SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023 AT 11 A.M. THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EUCHARIST

SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR

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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PRELUDE

Toccata Prima (from Il Secondo Libro di Toccate)

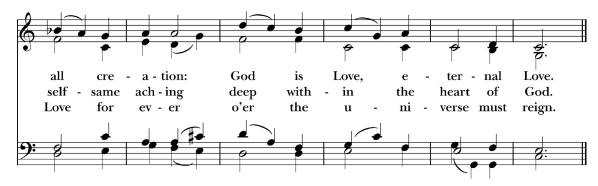
Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

THE GREETINGS

HYMN

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





THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

EAR what our Lord Jesus saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

LMIGHTY 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

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

Caratias 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.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Isaiah 51:1-6

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

PSALM 138 Sung by the Choir Plainsong (Tone VII⁷)

BENEDIXISTI, DOMINE

WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart:

even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name,

because of thy loving-kindness and truth:

for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me: and enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord: for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: that great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly:

as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me:

thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies,

and thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me:

yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

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 12:1-8

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

The People stand.

HYMN WESTMINSTER ABBEY



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Plainsong (Mode VI)



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Welcome with meekness the implanted word

that hath the power to save thy souls.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

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 Rev. Matthew J. Moretz Vicar

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 IV)

The Intercessor says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel. After each petition

Deacon Lord, in thy mercy People Hear our prayer.

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

A LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

WE are the body of Christ. In the one spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

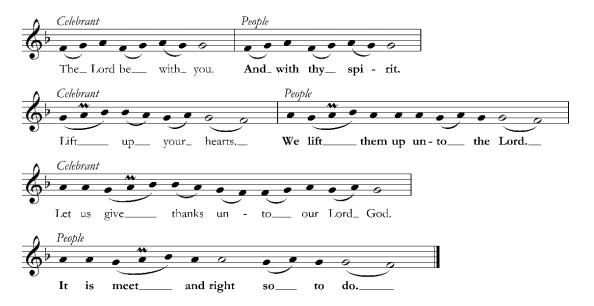
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

EXAUDI, Domine, preces servi tui: illumina faciem tuam super sanctuarium tuum: et propitius intende populum istum, super quem invocatum est nomen tuum, Deus.

Hear, O Lord, the prayer of your servant: Let your face shine forth upon your sanctuary: And extend mercy to look kindly on this people over whom your name is invoked, O God.

Daniel 9:17, 19

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant continues

T 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.

The People kneel or stand.

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 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

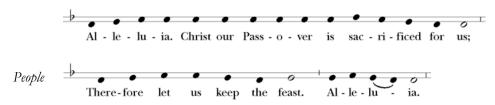
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

UR 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



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)

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, 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,

MOTET

Tomás Luis de Victoria
(1548-1611)

grant us peace.

Et panis quem ego dabo caro mea est pro mundi vita.

Alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

And the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

Alleluia.

John 6:35

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

A LMIGHTY 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.



Words: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*, melody att. Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758), alt.; harm. Johann Löhner (1645-1705), after chorale ver. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Tocca

Toccata Seconda (from Il Secondo Libro di Toccate)

Girolamo Frescobaldi

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, Albion E. Metcalf II, and Joel Rothermel

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Saturday

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

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. The Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue

Next Sunday: September 3, The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

SUMMER FEASTS 2023

5:30 p.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST with the Gentlemen of the Choir followed by cheese, wine, and soft drinks

Friday, September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

Our Parish House **Bookstore and Gift Shop** is temporarily closed as we prepare for our Bicentennial celebrations. In October, the Bookstore and Gift Shop will be relocated to part of the Narthex nearest the Chantry Chapel. We are excited about making this resource and ministry more available to those who visit our church throughout the week. And we are grateful for Jean Savage and all those who are making this transition possible through their leadership and support. If you have any questions, please reach out to giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org.

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.

Children and Families: Nursery and Sunday School are now on recess until September 17, however throughout the Summer children continue to be welcome at Saint Thomas Church! Welcome activity packs and Sunday Papers are now available for children in the Narthex. In addition, 9am and 11am services will be streamed into the Nursery which is available for the sole use of babies and toddlers. Families using the Nursery are welcome to return to the Church at any time, especially for Communion or a Blessing. Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter and details of Children and Family plans for the Fall: Children and families@saintthomaschurch.org.

Soup Kitchen: On September 10, after the 11am service there will be a meeting held on the 5th Floor to evaluate whether there is enough volunteer help to resume the Saint Thomas Soup Kitchen. Anyone interested in seeing this worthy and much needed outreach of the church return is urged to attend. At that time we will work out the necessary details and with the support of enough volunteers' hours set a date to start the Soup Kitchen. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

Back to School Drive! Saint Thomas Church is pleased to help students attending St. Ann's after school program in the Bronx and children at the Lang Shelter on the lower east side, as well as migrant children known to our EOP (Ecumenical Outreach Program) ages 5-14. There are two ways to help: *Option One*: Donate a backpack filled with supplies for a child in grades 1-8. Please put a tag on the backpack designating which grade the backpack is for. *Option Two*: Sponsor a backpack with a donation of \$75: a backpack complete with supplies can be purchased on your behalf. Please write "Back to School 2023" on the memo line of your check or choose "Back to School – Backpack Sponsor" from the menu on the giving page of our website. Need more info? Email or call Linda Morfi, lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org, 212-757-7013, ext 416.

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 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, 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.



BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND



Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Saint Thomas Church October 12 – 15, 2023

Thursday, October 12

3:00 p.m. Opening of the Bicentennial Exhibition

5:30 p.m. Bicentennial Orchestral Eucharist to commemorate the first service in 1823 Preacher: The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop of New York, followed by a Champagne Reception

Friday, October 13

7:30 p.m. Saint Thomas at 200: A Musical Legacy

Concert with the Choir of Men and Boys with Saint Thomas Brass (Free Admission)

Saturday, October 14

6:00 p.m. Bicentennial Black-tie Gala Fundraiser at the University Club

Sunday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. Andrew Mead, Rector Emeritus, followed by Brunch

2:15 p.m. Organ Recital on the Taylor-Boody Organ (hand-pumped)

3:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Te Deum

Preacher: The Sub-Dean of Chapel Royal, The Rev. Canon Paul Wright LVO

BICENTENNIAL GALA

A milestone occasion, celebrating Saint Thomas Church's two-hundred-year history. The evening will serve as an opportunity to share the inspiring story of Saint Thomas Church, reflecting on its rich history, and looking to the future.



A Small School in a Great City

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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."

The Choir School invites you to visit and learn more about this distinctive educational opportunity. Tuition is modest and generous scholarships are available.

the next step Nora Thomson Director of Outreach & Enrollment 212-247-3311

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