

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 AT 4 P.M.
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SOLEMN EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

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

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

Aus der Tiefe
No.2 from Six Fantasies on Hymn Tunes, Op. 72

Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)

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

HYMN

ST. FLAVIAN

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fer-ing o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

The Priest says these Sentences of the Scriptures

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed,
and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. (*Ezekiel 18:27*)

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. (*Psalms 51:3*)

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. (*Psalms 51:9*)

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit : a broken and a contrite heart, O God,
thou wilt not despise. (*Psalms 51:17*)

The Priest says

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

The People kneel.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

People and Priest

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

The Priest stands and pronounces the Absolution

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

The People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

*Andrew Millington
(b. 1952)*

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

- ℣. O Lord, open thou our lips.
℞. *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℞. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*
℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
℞. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*
℣. Praise ye the Lord.
℞. *The Lord's Name be praised.*

The People sit.

WELCOME

PRINCIPES PERSECUTI SUNT

P RINCIPES have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.
 I am as glad of thy word : as one that findeth great spoils.
 As for lies, I hate and abhor them : but thy law do I love.
 Seven times a day do I praise thee : because of thy righteous judgements.
 Great is the peace that they have who love thy law : and they are not offended at it.
 Lord, I have looked for thy saving health : and done after thy commandments.
 My soul hath kept thy testimonies : and loved them exceedingly.
 I have kept thy commandments and testimonies : for all my ways are before thee.
 Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord : give me understanding, according to thy word.
 Let my supplication come before thee : deliver me, according to thy word.
 My lips shall speak of thy praise : when thou hast taught me thy statutes.
 Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word : for all thy commandments are righteous.
 Let thine hand help me : for I have chosen thy commandments.
 I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord : and in thy law is my delight.
 O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee : and thy judgements shall help me.
 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost : O seek thy servant,
 for I do not forget thy commandments.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 57:14-21

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN



1. Now is	the	heal - ing	time de - creed	For sins of heart and word and deed,
2. Who,	al - ways	mer - ci - ful	and good,	Has borne so long our way-ward mood,
3. There - fore	with	fast - ing	and with prayer,	Our sec - ret sor - row we de - clare,
4. Cleanse us,	O	Lord,	from ev - ery stain,	Help us the gifts of grace to gain,
5. We pray	thee,	ho - ly	Tri - ni - ty,	One God, unchang - in U - ni - ty,



When we in hum-ble fear re - cord	The	wrong that we have	done the	Lord:
Nor cut us off un - spar - ing - ly	In	our so great in - i - qui - ty.		
With all good striv-ing seek his	And	low - ly-heart-ed	plead for	grace.
Till with the an-gels, link'd in	Joy - ful	we tread thy	courts a -	bove.
That we from this our ab - sti - nence	May	reap the fruits of	pen - i -	tence.



(5.) A - men.

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

Luke 15:1-10

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in E

Herbert Howells

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 Officiant and Choir

☩. The Lord be with you.

℞. *And with thy spirit.*

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

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

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

☩. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

℞. *And grant us thy salvation.*

☩. 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

ALMIGHTY 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 COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

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

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE FOURTH COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The People sit.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*Peter Hallock
(1924-2014)*

THE prayers I make will then be sweet indeed
If Thou the spirit give by which we pray:
Our unassisted hearts are barren clay,
Which of its native self can nothing feed:
Of good and pious works thou art the seed,
Which quickens only where thou say'st it may:
Unless thou show to us thine own true way
No man can find it: Father! thou must lead.
Do Thou, then, breathe those thoughts into our minds
By which such virtue may in us be bred
That in thy holy footsteps we may tread;
The fetters of our tongues do Thou unbind,
That we may have the power to sing of thee,
And sound thy praises everlastingly.

*Michaelangelo Buonarroti (1475-1564)
tr. William Wordsworth (1770-1850)*

SERMON

The Rev. Gina Gore
Chaplain of The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine

The People stand.

HYMN

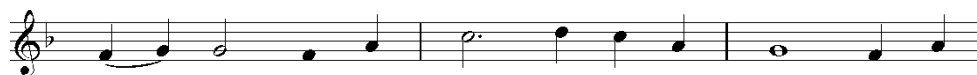
ST. ANDREW



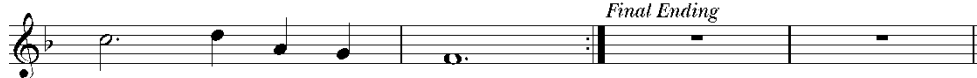
1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sa - vior,



1 life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
2 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
3 vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol that would
4 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
5 make us hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -



1 sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;" say - ing,
 2 kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake. leav - ing
 3 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more." say - ing,
 4 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these." "Chris - tian,
 5 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all. serve and



1 "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
 2 all for his dear sake.
 3 "Chris - tian, love me more."
 4 love me more than these."
 5 love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *St. Andrew*, David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1983, G.I.A. Publications.

SOLEMN BLESSING

MAY God the Father,
 who does not despise the broken spirit,
 give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ,
 who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
 heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,
 who leads us into all truth,
 speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

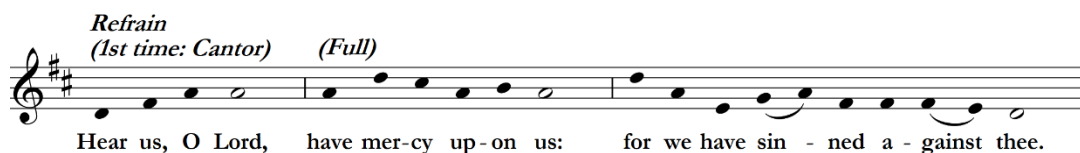
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
 be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

LENT PROSE

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (*Mode V*)

The People join in the Refrain.



HEAR us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy
 pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. **Refrain**

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of
 Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement. **Refrain**

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping
 children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. **Refrain**

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more
 we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. **Refrain**

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
 save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer. **Refrain**

Immediately following this service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series featuring a Piano & Organ Recital by Jeremy Filsell, Director of Music and Organist



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.

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

Followed by a piano recital with 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

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 53rd Street. New in stock: Fr. Luigi Gioia books, "Saint Benedict's Wisdom", "Say it to God: In Search of Prayer: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018", "Touched by God: The way to contemplative prayer"; "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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

For the first part of this year, we continue our **2023 Annual Appeal: Invitation, Community, Discipleship**. You can make a pledge via the QR code below to be taken to the website or email giving@saintthomaschurch.org. Every pledge makes a difference.



Saint Thomas Choir School

in the heart of New York City



IRA J. LIPKES

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 or contact Ruth Cobb at admissions@choirschool.org or 212.247.3311, ext. 541.

Give him the opportunity of a lifetime.