

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022 AT 4 P.M.
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EVENSONG

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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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

I. On a Theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 34)

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

At the entry of the Choir and Ministers, the People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Eric Suter
(b. 1973)

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

PSALMS 47, 48, 49

Sung by the Choir

Plainchant (*Tones VII^a, VIII^a, IV^s*)

OMNES GENTES, PLAUDITE

O CLAP your hands together, all ye people : O Sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he is the great King upon all the earth.
He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump.
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon his holy seat.
The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham :
for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.
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.

GAGNUS DOMINUS


GREAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised : in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth : upon the north-side lieth
the city of the great King; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
For lo, the kings of the earth : are gathered, and gone by together.
They marvelled to see such things : they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
Fear came there upon them, and sorrow : as upon a woman in her travail.
Thou shalt break the ships of the sea : through the east-wind.
Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God :
God upholdeth the same for ever.
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God : in the midst of thy temple.
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end : thy right hand
is full of righteousness.
Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad : because of thy judgements.
Walk about Sion, and go round about her : and tell the towers thereof.
Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses : that ye may tell them that come after.
For this God is our God for ever and ever : he shall be our guide unto death.
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.

O HEAR ye this, all ye people : ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world;
 High and low, rich and poor : one with another.
 My mouth shall speak of wisdom : and my heart shall muse of understanding.
 I will incline mine ear to the parable : and shew my dark speech upon the harp.
 Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness : and when the wickedness of my heels
 compasseth me round about?
 There be some that put their trust in their goods : and boast themselves in the multitude
 of their riches.
 But no man may deliver his brother : nor make agreement unto God for him;
 For it cost more to redeem their souls : so that he must let that alone for ever;
 Yea, though he live long : and see not the grave.
 For he seeth that wise men also die, and perish together : as well as the ignorant and foolish,
 and leave their riches for other.
 And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever : and that their dwelling-places
 shall endure from one generation to another; and call the lands after their own names.
 Nevertheless, man will not abide in honour : seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish;
 this is the way of them.
 This is their foolishness : and their posterity praise their saying.
 They lie in the hell like sheep, death gnaweth upon them, and the righteous shall have domination
 over them in the morning : their beauty shall consume in the sepulchre out of their dwelling.
 But God hath delivered my soul from the place of hell : for he shall receive me.
 Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich : or if the glory of his house be increased;
 For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth : neither shall his pomp follow him.
 For while he lived, he counted himself an happy man : and so long as thou doest well unto thyself,
 men will speak good of thee.
 He shall follow the generation of his fathers : and shall never see light.
 Man being in honour hath no understanding; but is compared unto the beasts that perish.
 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

Nehemiah 6:1-16


The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.




1 O blest Cre - a - tor, source of light,
 2 You joined the morn and eve - ning ray;
 3 Lest we, be - set by doubt and strife,
 4 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, help us rise
 5 De - fend us, Fa - ther, through the night,



1 you gave the day with splen - dor bright,
 2 you found it good and called it 'day.'
 3 for - get your bless - ed gift of life,
 4 and strive to gain the heaven - ly prize;
 5 and with your Son, and Spi - rit bright—



1 when on the new and liv - ing earth
 2 But now the threat - ening dark - ness nears—
 3 and an - guished and in mind dis - tressed,
 4 for you a - lone can make us strong
 5 the Tri - ni - ty whom we a - dore—



1 you brought all things to glo - rious birth.
 2 we pray you, Fa - ther, calm our fears.
 3 be crushed by guilt, by sin op - pressed.
 4 to turn from sin and cease from wrong.
 5 be with us now and ev - er - more.

MAGNIFICAT

Stephen Sturk
 (b. 1950)

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.

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Stephen Sturk

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.

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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Priest Let us pray.

Choir 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.

Priest O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Priest O Lord, save the State;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

BEATI quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

Psalm 119:1

SERMON

The Rev. Prisca Lee-Pae
Associate Priest for Pan-Asian Ministry

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

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thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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THE BLESSING

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.

Immediately following this service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series
featuring organist, **Phoon Yu**, of New York City

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
*William Harris Douglas, Robert Erksine Douglas, Frederick and Doris Blymer,
Francis Laurens Vinton Hoppin, Margaret Crane Hurlbut*

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday - *Phillip the Deacon*

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

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5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

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Thursday - *St. Edward the Confessor*

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Saturday

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

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

Next Sunday: October 16, the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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. Festal Eucharist *

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. Festal Evensong *

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by The Rector
*followed by an organ recital by Patrick Pope, Charlotte,
NC*

PARISH NOTICES

Theology at Saint Thomas: Powers, Principalities, and Bodiless Hosts join us on October 16 when Fr. Schultz will begin a two-part series where he wrestles with meaning of angels and demons and a more robust understanding of the “Bodiless Hosts,” looking for a greater apprehension of the wonders of our faith and the riches of grace that God has in store for us. The first class is entitled “The Devil(s) You Don’t Know.” You are welcome to join us in person on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House or on Zoom using the link provide in our E-News.

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is open 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 **including Ben Sheen’s new CD ‘In London Town.’**

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.

Welcome Back to Children and Families!

Registration is now open for Children and Families programs and events for this program year of 2022-23. For more information, please contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Friday Bible Study is on break the 7th and 14th but resumes the 21st 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.

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 look forward to welcoming new and returning singers as we begin our new term! 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.

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents *Franck: The Complete Works for Organ* on Saturday, October 15 at 3:00 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm ET. In celebration of the bicentennial of César Franck’s birth, organists **Joseph Arndt** and **Adam Pajan** perform the twelve major organ works of César Franck in a two-part recital series, along with a lecture presentation on the composer’s life and works. One ticket will grant access to all three events.. 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 or call 212-664-9360.

Sunday Recital Series - This Sunday we welcome organist Phoon Yu to the Sunday Recital Series. Phoon Yu is active in both Singapore and New York as an organist and composer. He recently finished doctoral studies at the Juilliard School where he was awarded the Richard F. French Doctoral Prize for his dissertation work. His program will include music of Bach, Jonathan Shin, Franck, and Wynne Fung. This series is free and open to the public. Usually starting at approximately 5:15pm, it follows the 4pm service on most Sundays during the academic term.

Chorister for a Day and Open House at Saint Thomas Choir School: Sunday, October 23, from 2-3:30 p.m.

**at 2:15 p.m. choristers and guests in grades 3-6 will depart for church*

The Choir School welcomes boys and their parents who have an interest in visiting this unique school, instituted and sustained over the past century to educate the treble choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. The Open House will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. when everyone is invited to attend Evensong at Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue. Parents of the current choristers and faculty members will be available to serve as guides. Boys in grades 3-6 are invited to participate in the Chorister for a Day program, and to experience rehearsing and singing Evensong alongside our current choristers. Prior music study is not necessary, and any boy who simply enjoys singing is invited to attend. Visiting boys will join the choristers in walking to the church, and then participating with them musically; experiences which will allow them a glimpse of a chorister’s singing life. Registration is requested in order that music folders can be prepared for each participant.

The Nominating Committee of the Vestry is now soliciting suggestions from parishioners for Vestry candidates, and will meet to review them. Please understand that not all those suggested will be put on the ballot. The Nominating Committee is tasked with selecting candidates who best meet the current and future needs of the Vestry. If your suggestion does not make it onto the ballot this year, please don’t be discouraged or take it as a rejection for the future. Once the Nominating Committee has assembled a ballot, candidates will be notified. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Lloyd G. Stanford, Warden & Chairman; Kazie Metzger Harvey, Warden, Jay Sterling; Edith Morrill; Anne Kelly Treantafeles, and Pamela Zonsius. Kenneth Koen is the alternate. Please send your suggestions to wardens@saintthomaschurch.org.

Today we launch 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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