

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 AT 4 P.M.
THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

SOLEMN EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

LENTEN SERMON SERIES ON THE BEATITUDES

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

The Rev. Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

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

L'ange aux Parfums *from* Les Corps Glorieux

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

LA FUMÉE des parfums, formés des prières des saints, monta de l'ange devant Dieu.

'The fragrance of incense rose up to God with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel.'

Revelation 8:4

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LOVE UNKNOWN

1. My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to me, Love
2. He came from his blest throne, Sal - va - tion to be-stow: But
3. Some - times they strew his way, And his sweet prais-es sing; Re-
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
5. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a - way; A

to the love - less shown, That they might love - ly be. O,
men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know. But
sound-ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their King. Then
made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet
mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they slay. Yet

who am I, That for my sake My
O, my Friend, My Friend in - deed, Who
'Cru - ci - fy!' Is all their breath, And
in - ju - ries! And they at these Them -
cheer - ful he To suf - fering goes, That

Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
at my need His life did spend!
for his death They thirst and cry.
selves dis - please, And 'gainst him rise.
he his foes From thence might free.

6. In life no house, no home,
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb,
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was his home;
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

The Priest says these Sentences of the Scriptures

O Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger,
lest thou bring me to nothing. (*Jeremiah 10:24; Psalm 6:1*)

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord;
for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. (*Psalm 143:2*)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us:
but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 St. John 1:8-9*)

The Priest says

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

The People kneel.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Priest and People

ALmighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and pronounces the Absolution

ALmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

*Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)*

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.

PSALM 80

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Wesley*)

QUI REGIS ISRAEL

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep :
shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.
Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.
Turn us again, O God : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
O Lord God of hosts : how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Turn us again, thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
Thou madest room for it : and when it had taken root it filled the land.
The hills were covered with the shadow of it :
and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.
She stretched out her branches unto the sea : and her boughs unto the river.
Why hast thou then broken down her hedge : that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?
The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up: and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven : behold, and visit this vine;
And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted :
and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.
It is burnt with fire, and cut down : and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand : and upon the son of man,
whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.
And so will not we go back from thee : O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
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

Isaiah 5:1-7

The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go, _____
 2. Where deep - for us the spear - was dyed, _____
 3. Ful - fill'd is all that Da - vid told _____
 4. O Tree of beau - ty, Tree of light, _____
 5. On whose dear arms, so wide - ly flung, _____

The Cross shines forth in mys - tic glow, _____
 Life's tor - rent rush - ing from his side, _____
 In true pro - phe - tic song of old, _____
 O Tree with roy - al pur - ple dight, _____
 The weight of this world's ran - som hung, _____

Where he in flesh, our flesh who made, _____
 To wash us in that pre - cious flood, _____
 The un - i - ver - sal Lord is he, _____
 E - lect on whose tri - um - phal breast _____
 The price of hu - man - kind to pay _____

Our sent - tence bore, our ran - som paid, (7.) A - men, _____
 Where min - gled wa - ter flow'd, and blood, _____
 Who reigns and tri - umphs from the tree, _____
 Those ho - ly limbs should find their rest, _____
 And spoil the spoil - er of his prey, _____

6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
 So may thy pow'r with us prevail
 To give new virtue to the saint,
 And pardon to the penitent.

7. To thee, eternal Three in One,
 Let homage meet by all be done:
 Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore,
 Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

MAGNIFICAT

The Second Service

Kenneth Leighton

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

Matthew 21:33-46

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

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

Officiant and People

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 Officiant and 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.

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

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE THIRD 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 FOURTH 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.

SWEET day, so cool, so calm, so bright,
The bridal of the earth and sky;
The dew shall weep thy fall to-night,
For thou must die.

Sweet rose, whose hue angry and brave
Bids the rash gazer wipe his eye;
Thy root is ever in its grave,
And thou must die.

Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses,
A box where sweets compacted lie;
My music shows ye have your closes,
And all must die.

Only a sweet and virtuous soul,
Like season'd timber, never gives;
But though the whole world turn to coal,
Then chiefly lives.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

SERMON

The Rector

HYMN

CROSS OF JESUS

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the
2 Here the King of all the a - ges, throned in
3 O mys - ter - ious con - de - scend - ing! O a -
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the

blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on
light ere worlds could be, robed in mor - tal
ban - don - ment sub - lime! Ve - ry God him -
blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on

thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!
flesh is dy - ing, cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
self is bear - ing all the suf - fer - ings of time!
thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!

SOLEMN BLESSING

MAY the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with
him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
Who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you,
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All leave in silence.

PARISH NOTICES

The Pilgrims' Course will not meet the next two weeks due to Holy Week and Easter Week. The next meeting will be on April 19, and the topic will be "When things go wrong: Confession and Healing." 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. **NOTE: No tours today or on Easter Sunday.**

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 many books for Lent and Easter, devotional items, beautiful gifts. **NOTE: The store is closed today and on Easter Sunday.**

The Theology Program at Saint Thomas Church offers sound Christian teaching presented with intellectual vigor; teaching that is grounded in Holy Scripture, mediated by the catholic tradition that is the inheritance of Anglicanism, and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. **Sundays at 10 a.m.** on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House and via Zoom. The talks are given by our Theologian in Residence, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia. For information, please register with Fr. Gioia: lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org. Our classes, on hiatus for Palm Sunday and Easter, resume Sunday, April 16.

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.

Children and Families: On **Good Friday, April 7**, all are welcome to join us for our *Way of the Cross: The Way of Love* liturgy and activities for children and their families, starting at 10:15 a.m. Throughout Holy week and Easter Day children will join their families for Mass. Parents of young children may access the nursery during these services. Please note there is no Sunday School on **April 16**. We resume with a child focused Easter celebration on **April 23** at the 9 a.m. Mass. **Sign up** for our weekly newsletter for more details: 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.

Easter Giving Opportunity: With Easter and the season of renewal comes our annual Easter Basket project for St. Ann's Episcopal Church and Safe Horizon's Shelter, which serves survivors of domestic abuse. There are a number of ways you can help! You can drop off Easter candy and small gifts for Easter Baskets in reception during regular business hours; and/or donate an Easter outfit using our online giving portal or by contacting Linda Morfi at lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org or 212-757-7013 ext: 416. The deadline for gifts is TODAY. Baskets will be assembled and delivered during Holy Week, and we welcome your assistance with the fun job of filling the baskets and preparing them for the children!

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.



HOLY WEEK CHORAL SERVICES AND CONCERTS

The choral services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand

Holy Week Sermon Series: "Touching the Mystery"

The Rev. Elaine Farmer

Canberra, Australia

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, APRIL 3 AND 4

12:30 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Mass

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: Mother Farmer

Monday: "The Beauty of Holiness: Anointing & Love"

Tuesday: "We Want to See Jesus: Faith and Doubt"

6:45 p.m. Musical Meditations

Monday: Maks Adach, Organ; Tuesday: Jeremy Filsell, Piano; Atlantic Reed Consort

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist

5:30 p.m. The Office of Tenebrae

with the Gentlemen of the Choir

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

5:30 p.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper with

Procession to the Altar of Repose and Stripping of the Altars

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Preacher: Mother Farmer

"Love in the Ordinary: Service & Betrayal"

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

10:30-11:30 a.m. & 3:30-5 p.m. Confessions

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. The Way of the Cross – The Way of Love

A celebration especially for children and families

12 p.m. The Three Hours' Devotion

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: Fr. Gioia

5:30 p.m. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

including the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Preacher: Mother Farmer

"Slaying the Ram of Human Pride: Death & Turncoats"

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

5:30 p.m. The Great Vigil, Baptism, and First Mass of Easter

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Preacher: Mother Farmer

"Glimpsing God's Kingdom: Forgiveness and Grace"

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Procession, Solemn Eucharist, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Saint Thomas Brass

Preachers: 8 a.m. The Rector

11 a.m. Mother Farmer: "Touching the Mystery: Resurrection"

2:15 p.m. An Eastertide Prelude to Evensong

From the organists of Saint Thomas Church

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Easter Procession

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys