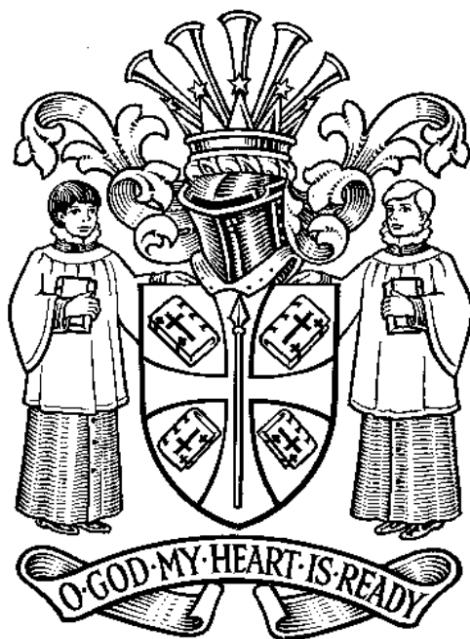


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SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

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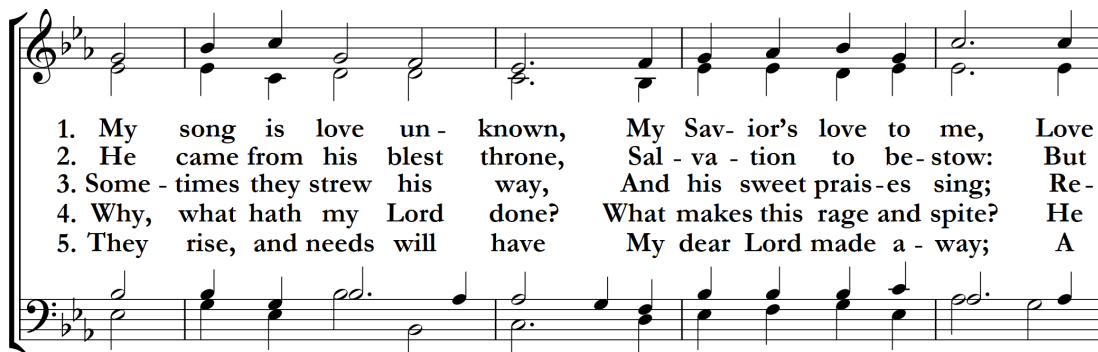
An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

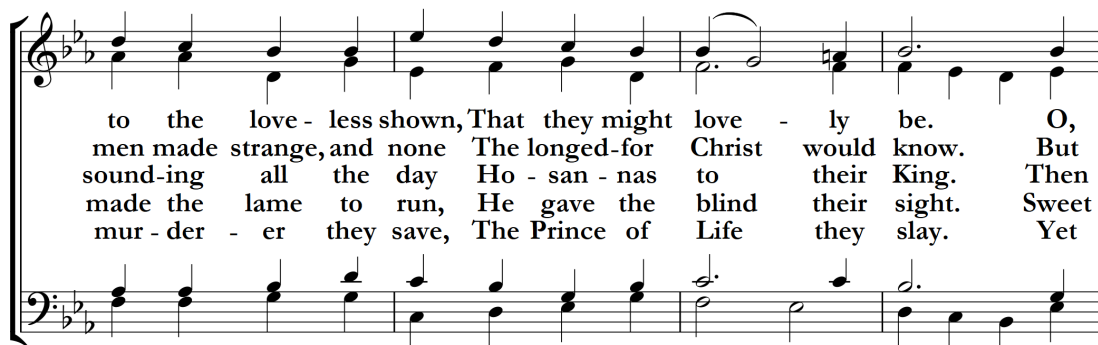
*The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.*

HYMN

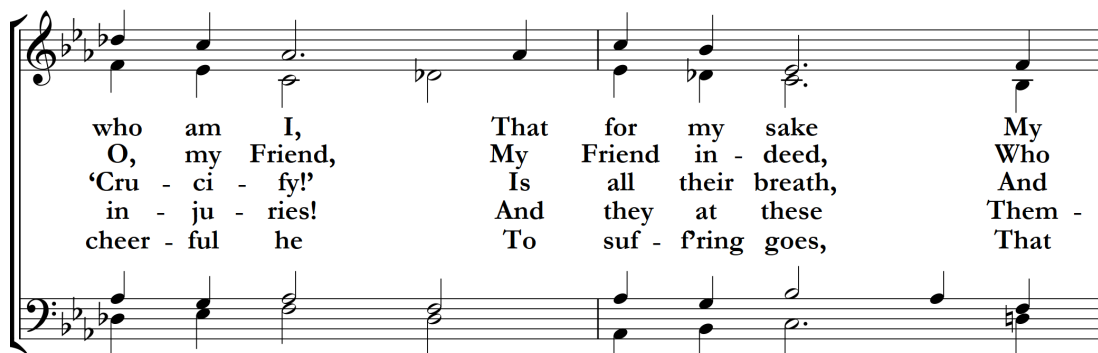
LOVE UNKNOWN



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 Friend in-deed, 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-fring goes, That



Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?  
 at my need His life, and 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 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endureth for ever.

**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.**

#### KYRIE ELEISON

*Sung by the Choir*

**K**YRIE Eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
Kyrie Eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
Kyrie Eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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

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

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

**A**LMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be  
defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts  
which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth  
with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### THE LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

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

#### PSALM 95

*Sung by the Choir*

Anglican Chant (*Dirksen*)

VENITE, EXULTEMUS

**O**COME, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :  
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.  
 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts :  
     as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;  
 When your fathers tempted me : proved me, and saw my works.  
 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said :  
     It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;  
 Unto whom I swear in my wrath : that they should not enter into my rest.  
 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 5:1-11

*Subdeacon* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The People stand.*

# HYMN

# AMERICAN MELODY

There\_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed

whole; There\_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some - times I feel dis-cour-aged, And\_ think my work's in vain,\_ But\_  
 2. If you can-not preach like Pet - er, If you can-not preach like Paul,\_ You can  
 3. Don't\_ ev - er be dis-cour-aged For\_ Je - sus is your friend,\_ And\_

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.  
 3. if you lack for know-ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. **D.C.**

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

*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

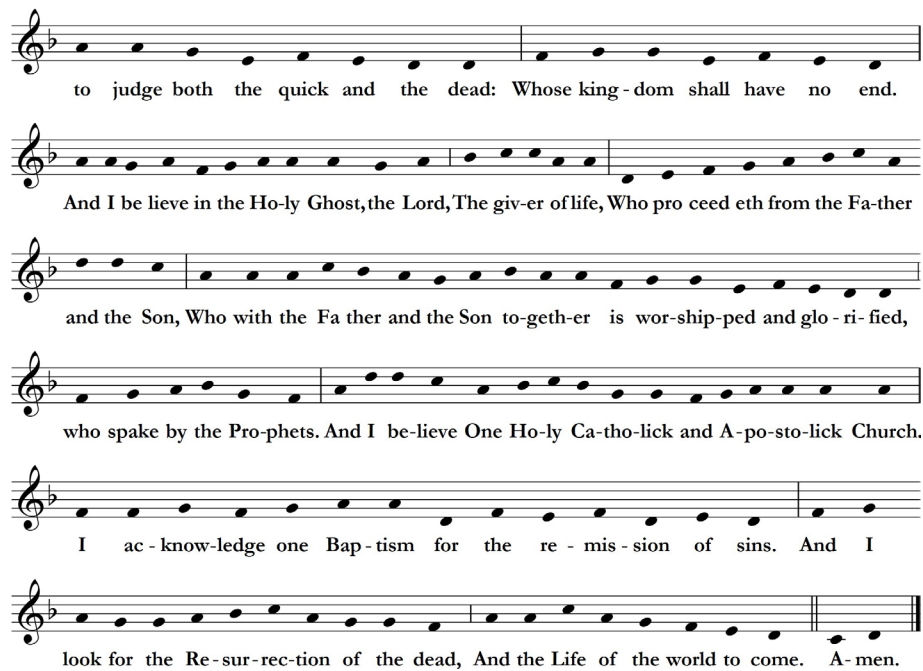
*A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*John Merbecke*  
(1505-1585)

 The musical notation for the Nicene Creed is spread across ten staves. Each staff contains a line of the creed text with a corresponding melody. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, using a simple, rhythmic pattern of quarter notes.
 

I be-lieve in one God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,  
 And of all things vi - si - ble and in - vi - si - ble: And in one Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 the on - ly be - got - ten Son of God, Be - got - ten of his Fa - ther be - fore all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light, Ve - ry God of ve - ry God, Be - got - ten, not made,  
 Be - ing of one sub - stance with the Fa - ther By whom all things were made:  
 Who for us men, and for our sal - va - tion came down from hea - ven,  
 And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Ma - ry, And was made man,  
 And was cru - ci - fied al - so for us un - der Pon - ti - us Pi - late. He suf - fer - ed and was bur - i - ed,  
 And the third day he rose a - gain ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures, And as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven,  
 And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther. And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry



### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM III)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his mercy.

*The People kneel.*

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;  
**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect*

**A**LMIGHTY God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:  
 Help us to ask only what accords with thy will;  
 and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask,  
 grant us for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 people stand. 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, ANTHEM

*Thomas Morley*  
(c. 1557-1602)

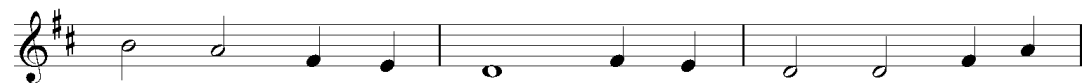
**N**OLO mortem peccatoris; Haec sunt verba Salvatoris.  
[*"I do not wish the death of a sinner". These are the words of the Saviour.*]  
Father I am thine only Son, sent down from heaven mankind to save.  
Father, all things fulfilled and done according to thy will, I have.  
Father, my will now all is this: "Nolo mortem peccatoris". [*"I do not wish the death of a sinner".*]  
Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on every side;  
even from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied,  
but suffered all, and all for this: "Nolo mortem peccatoris". [*"I do not wish the death of a sinner".*]

*John Redford (d. 1547)*

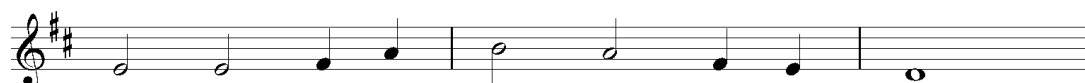




1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



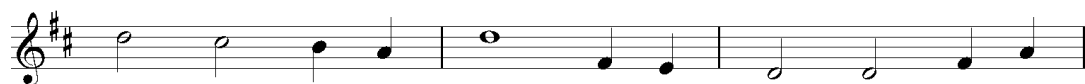
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



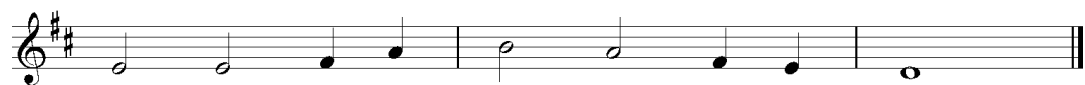
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



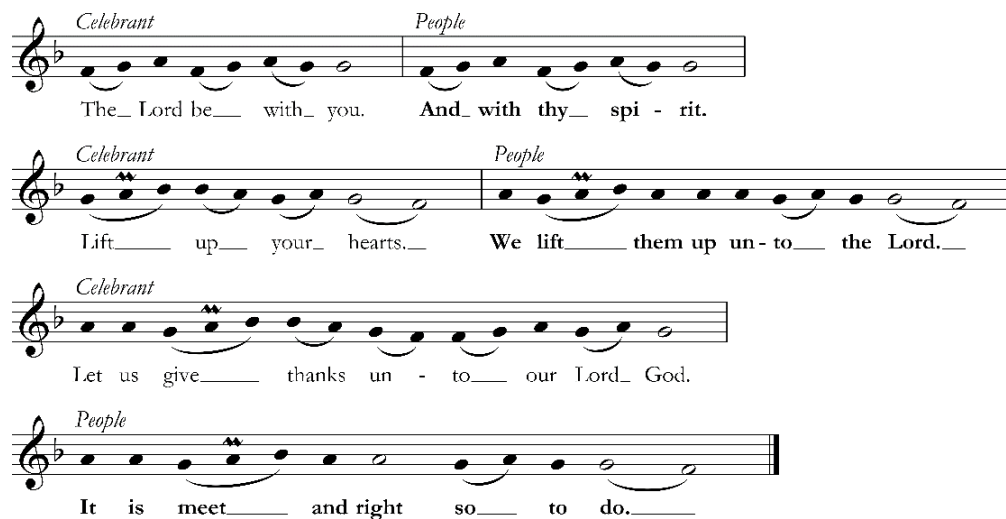
flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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## 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, 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**O**ur 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. Amen.

## 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 (dipping the host in the chalice) 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*

<b>A</b> GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	<i>O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.</i>

## MOTET

*Sung by the Choir*

*Thomas Tallis  
(1505-1585)*

**I**N IEIUNIO et fletu orabant sacerdotes:  
Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo; et ne des haereditatem tuam in perditionem.  
Inter vestibulum et altare plorabant sacerdotes, dicentes:  
Parce populo tuo.

*In fasting and weeping the priests prayed:  
Spare, Lord, spare thy people and give not thine heritage over to perdition.  
Between the porch and the altar the priests lamented, saying:  
Spare thy people.*

*Joel 2:12, 17*

## 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

*The Deacon says*

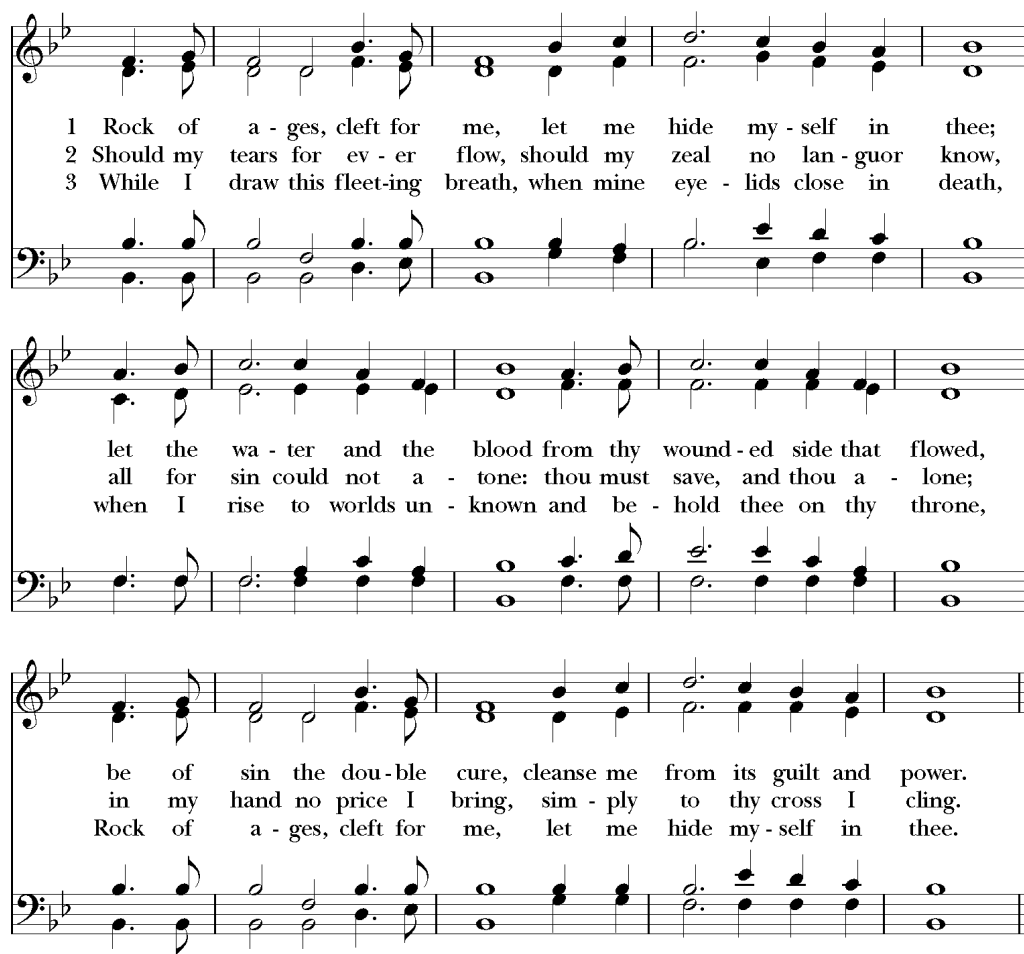
Bow down before the Lord.

*The Celebrant says*

**L**OOK mercifully on this thy family, Almighty God,  
that by thy great goodness they may be preserved evermore;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN

## TOPLADY



1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Fugue in Eb (St. Anne), BWV 552/ii

*J. S. Bach*

**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 and Gertrude Seney Robinson*

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## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Today

#### **1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist**

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

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

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

#### **Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."**

Sermon by The Rev. Kate Malin,  
*Rector, Christ's Church, Rye*

*Evensong will be followed by an organ recital by  
Andrew Scanlon, Boston, MA*

### **Monday – Tuesday, Thursday – Saturday**

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

**Tuesday** – Vincent de Paul, Priest, 1660

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

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

### **Wednesday**

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

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

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

### **Thursday**

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

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### **Friday**

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

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place between the  
8 a.m. and Noon services on Friday mornings during 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: Fr. Moretz*

### **Next Sunday: March 19, Fourth Sunday in Lent** **(Laetare Sunday)**

#### **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. Festal Eucharist\***

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*  
Sermon by Mo. Turner

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

With Admission of New Choristers

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

#### **Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."**

Sermon by The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes,  
Bishop of Newark

*Evensong will be followed by an organ recital by  
Daniel Ficcarì, New York, NY*

## PARISH NOTICES

**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 History of the Church 2: Reformation, Anglicanism, and the Oxford Movement" 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", and many books for Lent and 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).

**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).

**Concerts at Saint Thomas** welcomes the Choir of New College Oxford on tour with a 2-Concert event. On **Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.**, the choir presents a program featuring the music of Howells, Elgar, and Bairstow. This is a ticketed event. [Visit our website](#) to secure your in-person or livestream ticket.

And on **Saturday, April 1 at 3 p.m.** the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys joins forces with the Choir of New College Oxford for an afternoon of choral masterpieces for Holy Week. Tickets for this concert are free with a suggested donation of \$20 per ticket. [Reserve your in-person or livestream ticket](#) for this exciting choral event.

**Children and Families:** Join us after the 9 a.m. Mass as we continue our LENTEN JOURNEY in the third floor Sunday School room. During that time the older children, (age 9+) are invited to meet with Fr. Schultz for a Bible study during Lent. **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).

**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](mailto:lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org) or 212-757-7013 ext: 416. The deadline for gifts is Palm Sunday, April 2. Baskets will be assembled and delivered during Holy Week, and we welcome your assistance with the fun job and 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](mailto:giving@saintthomaschurch.org). Every pledge makes a difference.





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