

**SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE**  
in the  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 AT 11 A.M.  
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

**SOLEMN EUCHARIST**

SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa L'homme armé

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina  
(c. 1525-1594)

PRELUDE

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

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

HYMN

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**A**LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**G**LORIA in excelsis Deo,  
 et in terra pax  
 hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
 Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
 adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
 Gratias agimus tibi  
 propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
 Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
 Deus Pater omnipotens.  
 Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.  
 Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
 Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 miserere nobis.  
 Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
 Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
 miserere nobis.  
 Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
 tu solus Dominus,  
 tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.  
 Cum Sancto Spiritu  
 in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,  
 and on earth peace,  
 good will towards men.  
 We praise thee, we bless thee,  
 we worship thee, we glorify thee.  
 We give thanks to thee  
 for thy great glory,  
 O Lord God, heavenly King,  
 God the Father almighty.  
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,  
 have mercy upon us  
 Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
 receive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
 have mercy upon us.  
 For thou only art holy;  
 thou only art the Lord;  
 thou only, O Christ.  
 With the Holy Ghost, art most high  
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

**E**TERNAL Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of  
 our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the  
 world, even our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
 in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE LESSON

Numbers 6:22-27

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

## PSALM 8

*Sung by the Choir*Plainsong (*Tone VIII*)

## DOMINE, DOMINUS NOSTER

**O**LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world :  
 thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!  
 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,  
 because of thine enemies : that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.  
 For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers :  
 the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.  
 What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that thou visitest him?  
 Thou madest him lower than the angels : to crown him with glory and worship.  
 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands :  
 and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;  
 All sheep and oxen : yea, and the beasts of the field;  
 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea :  
 and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.  
 O Lord our Governor : how excellent is thy Name in all the world!  
 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.

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

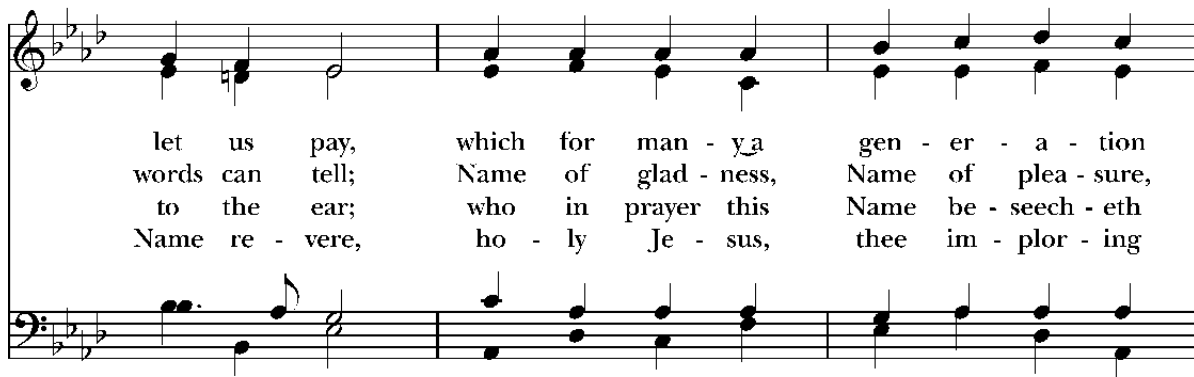
*The People stand.*

## HYMN

## ORIEL



1 To the Name of our sal - va - tion laud and hon - or  
 2 Je - sus is the Name we trea - sure; Name be - yond what  
 3 'Tis the Name that who - so preach - eth speaks like mu - sic  
 4 There - fore we, in love a - dor - ing, this most bless - ed



let us pay, which for man - ya gen - er - a - tion  
 words can tell; Name of glad - ness, Name of plea - sure,  
 to the ear; who in prayer this Name be - seech - eth  
 Name re - vere, ho - ly Je - sus, thee im - plor - ing



hid in God's fore - know - ledge lay; but with ho - ly  
 ear and heart de - light - ing well; Name of sweet - ness,  
 sweet - est com - fort find - eth near; who its per - fect  
 so to write it in us here that here - af - ter,



ex - ul - ta - tion we may sing a - loud to - day.  
 pass - ing mea - sure, sav - ing us from sin and hell.  
 wis - dom reach - eth, heaven - ly joy pos - sess - eth here.  
 heaven - ward soar - ing, we may sing with an - gels there.

*Cantor*                      *People*

Al - le - lu - ia.      Al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor*      When in the fullness of the time was come God sent forth his Son,  
born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem them that were under the law,  
that we might receive the adoption of sons.

*People*

Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-21

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.  
*People*      **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

*People*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia  
*Associate for Adult Education & Formation*

*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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*The People kneel.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop, Andrew our Bishop, Allen his Suffragan, and Mary his Assistant, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New York, and the Mayor of the City of New York, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor ... all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially our own loved ones, and those whom we wish to remember today ... beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Saint Thomas our patron, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Celebrant and People*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*The Celebrant says*

**U**NTO us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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

## THE GREETINGS

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

*Sung by the Choir*

*Claudio Monteverdi  
(1567-1643)*

**C**HRISTE, Redemptor omnium,  
quem lucis ante originem,  
paren paternae gloriae,  
pater supremus edidit.

Memento, rerum Conditor,  
nostri quod olim corporis  
sacrata ab alvo Virginis,  
nascendo, formam sumpseris.

Jesu, tibi sit gloria,  
qui natus es de Virgine,  
cum Patre et almo Spiritu,  
in sempiterna saecula. Amen.

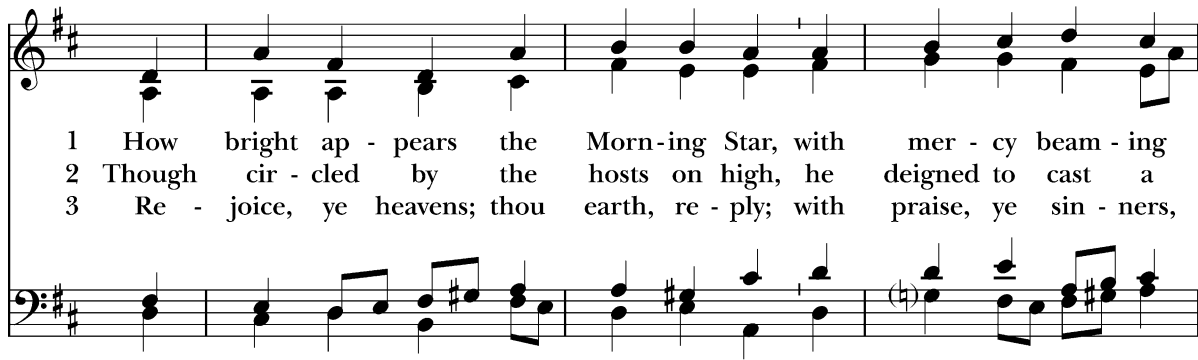
*Jesu, our soul's redeeming Lord,  
the God by loving hearts adored,  
who ere the dawn of primal light  
didst share in all the Father's might.*

*Remember, Lord, thou didst assume  
within thy stainless Mother's womb  
our mortal form, that clad in flesh  
thou mightst our sinking souls refresh.*

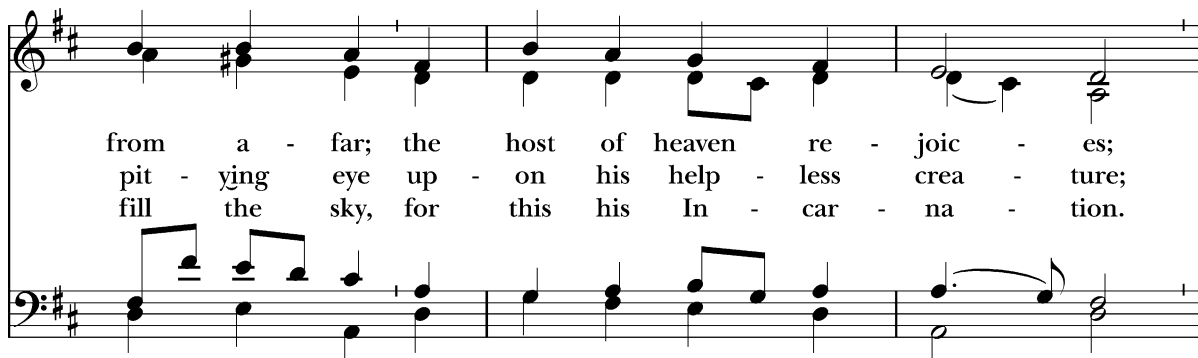
*Jesu, to thee, the Virgin's Son,  
be everlasting homage done;  
to God the Father we repeat  
the same, and to the Paraclete. Amen.*

*Anonymous 6<sup>th</sup> Century, translated by Rev. Professor Thomas J. Potter*

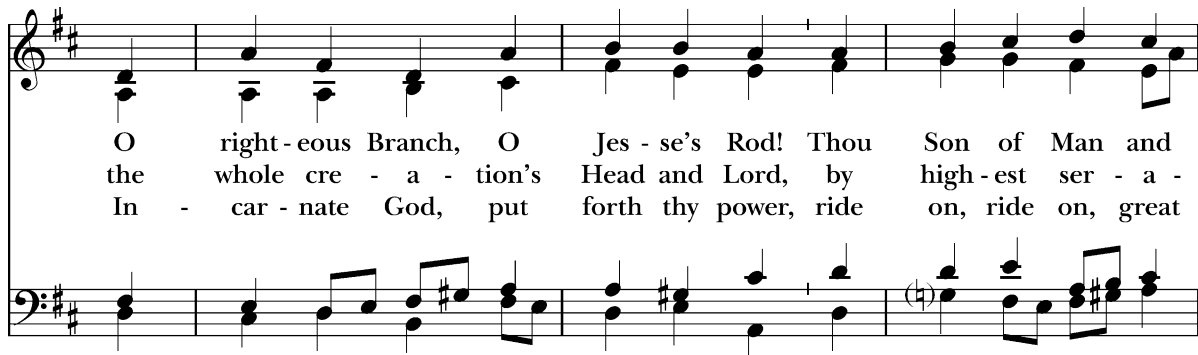




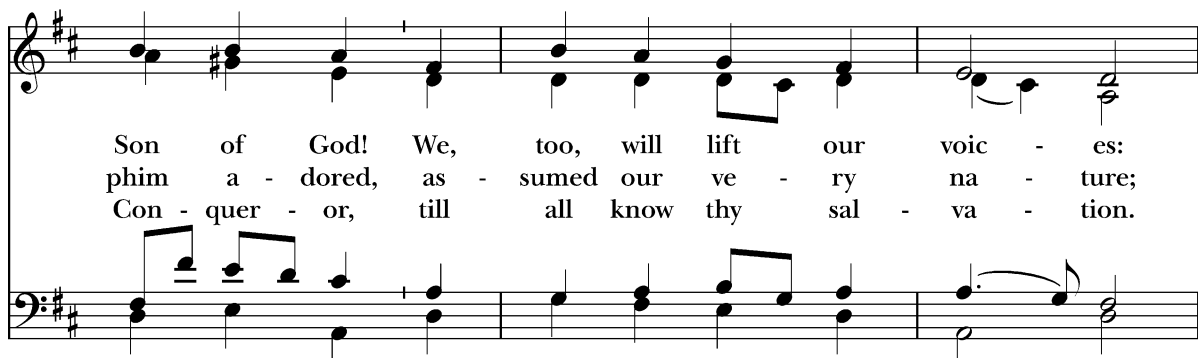
1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,



from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great



Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to 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.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

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.

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

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

*The People kneel or stand.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes*

By whom, and with whom, and in 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,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## AGNUS DEI

*Sung by the Choir*

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

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

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

## 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.

*People*

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*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.*

## MOTET

*Sung by the Choir*

*Michael Praetorius  
(1571-1621)*

**P**SALLITE unigenito,  
Christo Dei Filio,  
Redemptori Domino, puerulo, iacenti in praesepio.  
Ein kleines Kindelein liegt in dem Krippelein,  
alle liebe Engelein dienen dem Kindelein, und singen ihm fein.

*Sing your psalms to Christ,  
the only begotten Son of God,  
sing your psalms to the Redeemer.  
A small child lies cradled in the manger,  
all the blessed angels serve him and sing to him.*

*Anonymous*

## 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 BLESSING

*The Celebrant says*

**M**AY Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY**

Prelude on 'God rest you merry, Gentlemen'

*John Rutter*  
(b. 1945)

**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:  
*Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Charles H. VanBraam Roberts, and The George Stevens Schermerhorn Family*

**WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

\* indicates livestreamed.

**Monday - Saturday**

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

**Friday**

**3 p.m.** Contemplative Prayer

*In the Resurrection Chapel*

**5:30 p.m. The Epiphany of Our Lord:**

**Procession and Solemn Eucharist\***

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

Sermon by Mo. Turner

**Saturday**

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

**Next Sunday: January 8, Second Sunday  
after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our  
Lord**

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

**9 a.m. Sung Mass**

*especially suitable for Children and Families  
followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

**11 a.m. Festal Eucharist with Renewal of  
Baptismal Vows\***

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

Sermon by Dr. Garwood Anderson, *Dean of  
Nashotah House*

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

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

Sermon by Fr. Schultz

## PARISH NOTICES

**Theology at Saint Thomas:** Join us **Sunday, January 8 at 10:00am** for the start of a four-week series entitled: **“I have called you friends”:** **Glimpses into God’s Ways.** In this series of exercises in Narrative Theology we will learn that the best way to know God is paying attention to his “ways”, that is to how he behaves with those whom he calls his friends. God is invisible and mysterious and yet becomes an open book. Tales of encounter, dialogue, intrigue, conflict, and appeasement between God and his friends brim with glimpses into his personality, passion, charm, playfulness, and soft spots. The subject of this coming week’s class is **Eve and Adam: God the Tailor.** You are welcome to join us in person on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House or on Zoom using the link provided in our E-news.

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is closed today, but it will be open next week following the 11 am 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 where you will find a wide selection of books for Advent & Christmas, Advent Calendars, Christmas cards, Choir Boy Ornaments, and CDs.

**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).

**Children and Families:** Sunday School and Nursery are now on a Christmas break and term resumes on January 8th. **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 for the Fall Term, 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.

