

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 AT 4 P.M.
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EVENSONG
WITH ADMISSION OF A NEW CHORISTER,
HEAD CHORISTER, AND
DEPUTY HEAD CHORISTER
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

Air

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

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

INTROIT

Reginald Alwyn Surplice
(1906-1977)

I WAS glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Psalm 122:1, 6-7

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Arthur Li
(b. 2011)

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

The people sit.

PSALM 53

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Stanford*)

DIXIT INSIPIENS

THE foolish body hath said in his heart : There is no God.

Corrupt are they, and become abominable in their wickedness :
there is none that doeth good.

God looked down from heaven upon the children of men :

to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable :

there is also none that doeth good, no not one.

Are not they without understanding, that work wickedness :

eating up my people as if they would eat bread? they have not called upon God.

They were afraid where no fear was : for God hath broken the bones of him that besieged thee;

thou hast put them to confusion, because God hath despised them.

O that the salvation were given unto Israel out of Sion :

O that the Lord would deliver his people out of captivity!

Then should Jacob rejoice : and Israel should be right glad.

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.

DEUS, IN NOMINE

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake : and avenge me in thy strength.
 Hear my prayer, O God : and hearken unto the words of my mouth.
 For strangers are risen up against me : and tyrants,
 which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.
 Behold, God is my helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.
 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies : destroy thou them in thy truth.
 An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord :
 because it is so comfortable.
 For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble :
 and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.
 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

Proverbs 2:1-9

THE ADMISSION OF HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD CHORISTERS

The People remain seated. The Choir and ministers stand. The Rector and Head of School stand at the top of the Chancel steps. The Director of Music presents the Choristers for admission to the Rector, saying

REVEREND Father, I present to you Elias Jeon to be admitted as Head Chorister,
 and William Lee to be admitted as Deputy Head Chorister of this Church of Saint Thomas
 Fifth Avenue.

The Rector addresses those to be admitted

Do you desire to be admitted as Head Choristers of this Church?

Answer I do.

The Rector says

Do you promise to set a good example, show respect to those in authority,
 and encourage your fellow choristers to offer their best to God and to the Choir School?

Answer I do.

The Rector takes the hand of the Head Chorister and says

I admit you, Elias Jeon, as Head Chorister of this Church in the Name of the Father,
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Rector places the medal around his neck and says

Receive this medal as a badge of your office; may it remind you that what you sing with your lips,
 you should believe in your heart, and practice and show forth in your life.

The Rector takes the hand of the Deputy Head Choristers and says

I admit you, William Lee, as Deputy Head Chorister of this Church in the Name of the Father,
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Rector places the medal around his neck and says

Receive this medal as a badge of your office; may it remind you that what you sing with your lips you
 should believe in your heart, and practice and show forth in your life.

The Rector says this prayer

SING, rejoice and be glad; praise the Lord with a merry voice.
May God grant you grace so to worship and serve him on earth,
that you may praise him eternally among the saints in heaven; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Head and Deputy Head Chorister now bring the Probationer to be admitted to the Head of School.

ADMISSION OF A NEW CHORISTER

The Choir and Ministers stand; The People remain seated.

The Head of School presents the Probationer for admission to the Rector, saying

Reverend Father, I present to you Royce Jung, to be admitted as a Chorister of this Church of Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue.

The Rector asks the Boy to be admitted the following

Do you desire to be admitted as a Chorister of this Church?

The Boy answers

I do.

Taking the Probationer's hand, the Rector says

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I admit you, Royce,
as a Chorister of this Church. **Amen.**

The Director of Music vests the new Chorister with a surplice and then hands to the Rector a Hymnal.

The Rector hands the Hymnal to the newly admitted Chorister, saying

Remember always that what you sing with your lips, you should believe in your heart,
and what you believe in your heart, you should practice in your life. **Amen.**

*After the Probationer has been admitted, the Head and Deputy Head Chorister take the admitted Chorister
to his place in the Choir stalls and say,*

Pursuant to a decree of the Venerable Rector and Vestry of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue,
we install you, Royce, as a Chorister of this Church.

The Head and Deputy Head Chorister take their places in the Choir stalls.

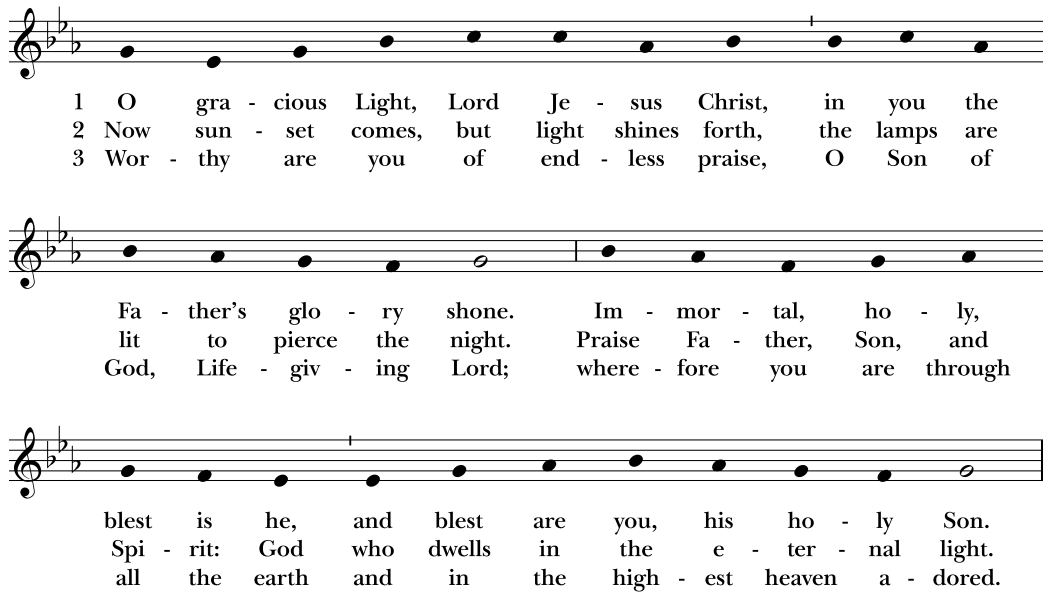
The Rector says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who makes us both to will and to do those things that
are good and acceptable unto thee: We offer our prayers to thee for thy servants here present,
and more especially for Royce who has now been admitted to a place in the Choir of this Church.
Let thy fatherly hand ever be over him; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with him; and so lead him in the
knowledge and obedience of thy holy word that, in the end, he may obtain everlasting life;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth ever,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**


The People remain standing for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of

Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This melody may be sung in rhythmic form: 

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 Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956).

MAGNIFICAT

Service in C

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford
 (1852-1924)

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

Colossians 3:12-17

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Service in C

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

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 bear 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

GRANT us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; 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 AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Trevor Weston
(b. 1967)

ALmighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer: Collect for Social Justice

SERMON

The Rector



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 4 Dai - ly doth the al - mighty - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 tray our trust, though with care and toil we
 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 more from his store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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

Laudes

Francis Pott
 (b. 1957)



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Margaret Crane Hurlbut

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 – Eve of Holy Cross

5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday – Holy Cross Day

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Schultz

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. Brown

**Next Sunday: September 17, The Sixteenth
Sunday after Pentecost**

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 Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rev. Canon Victoria Johnson,
Precentor York Minster

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Schultz

*Evensong will be followed by an organ recital featuring Ben
Comeau of the United Kingdom.*

PARISH NOTICES

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11 am 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.

Our Parish **Bookstore and Gift Shop** is temporarily closed as we prepare for our Bicentennial celebrations. The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be relocated to part of the Narthex nearest the Chantry Chapel. We are excited about making this resource and ministry more available to those who visit our church throughout the week. And we are grateful for Jean Savage and all those who are making this transition possible through their leadership and support. If you have any questions, please reach out to giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Theology Program at Saint Thomas Church offers sound Christian teaching presented with intellectual vigor; teaching grounded in Holy Scripture, mediated by catholic tradition that is the inheritance of Anglicanism, and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. **Sundays at 10am** 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 info, contact Fr. Gioia: lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families: Nursery and Sunday School are on recess until September 17, however throughout the Summer children continue to be welcome at Saint Thomas Church! Welcome activity packs and Sunday Papers are now available for children in the Narthex. In addition, 9am and 11am services will be streamed into the Nursery which is available for the sole use of babies and toddlers. Families using the Nursery are welcome to return to the Church at any time, especially for Communion or a Blessing. Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter and details of Children and Family plans for the Fall: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays 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.

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 Nora Thomson, nthomson@choirschool.org.

The Noble Singers, our children’s parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is on summer break. We will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 14 and our first Sunday back will be Sunday, September 17 at the 9am Sung Mass. Watch for news about our September Choir Camp event and other special events such as our Preschool Music Circle. 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.

Throughout the summer, 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.



BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND



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God's Love in the
Heart of New York

Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Saint Thomas Church October 12 - 15, 2023

Thursday, October 12

3:00 p.m. Opening of the Bicentennial Exhibition

5:30 p.m. Bicentennial Orchestral Eucharist to commemorate the first service in 1823
Preacher: The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop of New York,
followed by a Champagne Reception

Friday, October 13

7:30 p.m. Saint Thomas at 200 : A Musical Legacy
Concert with the Choir of Men and Boys with Saint Thomas Brass
(Free Admission)

Saturday, October 14

6:00 p.m. Bicentennial Black-tie Gala Fundraiser at the University Club

Sunday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. Andrew Mead, Rector Emeritus, followed by Brunch

2:15 p.m. Organ Recital on the Taylor-Boody Organ (hand-pumped)

3:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Te Deum

Preacher: The Sub-Dean of Chapel Royal, The Rev. Canon Paul Wright LVO



BICENTENNIAL GALA

A milestone occasion, celebrating Saint Thomas Church's two-hundred-year history. The evening will serve as an opportunity to share the inspiring story of Saint Thomas Church, reflecting on its rich history, and looking to the future.

