

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 AT 11 A.M.
THE PATRONAL FEAST
SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND PROCESSION
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.
Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

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PRELUDE

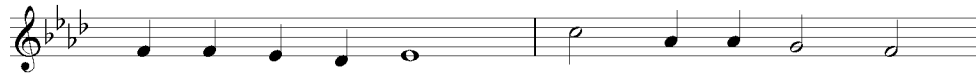
'Nimrod' from *Enigma Variations*, Op. 36Sir Edward Elgar
(1913-1976)
arr. William H. Harris*The People stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers.*

HYMN

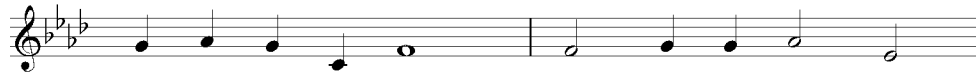
ORA LABORA



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws night.
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

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.**

The Celebrant says

ALMIGHTY 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

EVERLIVING God, who didst strengthen thine apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in thy sight; through him 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

Habbakuk 2:1-4

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

PSALM 126

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Turle*)

IN CONVERTENDO

WHEN The Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like unto them that dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with joy.
Then said they among the heathen: The Lord hath done great things for them.
Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.
Turn our captivity, O Lord: as the rivers in the south.
They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.
He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed: shall doubtless come again
with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.
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.

HYMN

ST. BOTOLPH



1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in
 gra-cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol-low where he trod; but in his prom-ise
 may our faith a-bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear-er light we may be-hold you
 none e'er spoke; but we be-lieve him near.
 we re-joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end-less sight.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The People stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



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

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Jesus saith unto Thomas, "Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

People



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



THE SERMON

The Rector

HYMN (VERSES 1-2)

LUX EOI

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,

1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
2 glor - ious life, and life im-mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The People stand. The Celebrant says

THROUGH the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant sprinkles the People with Holy Water as a reminder of their baptism.

3 Christ is ris-en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho-ly har-vest-field,
 4 Christ is ris-en, we are ris-en! Shed up-on us heaven-ly grace,
 5 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Glo-ry be to God on high;

3 which with all its full a-bun-dance at his sec-ond com-ing yield:
 4 rain and dew and gleams of glo-ry from the bright-ness of thy face;
 5 Al-le-lu-ia! to the Sa-rior who has won the vic-to-ry;

3 then the gold-en ears of har-vest will their heads be-fore him wave,
 4 that, with hearts in hea-ven dwell-ing, we on earth may fruit-ful be,
 5 Al-le-lu-ia! to the Spi-rit, fount of love and sanc-ti-ty:

3 ri-pened by his glo-ri-ous sun-shine from the fur-rows of the grave.
 4 and by an-gel hands be gath-ered, and be ev-er, Lord, with thee.
 5 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! to the Tri-une Ma-jes-ty.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing for the Litany.

For the Church universal, of which thou, O Christ, art the foundation and chief cornerstone,
People **We thank thee, O Lord.**

For our Parish and for our Choir School,
People **We thank thee, O Lord.**

For thy presence whenever two or three have gathered together in thy Name,
People **We thank thee, O Lord.**

For making us thy children by adoption and grace,
 and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life,
People **We thank thee, O Lord.**

For the knowledge of thy will and the grace to perform it,
People **We thank thee, O Lord.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as may be most expedient for us,
People **We thank thee, O Lord.**

People For the pardoning of our sins, which restores us to the company of thy faithful people,
We thank thee, O Lord.

People For the blessing of lives with thy goodness,
We thank thee, O Lord.

People For the faith, perseverance, and generosity of those who have gone before us,
We thank thee, O Lord.

People And on this day, for the life of devoted service of HM Queen Elizabeth II,
We thank thee, O Lord.

People For the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, the holy apostles and martyrs, Saint Thomas our Patron, St. Peter, St. Edward the Confessor, and all the saints,
We thank thee, O Lord.

The Celebrant concludes

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

WE are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

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

THE GREETINGS

Please be seated.

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

*Bob Chikcott
(b.1955)*

ANGEL voices ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
angel harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

Here, great God, today we offer
of Thine own to Thee;
and for Thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest melody.

Yea, we know Thy love rejoices
o'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
for Thy praise combine;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for Thy pleasure didst design.

Honor, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity:
of the best that Thou hast given
earth and heaven render Thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **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

IT 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 the great shepherd of thy flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the ages.

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

SANCTUS, 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,

Celebrant and People



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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BEHOLD 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 shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only in the Crossing.

Gluten free hosts are available; please ask the priest.

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.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS 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.*

MOTET

Sung by the Choir

arr. Gerre Hancock

DEEP river, my home is over Jordan,
deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
that promised land where all is peace?
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

American Spiritual

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY 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

GOD, who hast prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PROCESSION TO THE ICON OF SAINT THOMAS

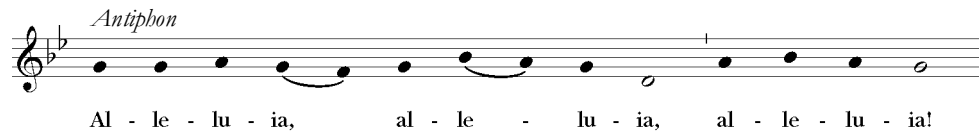
When the procession reaches the Icon of Saint Thomas in the Nave, the hymn is paused and all turn to face the Icon.

HYMN


O FILII ET FILIAE

The Antiphon is sung at the beginning and after each verse.


Antiphon




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
6 How blest are they who have not seen,

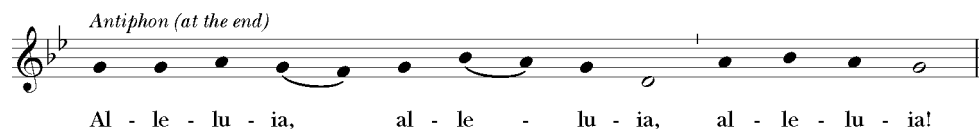


1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
2 a - midst them came their Lord - most dear,
3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ACCLAMATION

Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised:
People **There is no end of his greatness.**

One generation shall praise thy works unto another:
People **and declare thy power.**

All thy works praise thee, O Lord:
People **and thy saints give thanks unto thee.**

They shew the glory of thy kingdom:
People **and talk of thy power**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
People **and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.**

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The hymn continues.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon says

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Exultation

Daniel Ficarri
(b. 1996)

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

PARISH NOTICES

The Treasures of Saint Thomas: a Community in Stone. Join us **today at 10:00am** when the Reverend Matthew Moretz will continue a series of three classes on the carved images which adorn the outside of our church. Using a variety of images, he will lead you through a careful theological reading of our dramatic carvings. As with the reredos and the stained glass, there is so very much to discover in this extraordinary iconographic scheme. 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.

Children and Families' Gatherings. Sunday School is now on break for the Summer but will resume on Sunday, September 18. For more information on how to register your child(ren) for Sunday School or to receive our weekly newsletter with our Fall /Winter schedule, please contact: ChildrenandFamilies@SaintThomasChurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now on break for the summer. Rehearsals have begun and, we will resume singing the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 18. We look forward to welcoming new and returning singers in September! 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.

Friday Bible Study continues on Fridays at 1pm. Fr. Schultz leads a series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Join us as we continue our exploration of the Book of Signs (John 1:18 through chapter 12). For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.



Saint Thomas Choir School

Do you know a boy who loves to sing?

Founded in 1919, the Saint Thomas Choir School is the only boarding school solely for choristers in the United States, and one of only three schools of its type remaining in the world today. The Choir School offers a challenging pre-preparatory curriculum, interscholastic sports, and musical training for boys in grades three through eight. Following graduation, boys move on to highly competitive independent boarding and day schools across the country.

The Saint Thomas Choir School is committed to training and educating talented musicians without regard to religious, economic, or social background. Generous financial aid is available to all successful applicants. Inquiries from interested families are sought throughout the year.

The Gentlemen of the Saint Thomas Choir are professional singers; the Boy Choristers attend the Saint Thomas Choir School. The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys is represented by Karen McFarlane Artists, Inc. and records exclusively for Resonus Classics.

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