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, FEBRUARY 19, 2023 AT 4 P.M.
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (QUINQUAGESIMA)

FESTAL EVENSONG

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.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" from The Fourth Book of Gospel Preludes (1984) William Bolcom (b. 1938)

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

Robert Lehmann (b. 1960)

SPLENDOR of God's glory bright,
O thou that bringest light from light,
O light of light, light's living spring,
O Day, all days illum'ning.

Ambrose of Milan (340-397)

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN LAUDATE DOMINUM O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; re - joice in his word ye O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth, in tune-ful ac - cord, all \mathbf{o} praise ye the All things that give sound; each ju - bi-lant chord re praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song to him be out poured all an - gels light; ye hea-vens, a - dore by whom ye were him who hath brought you birth; praise his grace from a ye \mathbf{of} new round; loud or - gans, his forth tell ech - o a glo - ry in deep ges long! For love in cre - a tion, for hea - ven re made, and wor - ship be fore him, in bright-ness ar rayed. bove, praise him who hath taught you sing \mathbf{of} his love. to tone, and sweet harp, the sto ry of what he hath done. stored, for grace of sal va tion, praise ye the Lord!

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
- R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- V. O God, make speed to save us.
- R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- V. Praise ve the Lord.
- R. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 84Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Taylor)

QUAM DILECTA!

how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength:

and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence: the Lord will give grace and worship,

and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

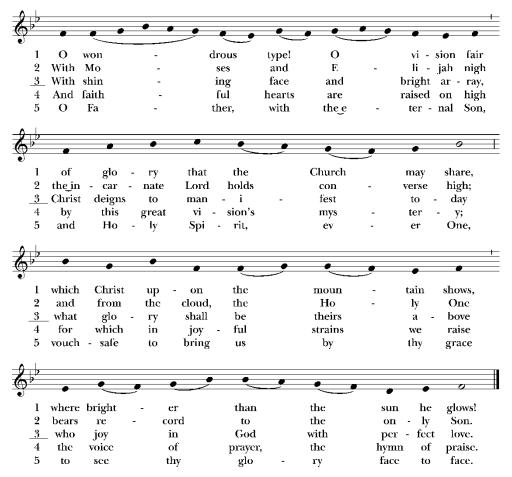
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 34:29-35

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN AETERNE REX



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848-1866), alt. Music: Aeterne Rex altissime, plainsong, Mode 1, Zisterzienser Hymnar, 14th cent.; acc. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935); alternative acc. Thomas Foster (b. 1938).

MAGNIFICAT St. Mark's Service Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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 people sit.

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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 APOSTLES' CREED

BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, **▲** maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholick Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Sung by the Officiant and Choir

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

K. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed he thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily hread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

- V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
- **K**. And grant us thy salvation.

- V. O Lord, save the State.
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. O Lord, save thy people.
- R. And bless thine inheritance.
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

GOD, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE SECOND COLLECT, FOR PEACE

GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen*.

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

IGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The People sit.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Ned Rorem

(b. 1923)

GOD, my heart is ready; I will sing, and give praise with the best member that I have. Awake, thou lute and harp; I myself will awake right early. I will give thanks unto thee,

O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises unto thee, among the nations.

For thy mercy is greater than the heavens, and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heav'ns, and thy glory above all the earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered: let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice.

Hast not thou forsaken us, O God?

And wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

O help us against the enemy: for vain is the help of man.

Through God we shall do great acts; and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

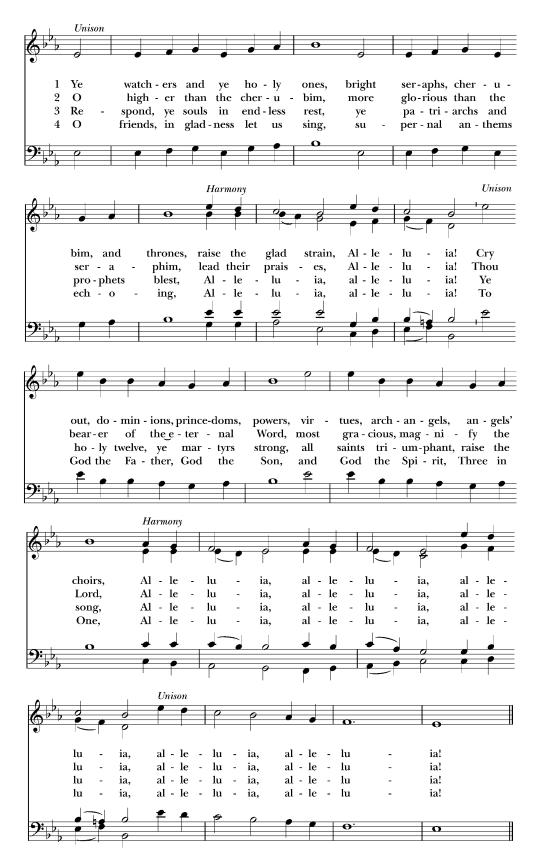
O God, my heart is ready, I will sing praises unto thee.

For thy mercy is greater than the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth.

Psalm 108

SERMON Fr. Schultz

HYMN LASST UNS ERFREUEN



THE BLESSING

MAY 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.

PSALM 150 Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Talbot)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

Praise him in his noble acts: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

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.

VOLUNTARY Alleluias Randall Svane
(b. 1955)

Immediately following this service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series featuring an Organ Recital by Viktoriia Shorokhova, Atlanta, GA

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO TAKE A SEAT IN THE CHOIR STALLS FOR THE RECITAL



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: George Arents, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, William Henry Hurlbut, Arthur James Manice, and Rhoda D. Newman

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Said Mass

12 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rector

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Fr. Schultz

Imposition of ashes will be available at all services, and in between all the liturgies in the nave.

Confessions:	Chantry	Resurrection Chapel
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 9:30-10:30 am
 The Rector
 Fr. Gioia

 10:30-11:30 am
 Mo. Lee-Pae
 Fr. Moretz

 3-4 pm
 Mo. Turner
 Fr. Schultz

 4-5 pm
 Fr. Gioia
 The Rector

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Friday

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer *In the Resurrection Chapel*

Saturday

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

Next Sunday: February 26, First Sunday in Lent

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. Litany and Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Sermon by The Rev. Gina Gore,

Chaplain of The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine followed by a piano and organ recital by Jeremy Filsell, Organist and Director of Music

^{*} indicates livestreamed.

PARISH NOTICES

The Pilgrims' Course will not meet this Wednesday due to the start of Lent. The next meeting will be on March 1, and the topic will be "The Holy Bible: "The Word of the Lord." This 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 particularly suited to those who wish to be baptized, confirmed, or become members of Saint Thomas. Each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. To discover more about topics, schedule, and to register, please visit: www.saintthomaschurch.org/rector/the-pilgrims-course

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 Sunday 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: Fr. Luigi Gioia books, "Saint Benedict's Wisdom", "Say it to God: In Search of Prayer: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018", "Touched by God: The way to contemplative prayer", and other selections 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.

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.

On Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m., Concerts at Saint Thomas presents concert organist Olivier Latry for an evening of Wagner transcriptions, paired with Widor's Symphony for Organ, No. 5. 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, call 212-664-9360 or email concerts@saintthomaschurch.org.

Children and Families: We are on Winter Break from Sunday, February 19-Saturday, February 25. Noble Singers, Sunday School, and Nursery resume on Sunday, February 26! 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.

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, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.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.





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.