

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE  
in the  
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 AT 4 P.M.  
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**FESTAL EVENSONG**  
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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**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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PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude II from Three Psalm Preludes for Organ, Set I

Herbert Howells  
(1892-1983)

*'But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth :  
and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.'*

INTROIT

David Hill  
(b. 1957)

**P**RAISE our God, all you his servants.  
You who fear him, both small and great.  
Jesus Christ came and preached to us.  
Peace to you who were far off, and peace to those who were near.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.  
And he shall reign for ever and ever. Alleluia.

*Revelation 19:5; Mark 1:15; Ephesians 2:17; Revelation 11:15*

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

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Martin How  
(1931-2022)

*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.

*The People sit.*

WELCOME

PSALM 98

*Sung by the Choir*

Anglican Chant (Suter)

CANTATE DOMINO

**O**SING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.  
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.  
The Lord declared his salvation :  
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.  
He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel :  
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.  
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.  
Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.  
With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.  
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.  
Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord :



for he is come to judge the earth.  
With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.  
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.

PSALM 101

Anglican Chant (*Buck*)

MISERICORDIAM ET JUDICIUM

**M**Y SONG shall be of mercy and judgement : unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.  
O let me have understanding : in the way of godliness.  
When wilt thou come unto me : I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.  
I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness :  
there shall no such cleave unto me.  
A froward heart shall depart from me : I will not know a wicked person.  
Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour : him will I destroy.  
Whoso hath also a proud look and high stomach : I will not suffer him.  
Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land : that they may dwell with me.  
Whoso leadeth a godly life : he shall be my servant.  
There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house :  
he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.  
I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land :  
that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of 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.

FIRST LESSON

1 Chronicles 29:1-14

*The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.*

OFFICE HYMN

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of life and  
2 We taste in you our liv - ing bread, and long to feast up -  
3 For you our rest - less spi - rits yearn wher - e'er our chang - ing  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our mo - ments

our true light, we seek the peace your love im - parts,  
on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain - head,  
lot is cast; glad, when your pres - ence we dis - cern,  
calm and bright; oh, chase the night of sin a - way,

and stand re - joic - ing in your sight.  
our thirst - ing souls to quench and fill.  
blest, when our faith can hold you fast.  
shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.



MAGNIFICAT

The Westminster Service

Herbert Howells

**M**Y 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

Matthew 25:14-30

*The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Westminster Service

Herbert Howells

**L**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

**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*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

*The People kneel.*

Let us pray.

R. 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.

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. 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

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them;  
that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed  
hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ;  
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

**L**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

*Sung by the Choir*

*Charles Wood  
(1866-1926)*

**H**AIL, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured  
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
Holiest of holies – Jesus Christ our Lord!

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest;  
The lights of evening round us shine;  
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine!

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung  
With undefiled tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:  
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

*John Keble (1792-1866)*

SERMON

The Rector



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HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

ST. CLEMENT

1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the dark - ness  
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls  
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads  
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud  
falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -  
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is  
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er  
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for  
scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.  
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

*The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*, #24 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893).  
Music: St. Clement, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904).

THE BLESSING

The Rector says

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.





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.

VOLUNTARY

*Allegro Impetuoso (IV from Six Pieces for Organ)*

*Herbert Howells*

**5:30 P.M. CHAMBER RECITAL**

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for the  
Sunday Recital Series featuring The Western Wind, New York, NY*

**ANNUAL VESTRY ELECTIONS**

The Annual Election for the Vestry of Saint Thomas Church will be held on December 5, 2023.

The following parishioners are standing for election: As Warden, Lloyd Stanford;  
and for the Vestry, Christopher Haley, Winnie King, and Benita Potters.

The by-laws of the parish define those eligible to vote as follows: "Persons of full age belonging to the Parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants at its worship and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to such election or special meeting, shall be qualified voters at any such election or special meeting." Ballots have been mailed electronically, mailed via USPS to those without online access, and will also be available at the reception desk of Saint Thomas Church (1 West 53rd St.) If you have not received a ballot and are a qualified voter, please contact Lizette Hernandez at [\(212\) 757-7013](tel:2127577013). Please note that the By-Laws of Saint Thomas Church have recently been changed by the Vestry so that terms of office begin on January 1 following the election.



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:  
Sarah Aurelia Brush, Marjorie Carr, Zach Carr, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Alice Mary Hyde,  
Linda Griffith Vorsanger, and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Burks Yuille

## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Today

**5:30 p.m. Chamber Recital**

*The Western Wind, New York, NY*

### Monday - Saturday

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

**Tuesday** - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

**Wednesday** - Cecilia, Martyr of Rome, c. 230

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

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

**Thursday** - Thanksgiving Day

**11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist\***

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

Sermon by The Rector

### Saturday

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

Confessor: Fr. Schultz

**Next Sunday: November 26, The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King**

**7:45 a.m. Said Mass**

**9 a.m. Sung Mass**

*followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

**11 a.m. Festal Eucharist\***

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

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

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

**5:30 p.m. Organ Recital**

*Tyrone Whiting, Philadelphia, PA*

# PARISH NOTICES

**Saint Thomas Church Tours** are available on Sundays after the 11am service. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign.

Our Parish **Bookstore and Gift Shop** is temporarily closed as it is being relocated to part of the Narthex nearest the Chantry Chapel. If you have any questions, please reach out to [giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org).

**The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program**, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: [lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Children and Family Ministries:** The Nursery is open 9am to 1pm for the use of babies and young children with parents/caregivers. Services are streamed into the Nursery during this time. Sunday School meets at 10am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and in the Dining Room. For more info, contact [Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org).

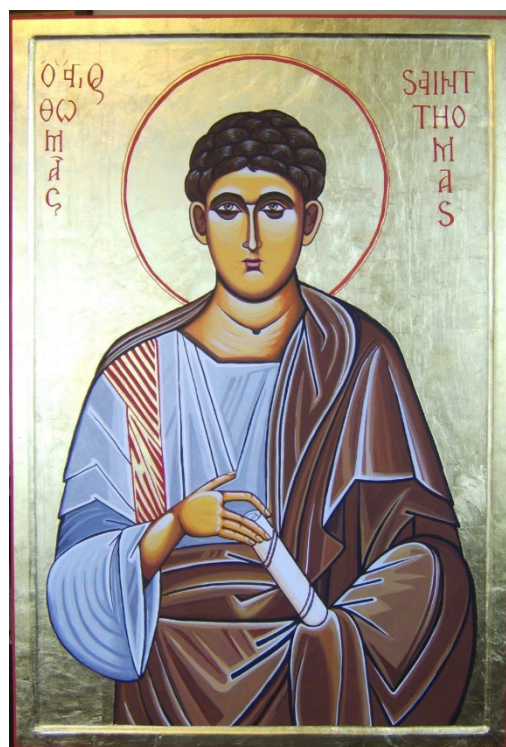
**Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1pm.** Fr. Schultz leads a zoom series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Join us as we continue our exploration of the Book of Signs (John 1:18 through chapter 12). For info, contact Fr. Schultz: [MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org).  
*Note: We will not meet this Friday, due to the holidays.*

**Saint Thomas Choir School** exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from all over the country to sing, study, play, perform, and live together. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Nora Thomson: [nthomson@choirschool.org](mailto:nthomson@choirschool.org).

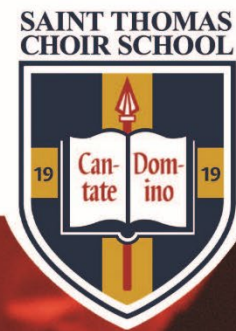
**The Noble Singers**, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, has resumed weekly rehearsals and singing at the 9am Mass. We welcome new singers at any time. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For info, contact [RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials** are now being received in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. The deadline is Sunday, December 11.

On Thanksgiving Day our **Angel Tree** will be revealed. There will be tags on the tree for children from St. Ann's Episcopal Church and Safe Horizons shelter as well as some of the migrant children known to the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership. We hope you will take a tag, and ask you to bring the requested gift to STC before December 19. Would you like to help wrap gifts, decorate the Angel Tree or make tags for the Angel Tree? Please volunteer by contacting Linda Morfi: [lmorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:lmorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org).



# A Small School in a Great City



Saint Thomas Choir School educates the treble choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. The boys are nurtured and educated in grades three through eight and live together in the heart of Manhattan at the only boarding choir school in the U.S.

Life at the Choir School extends far beyond the choir stalls and classroom—boys enjoy animated conversations at the dinner table with resident faculty, quiet stories read before bed, outings to shows, and Central Park as their backyard. These formative experiences inspire many graduates to recall their time at the Choir School as the “privilege of a lifetime.”

The Choir School invites you to visit and learn more about this distinctive educational opportunity. Tuition is modest and generous scholarships are available.

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