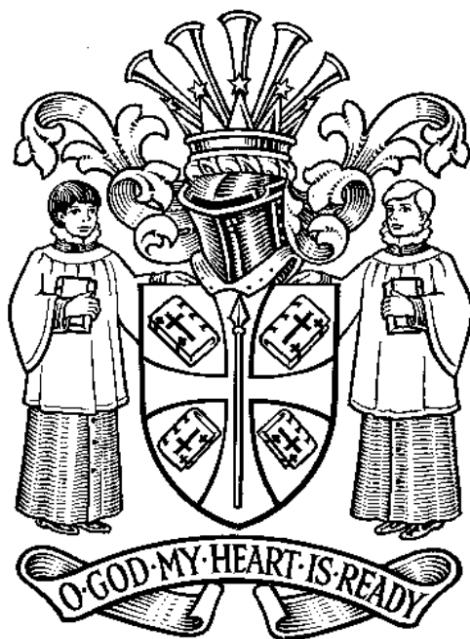


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**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**THE LITANY AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST**  
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR

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**THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS**

Missa L'homme armé

*Cristobal de Morales*  
(c. 1500-1553)

**PRELUDE**

A Fancy in Gamut flatt

*Orlando Gibbons*  
(1583-1625)

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

**THE GREAT LITANY**

*Sung by the Choir*

*Thomas Tallis*  
(c. 1505-1585)

**O** GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Saint Mary, Mother of God our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
*Pray for us.*

All holy Angels and Archangels, and all holy orders of blessed spirits,  
*Pray for us.*

All holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs; and all the blessed company of heaven,  
*Pray for us.*

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.  
*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the heart of thy servant, The President of the United States, that he may above all things seek thy honour and glory;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth labourers into thy harvest;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up them that fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land, by water, or by air; all women in childbirth, all sick persons, and young children; and to shew thy pity upon prisoners and captives;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, Blessed Thomas our Patron, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.  
*Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;  
*Grant us thy peace.*

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, hear us.  
*O Christ, hear us.*

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

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

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

#### THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### THE LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

##### PSALM 32

*Sung by the Choir*

*Tone VI*

##### BEATI, QUORUM

**B**LESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile.  
For while I held my tongue : my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.  
For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night : and my moisture is like the drought in summer.  
I will acknowledge my sin unto thee : and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.  
I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.  
For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee,  
in a time when thou mayest be found :  
but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.  
Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble :  
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go :  
 and I will guide thee with mine eye.  
 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding :  
 whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.  
 Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord,  
 mercy embraceth him on every side.  
 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.  
 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 EPISTLE

Romans 5:12-19

*Subdeacon* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand.*

## HYMN

AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.  
 Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

*People*

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rector

*A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.*

**I** BELIEVE in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words*

**S**INCE we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

## THE GREETINGS

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Robert Parsons  
(d. 1572)

**P**ECCANTEM me quotidie  
et non penitentem,  
Timor mortis conturbat me.  
Quia in inferno nulla est redemptio.  
Miserere mei, Deus, et salva me.

*I who sin every day  
and am not penitent  
the fear of death troubles me:  
For in hell there is no redemption.  
Have mercy upon me, O God, and save me.*

*7<sup>th</sup> Respond at Matins for the Dead*

## HYMN

GERONTIUS

*The people stand.*



1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the  
2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was  
3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in  
4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and  
5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most  
2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am  
3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -  
4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his  
5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!  
2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.  
3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;  
4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.  
5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. Music: *Gerontius*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*      *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant*      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People*

It is meet and right so to do.

*The Celebrant continues*

**I**T is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by the Choir*

**S**anctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*The People remain standing or kneel.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes*

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*The People respond*      **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant says*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

<i>Celebrant</i>	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast.

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People*

**W**E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

**B**EHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

<i>People</i>	Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.
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*The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.*

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion)*

**I** BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;  
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.  
Never permit me to be separated from thee!  
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.  
The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction is not permitted.  
You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*

## AGNUS DEI

*Sung by the Choir*

**A**GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.*

## ANTHEM

*Sung by the Choir*

*Thomas Tallis  
(1505-1585)*

**A**BSTERGE Domine delicta mea,  
quae inscruenter juvenis feci,  
et ignosce poenitenti,  
nam tu es Deus meus,  
tibi soli fida anima mea.  
Tu es salus mea.  
Dolorem meum testantur lachrymae meae.  
Sis memor Domine bonae voluntatis tuae.  
Nunc exaudi preces meas et serviet per  
aevum tibi spiritus meus. Amen.

*Lord, wipe away my faults  
which I in ignorance committed in my youth,  
and forgive the penitent one:  
for thou art my God,  
my soul hath faith in thee alone.  
Thou art my salvation.  
My tears witness my grief.  
Remember, O Lord, thy good will.  
Hear now my prayers, and my spirit shall  
serve thee throughout all ages. Amen.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel and silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**A**Lmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee  
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;  
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,  
the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope,  
of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,  
so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

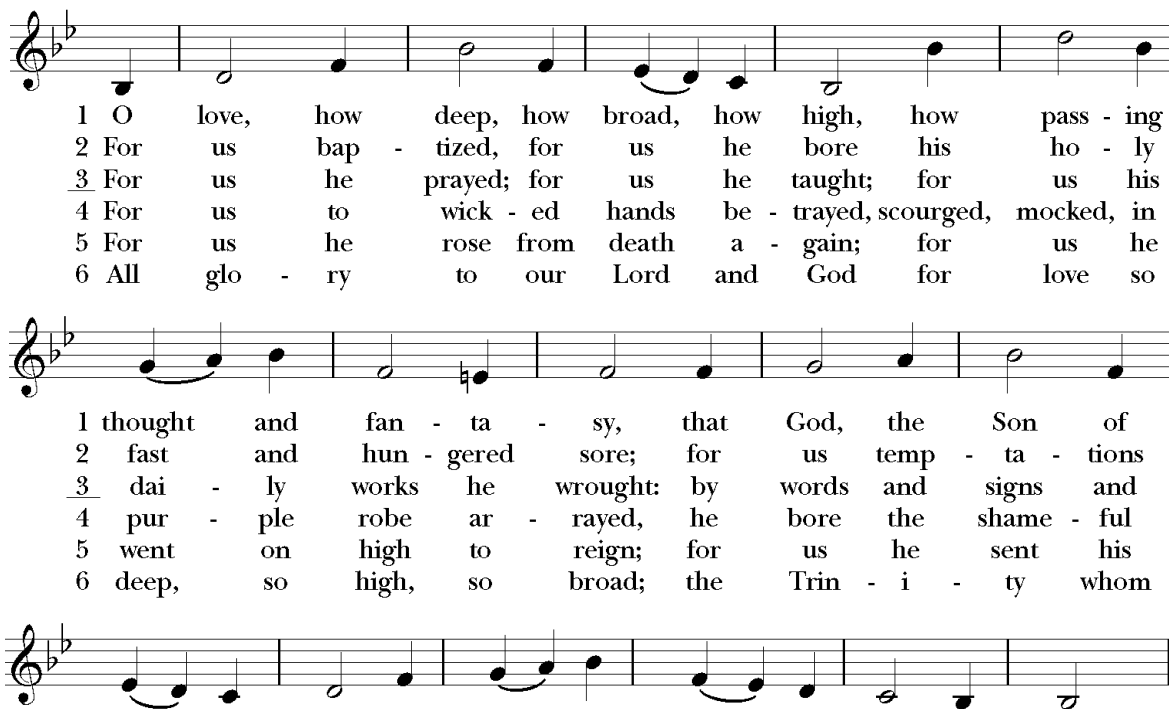
*During Lent, the Blessing is replaced by a solemn prayer.*

*Deacon* Bow down before the Lord. (*Silence is kept.*)

*Celebrant* Grant, Almighty God, that thy people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in thy strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of thy loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN

## DEUS TUORUM MILITUM



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*; 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.;  
harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671

*J. S. Bach*  
(1685-1750)

**Please join us for Coffee Hour in Andrew Hall after the service.**



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:  
*George Arents, Sarah Remsen Burnham, and Margaret Crane Hurlbut*

## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Today

#### 4 p.m. Solemn Evensong\*

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

**Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

Sermon by The Rev. Gina Gore,  
*Chaplain of The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine*

*Solemn Evensong will be followed by a piano and organ recital by Jeremy Filsell, Organist and Director of Music*

### 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 – David, Bishop Patron of Wales**

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

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

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

**Thursday – Chad, Bishop**

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

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

### Friday

**8 a.m. The Holy Eucharist**

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place between the 8 a.m. and Noon services on Friday mornings throughout Lent.*

**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: The Rector*

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

**Next Sunday: March 5, Second Sunday in Lent**

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

#### 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. Solemn Eucharist\*

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

Sermon by Fr. Gioia

#### 4 p.m. Solemn Evensong\*

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

**Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."**

Sermon by The Rev. John Beddingfield,  
*Rector, Church of the Holy Trinity, NYC*

*Solemn Evensong will be followed by a piano recital by Luis Lopez Ramos, Canary Islands*

## PARISH NOTICES

**The Funeral of Joan Saunders** will be held on Friday, March 3, at 2pm.

**The Pilgrims' Course continues Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish House.** A hot meal is provided from 6:30 p.m. 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. 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 will be "The Holy Bible: 'The Word of the Lord.'" To discover more about topics, schedule, and to register, please visit: [www.saintthomaschurch.org/rector/the-pilgrims-course](http://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.

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 53<sup>rd</sup> 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"; "Divine New York Inside the Historic Churches & Synagogues" by Michael Horowitz & Elizabeth Anne Hartman; and many books for Lent & Easter, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

**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](mailto:MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org).

Following Solemn Evensong, the **Sunday Recital Series** continues today with a recital of piano and organ music by Jeremy Filsell, Organist and Director of Music. Next week, Luis Lopez Ramos from the Canary Islands will perform a recital of piano music.

**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](mailto:rcobb@choirschool.org).

**On Tuesday, March 7** at 7:30 p.m., *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents concert organist Olivier Latry for an evening of Wagner transcriptions, paired with Widor's *Symphony for Organ, No. 5*. 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, call [212-664-9360](tel:212-664-9360) or email [concerts@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:concerts@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:giving@saintthomaschurch.org). Every pledge makes a difference.





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## Do you know a boy who loves to sing?

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](http://www.choirschool.org) or contact Ruth Cobb at [admissions@choirschool.org](mailto:admissions@choirschool.org) or 212.247.3311, ext. 541.

**Give him the opportunity of a lifetime.**