

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023 AT 4 P.M.
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Renew Me, O Eternal Light, Op. 5.iii

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

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

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

William Prendergast
(1868-1933)

ARISE, shine, for thy light is come:
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
All the earth shall worship thee, O God:
they shall sing praise to thy name, O most highest.

Isaiah 60:1; Psalm 66:4

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Martin How
(1931-2022)

Please remain standing as the Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

℣. O Lord, open thou our lips.

℟. *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

℣. 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.*

℣. Praise ye the Lord.

℟. *The Lord's Name be praised.*

WELCOME

PSALM 142

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Stainer*)

VOCE MEA AD DOMINUM

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice : yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

I poured out my complaints before him : and shewed him of my trouble.

When my spirit was in heaviness thou knewest my path :

in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

I looked also upon my right hand : and saw there was no man that would know me.

I had no place to flee unto : and no man cared for my soul.

I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said : Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

Consider my complaint : for I am brought very low.

O deliver me from my persecutors : for they are too strong for me.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name :

which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

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.

DOMINE, EXAUDI

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire :
 hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.
 And enter not into judgement with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground :
 he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.
 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me : and my heart within me is desolate.
 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works :
 yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.
 I stretch forth my hands unto thee : my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.
 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint :
 hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust :
 shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.
 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto thee to hide me.
 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God :
 let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.
 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake :
 and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
 And of thy goodness slay mine enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul;
 for I am thy servant.
 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

Genesis 28:10-22

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

O LUX BEATA TRINITAS

1 O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light,
 2 To thee our morn - ing song of praise,
 3 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light,

O U - ni - ty of prince - ly might,
 to thee our eve - ning prayer we raise;
 to Christ re - vealed in earth - ly night,

the fier - y sun now goes his way;
 O grant us with thy saints on high
 to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise

shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.
 to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.
 our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

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

Philemon 1-16

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Sarasota Service

Daniel T. Moe

LORD, 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

I 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 catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Sung by the Choir

☩. The Lord be with you.

✠. *And with thy spirit.*

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

✠. *Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*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. Amen.*

☩. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

✠. *And grant us thy salvation.*

☩. O Lord, save the State.

✠. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

☩. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

✠. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

☩. O Lord, save thy people.

✠. *And bless thine inheritance.*

☩. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

✠. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

☩. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

✠. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace;
through 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

O 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

LIGHTEN 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

Bruce Neswick
(b. 1956)

Happy are all they who fear the lord and who follow in his ways! You shall eat of the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within you're house, your children like olive shoots round about your table, The man who fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed, blessed. The Lord bless you from Zion and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you live to see your children's children, your children's children; may peace be upon Israel.

Psalm 128

SERMON

The Rev. Luigi Gioia
Theologian in Residence

HYMN

LE CANTIQUE DE SIMEON

1 O glad-some Light, O grace of God the Fa-ther's face,
2 Now, ere day fad-eth quite, we see the eve-ning light,
3 To thee of right be-longs all praise of ho-ly songs,

the e-ter-nal splen-dor wear-ing; ce-les-tial, ho-ly, blest,
our wont-ed hymn out-pour-ing; Fa-ther of might un-known,
O Son of God, Life-giv-er; thee, there-fore, O Most High,

our Sa-vior Je-sus Christ, joy-ful in thine ap-pear-ing.
thee, his in-car-nate Son, and Ho-ly Spirit a-dor-ing.
the world doth glo-ri-fy, and shall ex-alt for ev-er.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); para. of *O Gracious Light*. Music: *Le Cantique de Siméon*, melody Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572).

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

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

O PRAISE God in his holiness : 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.

POSTLUDE

No. 3 *from* A Triptych of Fugues (1968)

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Margaret Crane Hurlbut and Mrs. James H. Ottley

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 Gentlemen of the Choir

Wednesday – Brigid

**5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong for the
Eve of The Presentation***

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday – The Presentation [Candlemas]

**5:30 p.m. Candlemas Procession and
Solemn Eucharist***

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday

11-11:30 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice,
Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel
Confessor: The Rector

11:30 a.m. Rosary* at the Shrine of our Lady of
Fifth Avenue

**Next Sunday: February 5, Fifth 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. Choral Mattins and Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Angus Ritchie, Director of the
Centre for Theology and Community in London
*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
followed by a Chamber Recital by The New Consort –
Brian Mummert, Artistic Director*

PARISH NOTICES

The Pilgrims' Course continues Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. 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. This week's topic is, "God the Holy Spirit: Being 'Fully Alive' with the Gifts of the Spirit." To discover more about topics, schedule, and to register, please visit:

<https://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. 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 53rd Street where you will find a wide selection of books, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

Register today for Winter Choir Camp! Choir Camp is a FREE Children and Families Event at Saint Thomas Church for children ages 5-12 on Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants will explore singing and music together through games, classes, rehearsals, and hands on music making activities such as building a working organ! Come learn about our 9 a.m. parish children's choir, the Noble Singers, and other opportunities for children in our worship and Sunday School spaces. Sit in the choir stalls and sing with our organ and learn about how music fits into our worship and daily lives at Saint Thomas Church! Register Today: <https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/OnePageReg/263>

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 have resumed! We 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 for 2023: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School is accepting applications from boys currently in grades 2-5 for admission to the 2023-2024 academic year. The school exists to nurture and educate the approximately 30 boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented boys come from Michigan to Texas, and Massachusetts to Virginia, and even Manhattan. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Ruth Cobb, rcobb@choirschool.org.

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.

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.



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in the heart of New York City



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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.