

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK

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The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

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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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND SUNG MASS

APRIL 2, 2023

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m. sung by The Noble Singers Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, *Director*

The Ordinary of the Mass

New Plainsong

David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Welcome

Introit

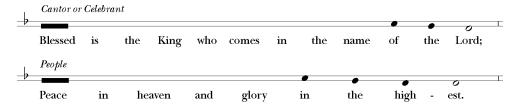
Sung by the Choir

Christian Gregor (1723-1801) Arr. Peggy Pellett

Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes! Blessed is he that comes, he that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

The Liturgy of the Palms

The People stand as the Ministers go to the altar.



The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

People

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

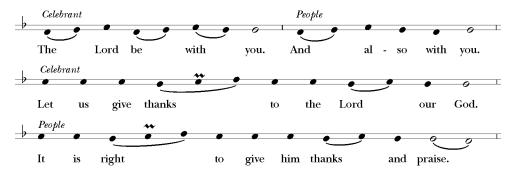
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

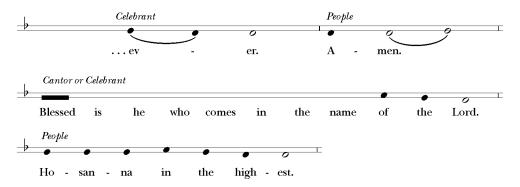
The Blessing of Palms

The People hold their palms high



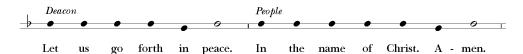
The Celebrant continues

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for



People

The Procession



Please follow the Choir and Ministers in Procession with your palms.



The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People Celebrant

And also with you. Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn (omit verses 3 and 4)

HORSLEY



The People sit for the first part of the Passion.

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

Narrator Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him,

saying,

People "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor,

and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

Narrator Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator He answered,

Jesus "You say so."

Narrator

Narrator Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

Narrator But they were insistent and said,

"He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began

even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve

death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Narrator Then they all shouted out together,

People "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

Narrator (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the

city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept

shouting,

People "Crucify, crucify him!"

Narrator A third time he said to them,

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death;

I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

Narrator But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified;

and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection

and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus

"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

The People stand.

Narrator

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus

"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Narrator

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

People

"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

Narrator

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers

"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

Narrator

There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1

"Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

Narrator

But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2

"Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Narrator

Then he said,

Criminal 2

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Narrator

He replied,

Tesus

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Narrator

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Tesus

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Narrator

Having said this, he breathed his last.

The People kneel, and silence is kept.

Narrator

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion

"Certainly this man was innocent."

Narrator

And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The People stand.

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

Ephesians 2:13-14

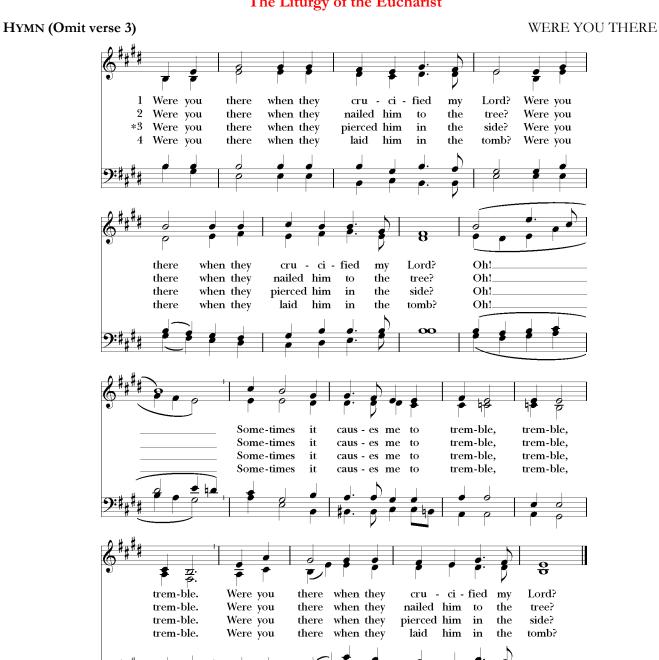
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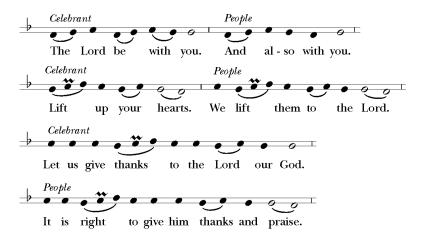
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist





The Celebrant sings the Preface

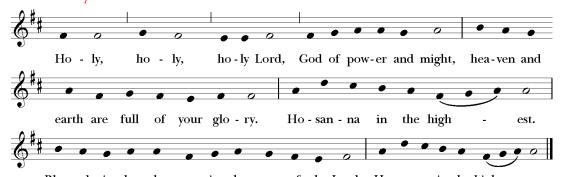
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus





Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, St. Thomas our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

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

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

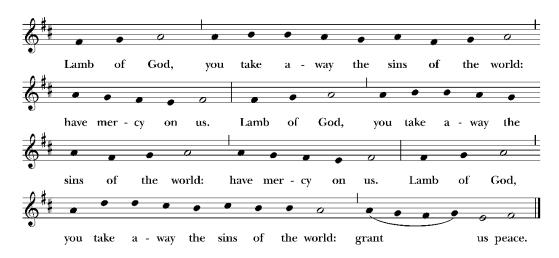
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast.



The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Celebrant and people receive 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.

Communion Anthem

Helen Kemp
(1918-2015)

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane.

He went there sad and very weary to be alone, to pray.

"Dear God, I am so sorrowful, is there no other way?

Dear God, if it is possible, let this cup pass away.

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane.

The olive tree bent over him, and heard him sadly pray:

"Dear God, your Son is sorrowful, but knows your way is best.

Let love take hold of me! Help me to be bold and free to do your will and rest."

Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Communion Taizé Chant

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

The Congregation sings the refrain and the cantors sing the verses:



Prayer after Communion

After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand. Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, we pray thee graciously to behold this thy family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PEOPLE LEAVE IN SILENCE

HOLY WEEK POSTCARD AVAILABLE WITH THE FULL SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP AND CONCERTS. PLEASE SEE AN USHER UPON EXITING.

EASTER FLOWERS

Contributions are still being received for Easter Flowers in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Easter service leaflet. In order to cover the cost of the flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25. Please go to our website (www.saintthomaschurch.org/give) or please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation. Deadline for submission is TODAY.

PARISH NOTICES

The Pilgrims' Course will not meet the next two weeks due to Holy Week and Easter Week. The next meeting will be on April 19, and the topic will be "When things go wrong: Confession and Healing." 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 of Saint Thomas. Each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. 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. NOTE: No tours today or on Easter Sunday.

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", and many books for Lent and Easter, devotional items, beautiful gifts. **NOTE: The store is closed today.**

The Theology Program at Saint Thomas Church offers sound Christian teaching presented with intellectual vigor; teaching that is grounded in Holy Scripture, mediated by the catholic tradition that is the inheritance of Anglicanism, and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. Sundays at 10 a.m. on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House and via Zoom. The talks are given by our Theologian in Residence, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia. For information, please register with Fr. Gioia: lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org. Our classes, on hiatus for Palm Sunday and Easter, resume Sunday, April 16.

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.

Children and Families: On Good Friday, April 7, all are welcome to join us for our *Way of the Cross: The Way of Love* liturgy and activities for children and their families, starting at 10:15 a.m. Throughout Holy week and Easter Day children will join their families for Mass. Parents of young children may access the nursery during these services. Please note there is no Sunday School on April 16. We resume with a child focused Easter celebration on April 23 at the 9 a.m. Mass. Sign up for our weekly newsletter for more details: 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.

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 or 212-757-7013 ext: 416. The deadline for gifts is TODAY. Baskets will be assembled and delivered during Holy Week, and we welcome your assistance with the fun job of 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. Every pledge makes a difference.



HOLY WEEK CHORAL SERVICES AND CONCERTS

The choral services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand

Holy Week Sermon Series: "Touching the Mystery" The Rev. Elaine Farmer Canberra, Australia

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, APRIL 3 AND 4

12:30 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Mass 5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Preacher: Mother Farmer Monday: "The Beauty of Holiness: Anointing & Love" Tuesday: "We Want to See Jesus: Faith and Doubt"

6:45 p.m. Musical Meditations

Monday: Maks Adach, Organ; Tuesday: Jeremy Filsell, Piano; Atlantic Reed Consort

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist 5:30 p.m. The Office of Tenebrae with the Gentlemen of the Choir

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

5:30 p.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper with Procession to the Altar of Repose and Stripping of the Altars

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Preacher: Mother Farmer "Love in the Ordinary: Service & Betrayal"

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

10:30-11:30 a.m. & 3:30-5 p.m. Confessions 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. The Way of the Cross – The Way of Love

A celebration especially for children and families

12 p.m. The Three Hours' Devotion

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Preacher: Fr. Gioia

5:30 p.m. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion including the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

> sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Preacher: Mother Farmer "Slaying the Ram of Human Pride: Death & Turncoats"

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

5:30 p.m. The Great Vigil, Baptism, and First Mass of Easter

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Preacher: Mother Farmer "Glimpsing God's Kingdom: Forgiveness and Grace"

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Procession, Solemn Eucharist, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Saint Thomas Brass

Preachers: 8 a.m. The Rector

11 a.m. Mother Farmer: "Touching the Mystery: Resurrection"

2:15 p.m. An Eastertide Prelude to Evensong

From the organists of Saint Thomas Church

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Easter Procession

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys



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