SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023 AT 4 P.M. THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

FESTAL EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF SAINT THOMAS CHOIR

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.

Contact us: welcome@saintthomaschurch.org

Recording and Photography during the service is not permitted.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet die Morgenstern, Op. 67 no. 49

Max Reger (1872-1916)

At the entry of the Choir and Ministers, the People stand.



Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: Morning Star, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911).

Please remain standing as the Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

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

WELCOME

The People sit.

PSALM 46 Sung by the Choir Plainchant tone V

DEUS NOSTER REFUGIUM

GOD is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof rage and swell:

and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God:

the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed:

God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved:

but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord: what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world: he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen,

and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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.

PSALM 47

Plainchant tone VII

OMNES GENTES, PLAUDITE

CLAP your hands together, all ye people : O Sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat.

The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham:

for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

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 Joshua 3:1-8, 14-17

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN MILES LANE



6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe,

Refrain

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt. Music: Miles Lane, William Shrubsole (1760-1806).

MAGNIFICAT

The Evening Service

Stephen Sturk (b. 1950)

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.

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 1:1-12

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS The Evening Service Stephen Sturk

ORD, 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Sung by the Choir

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

R. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

- V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. O Lord, save the State.
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

- √. O Lord, save thy people.
- R. And bless thine inheritance.
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

FATHER in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

THE SECOND COLLECT, FOR PEACE

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 THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

L IGHTEN 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

Hymn to the Virgin

Robert Spearing (b. 1950)

Ising of a maiden, a matchless one; King of all Kings she chose for her son. In quiet he drew to where she was. As the April dew falls on the grass. In quiet he drew towards her bower, As the April dew falls on the flower. In quiet he drew to where she lay, As the April dew falls on the spray. Both mother and maiden was none but she: Well may such a lady God's mother be. Alleluia.

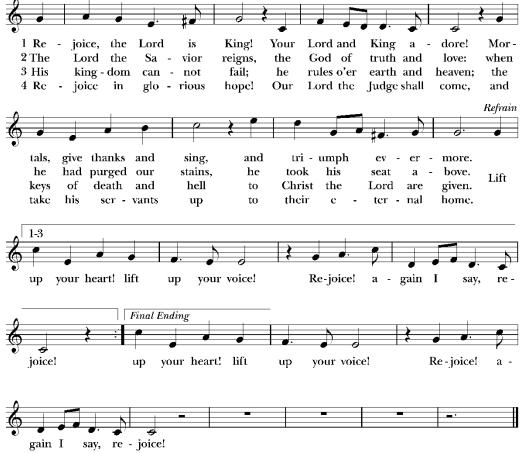
Anonymous, 15th Century

SERMON

The Rev. Mark Schultz

Associate for Pastoral Care

HYMN ST MAGNUS



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Gopsal*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. John Wilson (1905-1992). Arrangement, By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE BLESSING

HRIST the Sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

VOLUNTARY Reveille Ned Rorem (1923-2022)



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday – William Laud 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong* sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday – Aelred, Abbot 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong* sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

4 p.m. Contemplative Prayer – NOTE TIME CHANGE THIS WEEK! *In the Resurrection Chapel*

Saturday

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

Next Sunday: January 15, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

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

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. An Epiphany Procession* sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

PARISH NOTICES

The Pilgrims' Course Begins Wednesday, January 18: The Pilgrims' Course, our 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, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. The Pilgrims' Course begins Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. To discover more about the topics, the schedule, and to register, please go to our webpage. Classes are held on most Wednesdays from mid-January to May (with a break for Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter Week). Before the pandemic, classes began with an optional hot meal which was very popular. At this time, with increasing COVID infections, we are unsure when the meal element will resume; please check back frequently for updates. Classes are hybrid and you can attend in-person or online. Each week, you will be sent an email with the class details, and a link to a recording of last week's class. The Pilgrims' Class is traditionally taught by the Rector of Saint Thomas Church. In 2023, Canon Turner will be assisted by our new Associate for Adult Education and Formation, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, who has an international reputation as a teacher, author, and spiritual director. Other clergy will also be available to support members of the group.

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. Tours generally last an hour and 15 minutes. 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 am Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street where you will find a wide selection of books, 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.

Children and Families: Sunday School and Nursery resume today 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.

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

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, sings at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays during the program year. We welcome new singers at any time! No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer for the Fall Term, contact

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Pan-Asian Ministry: There will be a Festive Holy Eucharist, refreshments, and games at St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue on January 21 at 2 p.m. Pan-Asians of the Diocese of New York will gather to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Please RSVP to Mo. Lee-Pae by January 14: pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org.

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents New York Polyphony: From the Gyffard Partbooks on Thursday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. We are pleased to welcome the four-part vocal ensemble New York Polyphony for an evening of antiphons, motets, and responsories taken from the Gyffard Partbooks and the Eton Choirbook. These manuscripts are among the few collections of Latin liturgical music to have survived the Reformation, with much of the music unheard and unrecorded. 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, email concerts@saintthomaschurch.org or call 212-664-9360.

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.



NOTES:

Prelude and voluntary

Psalm: Luther or Dirksen?

Psalm at end? NO – short out to voluntary (CFT)