

**SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE**  
in the  
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023 AT 11 A.M.  
THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**FESTAL EUCHARIST AND  
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR

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Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ  
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# ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Messa a tre voci

Antonio Lotti  
(c. 1667-1740)

PRELUDE

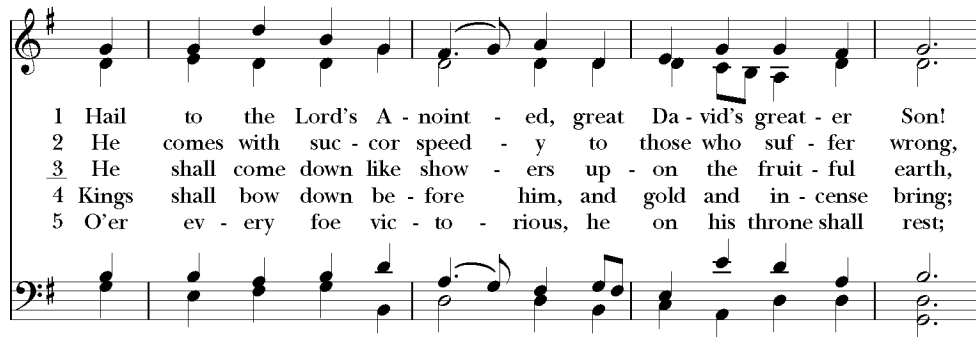
Phantasie über *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* Op. 40 no. 1: Introduzione

Max Reger  
(1872-1916)

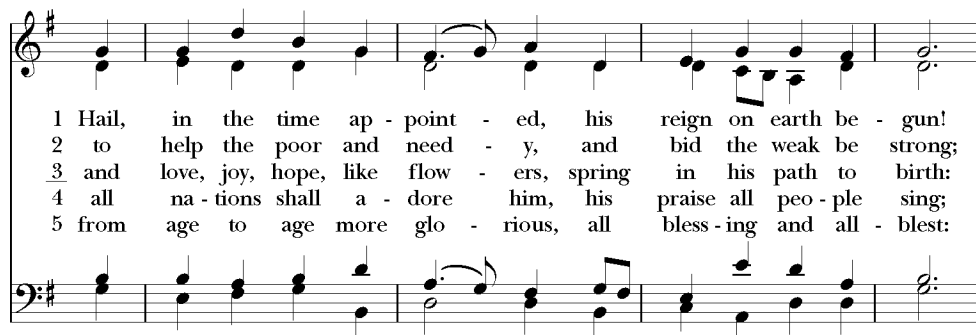
*The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.*

HYMN

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN



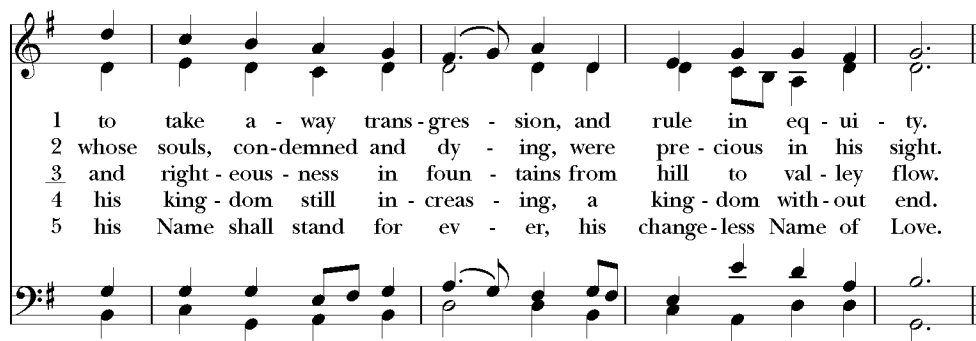
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

## 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.**

**A**LMIGHTY 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*

**G**LORIA 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,  
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.

**F**ATHER in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy  
beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name  
may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee  
and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

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

AFFERTE DOMINO

**B**RING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord :  
 ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.  
 Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.  
 It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.  
 It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation :  
 the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.  
 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees :  
 yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.  
 He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.  
 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness:  
 yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.  
 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes :  
 in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.  
 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood : and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.  
 The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.  
 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

Acts 10:34-43

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

*The People stand.*

HYMN

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,  
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,  
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun  
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,  
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,  
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!  
 5 go forth with you a world to win:  
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed.



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed  
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes  
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power  
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.  
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.  
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.  
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.  
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)



*Cantor* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Cantor* God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels,  
preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

*People* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Dr. Garwood Anderson

*Dean of Nashotah House Theological Seminary and Professor of New Testament*

*A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.*

**THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*The People stand. The Celebrant says*

**T**HROUGH the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and  
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant sprinkles the People with Holy Water as a reminder of their baptism.*

## HYMN

## THE CALL

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Baptismal Vows with this Collect*

**G**RANT, O Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Sung by the Choir*

*William Byrd*  
(1540-1623)

**O**MNES de Saba venient, aurum et thus, deferentes:  
et laudem Domino, anuntiantes.  
Surge, illuminare, Ierusalem, quia venit lumen tuum:  
et gloria Domini super te orta est. Alleluia.  
Vidimus stellam eius in Oriente:  
et venimus cum muneribus adorare Dominum. Alleluia.

*All they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense:  
and they shall shew forth their praises of the Lord.*

*Arise, for thy light is come to shine upon Jerusalem  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.*

*We have seen his star in the East:  
and have come with gifts to adore him, the Lord. Alleluia.*

*Isaiab 60:6, 1; Matthew 2:2*

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.' The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: 'I 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*

**I**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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts,  
to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son 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*

**S**ANCTUS, 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*

**O**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

*Celebrant*                    Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People*                        **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## AGNUS DEI

*Sung by the Choir*

**A**GNUS 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.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

**B**EHOLD 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 shouldst 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 is not permitted.  
You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*

## ANTHEM

The Baptism of Christ

*Rachel Arons*  
(b. 1984)

**N**OW when all the people were baptized,  
And when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,  
The heaven was opened,  
And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came down from heaven,  
“You are my Son, the Beloved;  
With you I am well pleased.”

*Luke 3: 21-22*

## 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 Celebrant says*

**M**AY Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## HYMN

## THIS ENDRIS NYGHT

1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"  
2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right - eous - ness," he said.  
3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:  
4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,  
5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.

1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.  
2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com - mands, through Jor - dan's flood was led.  
3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."  
4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right - eous - ness.  
5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

Words: *Christian Hymnbook*, 1865, alt. Music: *This Endris Nyght*, English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).  
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## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*  
*People*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Phantasie über *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* Op. 40 no. 1: Fuga

*Max Reger*

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

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The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:  
*Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Mary Jane Little, Clare Fabnestock Moorhead, and George Stevens Schermerborn*

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## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Today

**4 p.m. Festal Evensong\***

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*  
Sermon by Fr. Schultz

### Monday - Saturday

**12 p.m.** Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist\*

**Tuesday** – William Laud

**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\***

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

### Wednesday

**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

**Thursday** – Aelred, Abbot

**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

### Friday

**4 p.m.** Contemplative Prayer – NOTE TIME  
CHANGE THIS WEEK!

*In the Resurrection Chapel*

### Saturday

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

**Next Sunday: January 15, The Second Sunday  
after the Epiphany**

**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. Festal Eucharist\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*  
Sermon by The Rector

**4 p.m. An Epiphany Procession\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

## PARISH NOTICES

**The Pilgrims' Course Begins Wednesday, January 18:** The Pilgrims' Course, our annual educational and fellowship series, explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes are open to all and, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. **The Pilgrims' Course begins Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House.** To discover more about the topics, the schedule, and to register, please go to our webpage. Classes are held on most Wednesdays from mid-January to May (with a break for Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter Week). Before the pandemic, classes began with an optional hot meal which was very popular. At this time, with increasing COVID infections, we are unsure when the meal element will resume; please check back frequently for updates. Classes are hybrid and you can attend in-person or online. Each week, you will be sent an email with the class details, and a link to a recording of last week's class. The Pilgrims' Class is traditionally taught by the Rector of Saint Thomas Church. In 2023, Canon Turner will be assisted by our new Associate for Adult Education and Formation, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, who has an international reputation as a teacher, author, and spiritual director. Other clergy will also be available to support members of the group.

**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 Sunday following the 11 am Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street where you will find a wide selection of books, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

**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](mailto:MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Children and Families:** Sunday School and Nursery resume today 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 for 2023: [Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org).

**Theology at Saint Thomas:** Join us Sundays at 10 a.m. for the continuation of a four-week series entitled: **"I have called you friends": Glimpses into God's Ways.** In this series of exercises in Narrative Theology we will learn that the best way to know God is paying attention to his "ways", that is to how he behaves with those whom he calls his friends. God is invisible and mysterious and yet becomes an open book. Tales of encounter, dialogue, intrigue, conflict, and appeasement between God and his friends brim with glimpses into his personality, passion, charm, playfulness, and soft spots. The subject of next week's class is **The Shulammite: God the Troubadour.** You are welcome to join us in person on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House or on Zoom using the link provided in our E-news.

**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](mailto:RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Pan-Asian Ministry:** There will be a Festive Holy Eucharist, refreshments, and games at St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue on January 21 at 2 p.m. Pan-Asians of the Diocese of New York will gather to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Please RSVP to Mo. Lee-Pae by January 14: [pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org).

**Concerts at Saint Thomas** presents *New York Polyphony: From the Gyffard Partbooks* on Thursday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. We are pleased to welcome the four-part vocal ensemble [New York Polyphony](#) for an evening of antiphons, motets, and responsories taken from the Gyffard Partbooks and the Eton Choirbook. These manuscripts are among the few collections of Latin liturgical music to have survived the Reformation, with much of the music unheard and unrecorded. 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](mailto:concerts@saintthomaschurch.org) or call [212-664-9360](tel:212-664-9360).

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](mailto:giving@saintthomaschurch.org). Every pledge makes a difference.





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The Gentlemen of the Saint Thomas Choir are professional singers; the Boy Choristers attend the Saint Thomas Choir School. The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys is represented by Karen McFarlane Artists, Inc. and records for Resonus Classics and Signum Classics.