

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023 AT 11 A.M.
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE CHOIR OF TRINITY CHURCH, PRINCETON, NJ

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PRELUDE

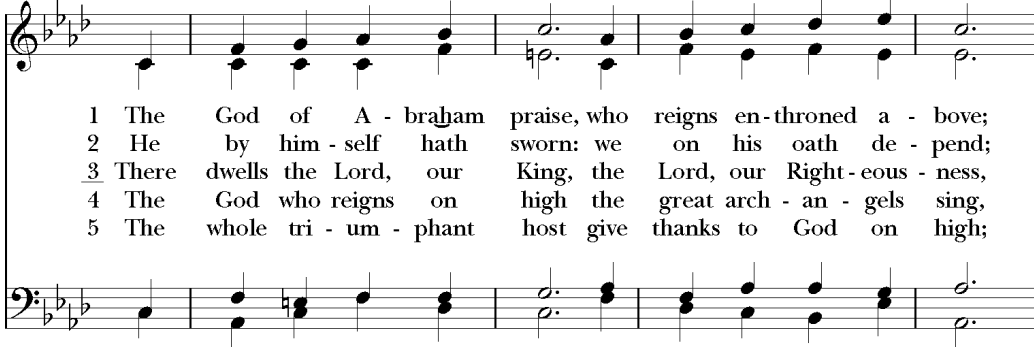
Kyrie Eleison (Cathedral Windows)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

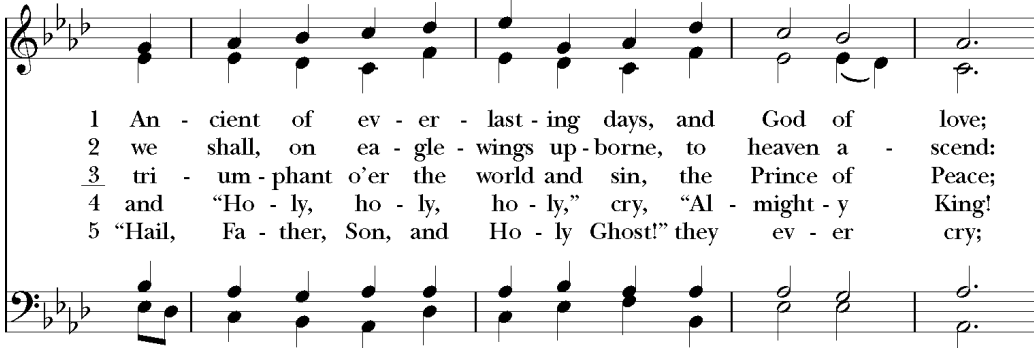
THE GREETINGS

HYMN

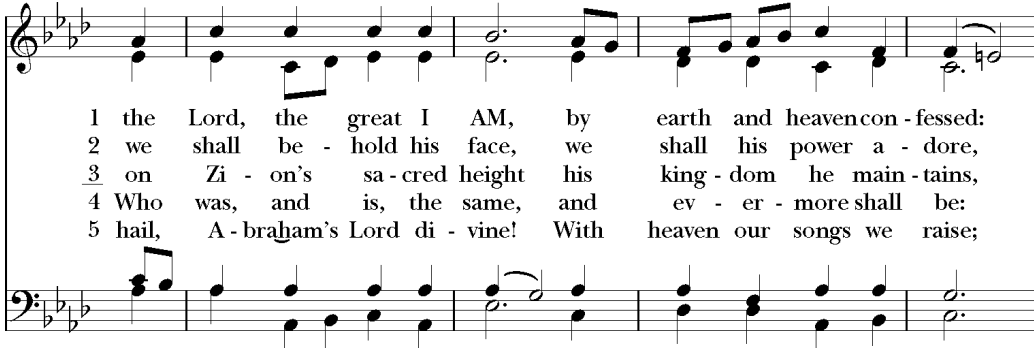
LEONI

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


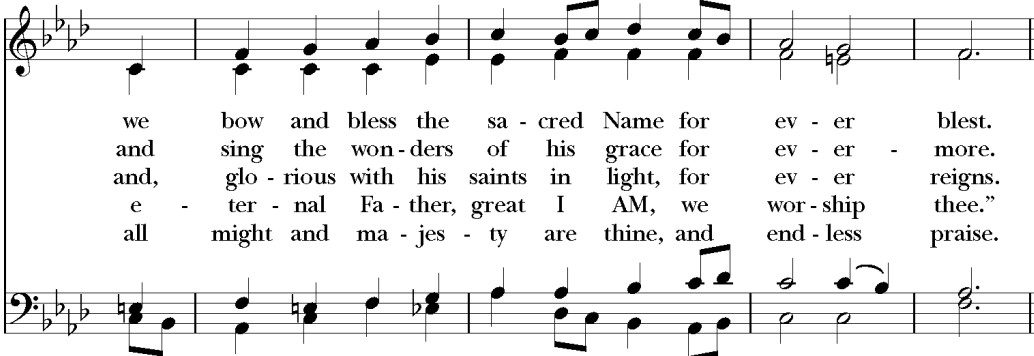
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

KEEP, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love,
that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness,
and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
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

Exodus 19:2-8a

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

JUBILATE DEO

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness,
 and come before his presence with a song.
 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise :
 be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
 and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
 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

Romans 5:1-8

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

The People stand.

HYMN

ROWTHORNE



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bo - dy,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



1 preach the word." Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion
 2 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 3 this my blood." Let your pricsts, for carth's truc glo - ry,
 4 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 5 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



1 and the Gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness to your
 2 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new fer - vor,
 3 dai - ly lift life hca - ven - ward, ask - ing that the world a -
 4 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy
 5 may we serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the cares that



1 pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 2 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;
 3 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty; with the
 4 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;
 5 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



Spi - rit's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
 Choir Speak, Lord, for thy servant is listening.
 Thou hast the words of eternal life. (*1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68*)
 People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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 Rector

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 I)

The Leader says

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The People kneel.

After each petition,

Let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

At the end of the Litany,

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

After the last petition

... let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

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

HEAVENLY Father, thou hast promised to hear what we ask in the Name of thy Son:
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve
in our sinfulness, but as thou knowest and lovest us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to
time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine
Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful
Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we
may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy
Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Benjamin Britten
(1913-1976)

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' is written on four staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is split into two parts: 'Celebrant' on the left and 'People' on the right. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.' The second staff is also split: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. Lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord.' The third staff is for the 'Celebrant' with lyrics: 'Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.' The fourth staff is for the 'People' with lyrics: 'It is meet and right so to do.'

The Celebrant continues

IT 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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

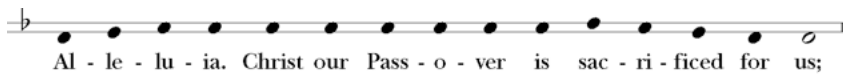
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

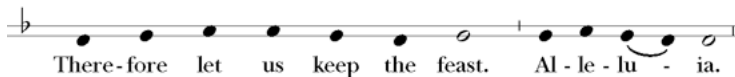
OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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


Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People


There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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)*

I 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.*

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS 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.*

ANTHEM

*Gerald Finzi
(1901-1956)*

WELCOME sweet, and sacred feast; welcome life!
Dead I was, and deep in trouble;
But grace, and blessings came with thee so rife,
That they have quicken'd even drie stubble;
Thus soules their bodies animate,
And thus, at first, when things were rude,
Dark, void, and Crude
They, by thy Word, their beauty had, and date;
All were by thee, And still must be,
Nothing that is, or lives, But hath his Quicknings, and reprieves
As thy hand opes, or shuts; Healings, and Cuts,
Darkness, and day-light, life, and death
Are but meer leaves turn'd by thy breath
Spirits without thee die,
And blackness sits
On the divinest wits,
As on the Sun Eclipses lie.
But that great darkness at thy death
When the veyl broke with thy last breath,
Did make us see The way to thee;
And now by these sure, sacred ties,
After thy blood (Our sov'rain good,)
Had clear'd our eies, And given us sight;
Thou dost unto thy self betroth
Our souls, and bodies both
In everlasting light.
Was't not enough that thou hadst payd the price
And given us eies
When we had none, but thou must also take
Us by the hand
And keep us still awake,
When we would sleep,
Or from thee creep,
Who without thee cannot stand?
Was't not enough to lose thy breath
And blood by an accursed death,
But thou must also leave
To us that did bereave
Thee of them both, these seals the means
That should both cleanse
And keep us so,
Who wrought thy wo?
O rose of Sharon! O the Lilly
Of the valley!
How art thou now, thy flock to keep,
Become both food, and Shepheard to thy sheep.

Henry Vaughan (1621-1695)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY 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 People stand. The Celebrant says

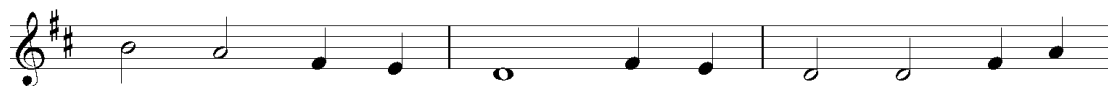
THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN

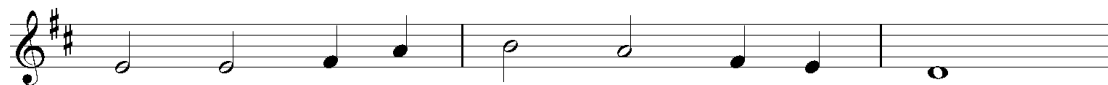
NETTLETON



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



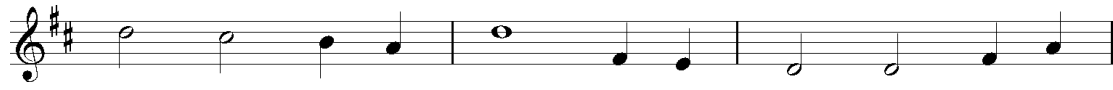
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Capriccio in D minor, Op. 69, No 5

Max Reger
 (1873-1916)

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



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
*Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Margaret Havens Hurlbut, Haywood F. Manice,
Albion & Natalie Metcalf, Margaret Pope, and Walter Warren Wilds*

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by The Choir of Trinity Church, Princeton, NJ

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Friday

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Chantry Chapel

Saturday

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

Next Sunday: June 25, Pentecost 4

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 Choir of St. Mary's, Arlington, VA
Sermon by Fr. Schultz

*Evensong returns on Sunday, July 9 at 4pm, with the Choir
of St. Thomas from Whitmarsh, PA*

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.

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is open Sundays following the 11am Mass until 1:30pm. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street. In stock: "Mary Magdalene: A Visual History", by Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Coronation Bibles from the King's Printer, Limited Edition, and many more books, devotional items, and beautiful gifts. NOTE: The Bookstore will be closed on Sundays June 18, 25, and July 2, and will reopen on Sunday July 9.

The Theology Program at Saint Thomas Church offers sound Christian teaching presented with intellectual vigor; teaching that is grounded in Holy Scripture, mediated by the 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 information, please register with Fr. Gioia: lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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 MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families: For the month of June, Families are welcome to join us after the 9am Mass for a special **Summer Sunday School: Women of the Bible**, led by Ms. Jennifer Kim from 10-10:40am. We will then be on hiatus until September. Sign up for our weekly newsletter, with details of programs and activities at Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

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 Ruth Cobb, rcobb@choirschool.org.

We are pleased to announce that the **Saint Thomas Girl Chorister Course** will return to Saint Thomas Church and Choir School **July 22-30, 2023**. This year's Guest Director, Jared Johnson of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia, SC, will lead the choristers in 5 services throughout the week and we will premiere a new piece specially commissioned for the course from our Composer-in-Residence Jessica French.

The Course is an intensive choral experience for girl choristers ages 12-18 at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York City. Throughout the course, choristers and staff live at Saint Thomas Choir School and take part in choral rehearsals and services, music history and theory classes, private vocal coaching, and outings to various sites around the city.

If you would like to provide scholarship support for a girl to attend the course this summer, please visit <https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/Give/one-time-donation> and select "Girls Chorister Course" from the drop-down menu. Please contact Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell at rkellerman@saintthomaschurch.org with questions or for more information regarding the Course.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now 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 RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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 giving@saintthomaschurch.org. Every pledge makes a difference.





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