

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



One West Fifty-third Street
New York, New York 10019
Telephone: 212-757-7013
www.SaintThomasChurch.org
The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 AT 11 A.M.
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FESTAL EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

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.

ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Matthew Moretz

Vicar and Chief Operating Officer

The Reverend Alison J. Turner

Associate for Children & Family Ministry and School Chaplain

The Reverend Mark Schultz

Associate for Pastoral Care

The Reverend Prisca Lee-Pae

Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry

The Reverend Dr. Luigi Gioia

Theologian in Residence

STAFF

Dr. Jeremy Filsell, *Organist and Director of Music*

Nicolas Haigh, *Associate Organist*

Maks Adach, *Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist*

Bruce Smith, *Chief Advancement Officer*

Adam MacDonald, *Director of Development*

Blake Martin, *Director of Communications and Digital Production*

Lizette Hernandez, *Executive Assistant to the Rector*

David Bryan, *Head Verger*

SAINT THOMAS CHOIR SCHOOL

Christopher Seeley, *Head of School*

202 West 58th Street, New York, NY 10019

Telephone: 212-247-3311

www.ChoirSchool.org

admissions@choirschool.org

HONORARY CLERGY

The Reverend Andrew C. Mead, OBE, DD, *Rector Emeritus*

The Right Reverend Andrew R. St. John, DD, *Bishop in Residence*

The Reverend Mark Brown, *Honorary Assistant*

The Reverend Gina Gore, *Honorary Assistant*

The Reverend Canon Anne Mallonee, *Honorary Assistant*

The Reverend David F. Mc Neeley, *Honorary Assistant*

The Reverend Thomas F. Pike, *Honorary Assistant*

The Reverend Stephen Morris, *Honorary Assistant*

THE LAY MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

Lloyd G. Stanford, *Warden*

Karen Duncan

Christopher M. Haley, *Clerk*

Darren Littlejohn

Winnie Kung

Gregory Zaffiro, *Warden*

Samuel Lee

John G. Oghia

Benita Potters

Inge Reist

Karl C. Saunders, *Treasurer*

You may contact the Wardens using this address: Wardens@SaintThomasChurch.org.

PRELUDE

IV. Prière du Christ montant vers son Père
*from L'Ascension*Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)*The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.*

HYMN

DIADEMATA

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - every grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

THE EASTER GREETING

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

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

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Turle, Atkins*)

EXURGAT DEUS

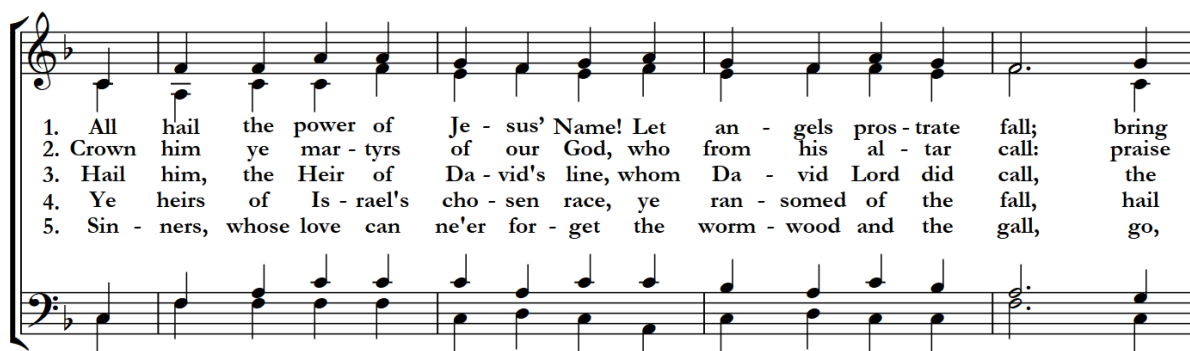
LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered let them also that hate him flee before him.
Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away :
and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God : let them also be merry and joyful.
O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name : magnify him that rideth upon the heavens,
as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name jah, and rejoice before him.
He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows :
even God in his holy habitation.
He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house,
and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity : but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.
O God, when thou wentest forth before the people : when thou wentest through the wilderness;
The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God :
even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.
Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance : and refreshedst it when it was weary.
Thy congregation shall dwell therein : for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.
Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises unto the Lord;
Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning :
lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.
Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel : his worship and strength is in the clouds.
O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places : even the God of Israel,
he will give strength and power unto his people; blessed be God.
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

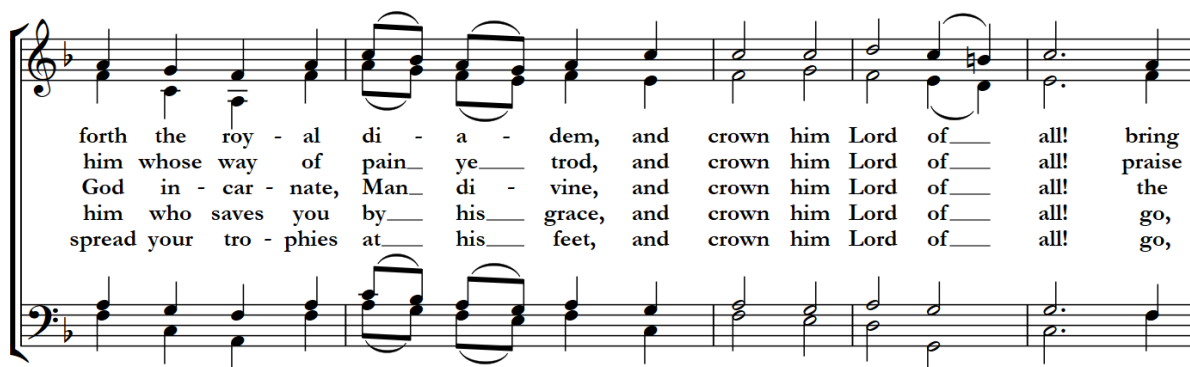
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

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

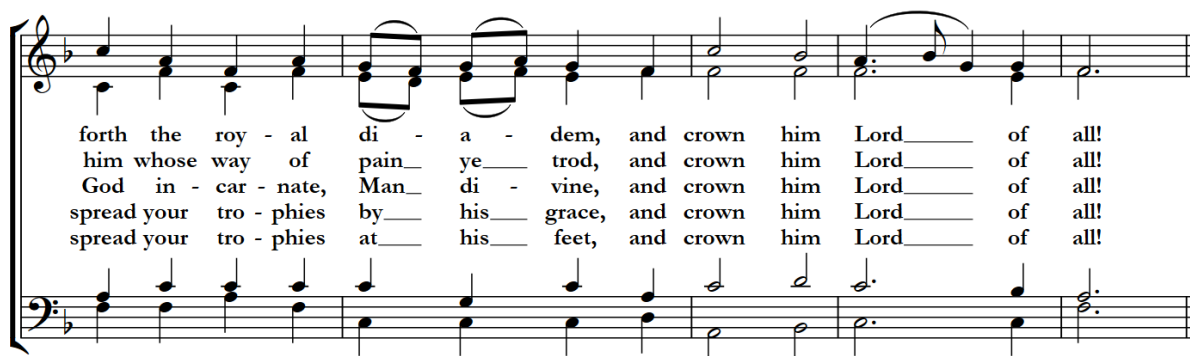
The People stand.



1. All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring
 2. Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call: praise
 3. Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call, the
 4. Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall, hail
 5. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall, go,



forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all! bring
 him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all! praise
 God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all! the
 him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! go,
 spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!



forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 spread your tro - phies by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6. Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful people
 and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Very Reverend David Monteith
Dean of Canterbury

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand.

Celebrant and People

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 Minister 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

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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

GOD hath made us one in Christ. He hath set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, hath given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 1:22)

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

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Frank Boles
(b. 1955)

FOR God alone my soul in silence waits.
Truly, my hope is in Him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
In God is my safety and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
Put your trust in Him always, O people,
Pour out your hearts before Him, for God is our refuge.
Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.
For God alone my soul in silence waits;
truly, my hope is in him.

Psalm 62:6-9, 14

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

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.

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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

*Daniel Castellanos
(b. 1995)*

LIGHT shine into our hearts.
Eternal Goodness deliver us from evil.
Eternal Pow'r be our support.
Eternal wisdom scatter the darkness of our ignorance.
Eternal Pity have mercy upon us through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Alcuin of York (c. 735-804)

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.

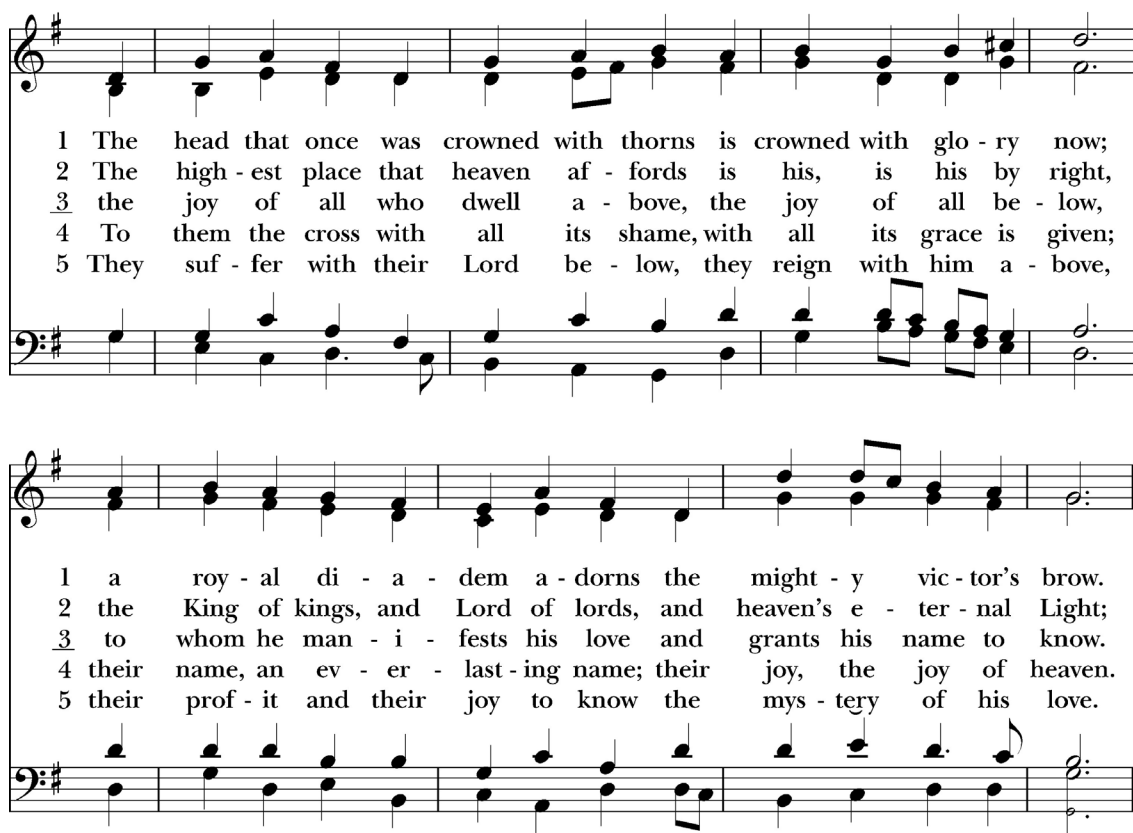
THE EASTER BLESSING

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The People stand.

HYMN

ST. MAGNUS



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
 2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
 3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
 4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
 5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,

1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
 2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
 3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
 4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
 5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
 though shame and death to him:
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,
 their everlasting theme.

THE EASTER DISMISSAL



Deacon
 Go, in the peace of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People
 Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

VOLUNTARY III. Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne *Olivier Messiaen*
from L'Ascension

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Andrew Hall after the service.



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
*Thomas Albert Bain, Charles Valentine Faile, Sarah Crane Faile, Margaret Crane Hurlbut,
Ida May Ives, and The Rev. Leslie John Alden Lang*

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

*Evensong will be followed by an organ recital featuring
Seung Hee Cho, New Brunswick, NJ*

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Wednesday – Jackson Kemper

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday – The Venerable Bede

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

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: The Rector

Next Sunday: May 28, The Day of Pentecost

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

sung by the Noble Singers

especially suitable for Children and Families

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Procession and Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rt. Rev. Andrew M. L. Dietsche

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Solemn Te deum*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rev. Landon Moore, Vicar for
Vocation, Diocese of Long Island

*Evensong will be followed by an organ recital featuring
Margaret Helene Harper, Dallas, TX*

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. 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 11 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street. New in stock: "Mary Magdalene: A Visual History", by Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Coronation Bible from the King's Printer, Limited Edition, and many more books, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

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 10 a.m.** 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 1 p.m. Fr. Schultz leads a series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Join us as we continue our exploration of the Book of Signs (John 1:18 through chapter 12). For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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

The Noble Singers, our children's 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 necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. We are on hiatus until the fall. For more information, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.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.

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.

For the first part of this year, we continue our **2023 Annual Appeal: Invitation, Community, Discipleship**. You can make a pledge via the QR code below to be taken to the website or email giving@saintthomaschurch.org. Every pledge makes a difference.



Saint Thomas Choir School

in the heart of New York City



IRA LIPFKE

Do you know a boy who loves to sing?

Saint Thomas Choir School nurtures and educates the treble choristers of the renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Boys in grades 3–8 from across the country sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school during the academic year, thriving in a community that shares a passion for music. Singing in a professional choir, the boys grow into young men with poise, presence, and a deep sense of serving the community. Graduates of the choir school are prepared for a rewarding journey through adolescence and beyond, regardless of their professional goals. To learn more, visit www.choirschool.org or contact Ruth Cobb at admissions@choirschool.org or 212.247.3311, ext. 541.

Give him the opportunity of a lifetime.