Annual Family Advent Wreath making. Candles and rings will be provided. Please bring greenery and decorations. **Sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of Advent and Christmas outreach, services and activities, including our Blessing of The Creche service, December 17 at 4 p.m.

Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org

Concerts at Saint Thomas is pleased to announce that an annual tradition returns on Tuesday, December 6 and Thursday, December 8 at 7:30pm ET as **New York Baroque Incorporated** joins the **Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys** and soloists for 2 performances of Handel's *Messiah*. On Thursday, December 15, another holiday favorite returns as the **Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir**, along with harpist Bridget Kibbey, present *Christmas on Fifth Avenue*, an hour long concert in celebration of the Christmas Season. 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.

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.

We have launched 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.



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.

Contact us: welcome@saintthomaschurch.org

Recording and Photography during the service is not permitted.

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and School Chaplain*
The Reverend Mark Schultz
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The Reverend Prisca Lee-Pae
Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry
The Reverend Dr. Luigi Gioia
Associate for Adult Education and Formation

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