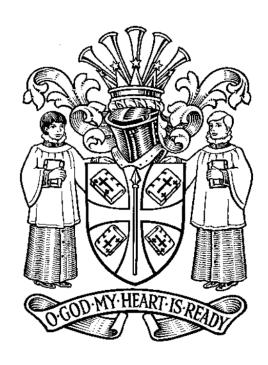
# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



One West Fifty-third Street New York, New York 10019 Telephone: 212-757-7013 www.SaintThomasChurch.org The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

# 'FROM GLORY TO GLORY' A PROCESSION AND SEQUENCE OF READINGS AND MUSIC FOR EPIPHANY

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.

Contact us: welcome@saintthomaschurch.org

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# **INTRODUCTION**

THE Hebrew Scriptures contain many examples of the revelation of God's glory: the burning bush, the pillar of fire, the cloud filling the Temple, and more. In the New Testament, the glory of God is ultimately fully revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Word made flesh. For Christians, the word 'Epiphany' describes a revelation or *manifestation* of God's glory in Jesus Christ. Saint John's Gospel reminds us that through signs and wonders, Jesus revealed his glory to the disciples. Like the Hebrew Scriptures, there are many moments when God's glory is revealed in Jesus and when his glory is manifested to others: the visit of the Magi with their symbolic gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh; the Baptism of Jesus, with the affirmation of the Father's voice from heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove; and the changing of water into wine at Cana in Galilee. In addition to these specific events that are traditionally remembered by Orthodox Churches on January 6, the New Testament also contains other revelations of Christ's glory, such as the Transfiguration of Jesus on the Mountain and, ultimately, his Resurrection and Ascension.

In John's Gospel, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father that his disciples and those who follow them might also see his glory and *share* in that glory:

"The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:22-23

Jesus prayed for his followers that they might be one. He had previously given them a new commandment to love one another. Their unity would, therefore, be forged in the crucible of his love:

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 3:31-35

Such love reveals Christ's glory today; as Christians who celebrate the revelation of God's glory in Christ, we are also called to see that glory in one another, building a community of love and trust.

'May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.'

from the Easter Vigil

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**PRELUDE** Wie schön leuchtet die Morgenstern, BuxWV 223

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

**ANTIPHON** 

William Prendergast (1868-1933)

ARISE, shine, for thy light is come: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. All the earth shall worship thee, O God: They shall sing praise to thy name, O most Highest.

Winchester Antiphons

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

#### BIDDING PRAYER

**DEARLY** Beloved, we are gathered to celebrate with joy the appearance of God's glory in the world through the birth of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us; to reflect upon that glory manifested in many ways; the visit of the magi bringing homage to their King at his birth; the wonder at his Baptism in the River Jordan; and to hear of his first miracle at a wedding at Cana in Galilee by which he revealed his glory to his disciples. We celebrate Christ's glory, and recall the prayer of Jesus to his heavenly Father that we, too, might share in that same glory, and become one with him as a Community formed in his love.

As we rejoice in the Word made flesh, who has called us out of darkness into light, so we pray that his love and faithfulness may be known in all the world:

We pray for the unity and mission of Christ's Church, and for all who minister the gospel of Christ; we pray for the world, that we may have reverence for the natural order and respect for every person, made in the image and likeness of God; we pray for an end to all that mars the image of God in others through prejudice or discrimination; we also pray for those who stand in need, for the lonely, the fearful, the sick and the bereaved, and for all who have no-one to pray for them.

May God our Father take us and use us in his service; may he open our eyes to see his glory, and equip us to bless his people, now and at all times. **Amen**.

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

Celebrant and People

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 People sit.

#### I: THE GLORY REVEALED TO THE GENTILES

**LESSON** 

Matthew 2:1-12 The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel."'

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

MOTET

William Byrd
(1540-1623)

MNES de Saba venient, aurum et thus, deferentes: et laudem Domino, anuntiantes.

Surge, illuminare, Ierusalem, quia venit lumen tuum:

et gloria Domini super te orta est. Alleluia.

Vidimus stellam eius in Oriente: et venimus cum muneribus adorare Dominum. Alleluia. All they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense: and they shall shew forth their praises of the Lord.

Arise, shine, Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.

We have seen his star in the East: and have come with gifts to adore him, the Lord. Alleluia.

Isaiah 60:6, 1; Matthew 2:2

The people stand.

During the singing of the hymn, the 'Magi' present their gifts.

**Hymn** DIX



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

#### **COLLECT**

Let us pray.

GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The People sit.

MOTET
Sung by the choir
Alison Willis
(b. 1971)

THEY have brought gold,
They have brought gold and spices to my King,
Incense and precious gifts and ivory to my King.

Oh holy Mother mine,

What can I bring so that my Lord may deign to look on me?

They sing a sweeter song than I can sing,

Mother mine what can I bring?

I, bound on earth, weep for my trespassing.

They sing the song of love in heaven, set free.

Then answered me my mother, And her voice spake to my heart and answered in my heart.

Sing, saith he to the heavens, Sing, saith he to the earth! Rejoice!

What can I bring?

Christina Rosetti (1830-1894)

# II: THE GLORY REVEALED AT JORDAN'S STREAM

LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Saint Luke tells of the Baptism of Jesus.

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

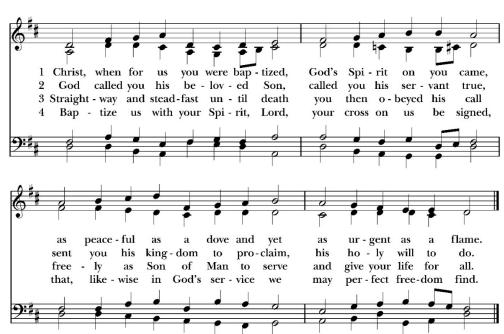
ANTHEM Baptism of Christ Rachel Aarons
(b. 1984)

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And when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
The heaven was opened,
And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came down from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved;
With you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21-22

The People stand.

HYMN



#### **COLLECT**

Let us pray.

**F**ATHER 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 People sit.

#### III: THE GLORY REVEALED AT THE WEDDING AT CANA IN GALILEE

**LESSON** 

John 2:1-11 Saint John tells of Jesus' first miracle at Cana in Galilee.

N the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

MOTET
Sung by the choir
Luca Marenzio
(c. 1553-1599)

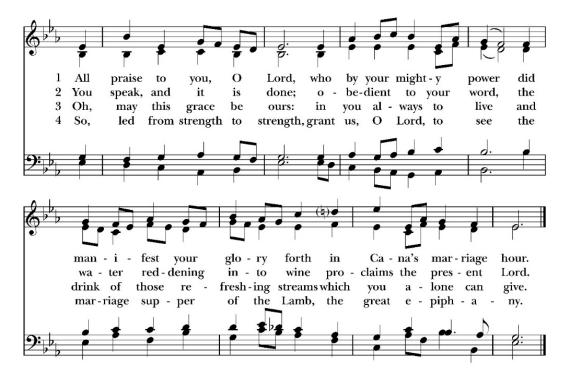
TRIBUS miraculis ornatum diem sanctum colimus: hodie stella Magos duxit ad praesepium: hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias: hodie a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit, ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.

We observe this holy day, ornamented with three miracles: today a star led the Magi to the manger; today wine was made from water at the wedding; today Christ desired to be baptised by John, so that he might save us, Alleluia.

Magnificat antiphon at Second Vespers of the Feast of the Epiphany

The People stand.

HYMN



#### **COLLECT**

Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The People sit.

#### IV: THE PROMISE OF A SHARE IN CHRIST'S GLORY

LESSON

John 17:1-7, 20-26

Jesus prays that his disciples might share in his glory.

WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

"I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as thou hast loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which thou hast given me in thy love for me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world has not known thee, but I have known thee; and these know that thou hast sent me. I made known to them thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."

THE night was full of wonder,
And the stars above me sang a shimmering song.
The infant lay sleeping,
Power and peace like light around him.
As I knelt and saw the God before me,
For one crystal moment,
I saw beyond my tiny place in time;
I saw what was to come.

I heard the voices of men and women generations beyond mine, And saw them changed by this holy birth. I felt the earth shaped by His humble words, And saw forgiveness, Like a seedling, Blossom in their hearts.

And then I knew that my vision was true. For as I knelt and saw the God before me, I knew that His powers were also mine: To forgive, to worship, to love. I saw the universe reflected in His tiny eyes, I felt His love stir my soul; And as I saw the God before me, I saw the God in me.

Text by David Pogue

The People stand.

#### **COLLECT**

Let us pray.

GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

The People sit.

ANTHEM Sung by the Choir Benjamin Lane (1957-2019)

ARISE, shine for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has arisen up on you.

For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the people, On you, and his glory will appear over you; Nations shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Lift up your eyes and look around; They come to you from far away.

### **COLLECT**

Let us pray.

GOD, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### RESPONSORY

A Minister says

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

People prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice from the throne, saying,

*People* 'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples,

People and God himself will be with them.

Behold, I make all things new:

People I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift

People from the spring of the water of life.'

#### THE BLESSING

AY Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

VOLUNTARY Épiphanie Gaston Litaize (1909-1991)

# **WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

\* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday

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

Wednesday - The Confession of Saint Peter

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist\*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Fr. Gioia

Thursday – Wulfstan

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

**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: Father Schultz* 

Sunday, January 22: Third 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 Mo. Turner

4 p.m. Festal Evensong for Christian Unity\*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rev. Jared Stahler, Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, NYC

followed by an organ recital by Patrick Scott, Memphis, TN

# **PARISH NOTICES**

The Pilgrims' Course Begins tomorrow! Our annual educational and fellowship series, which is a kind of 'Theology 101,' 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. The course commences tomorrow 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.

https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/rector/the-pilgrims-course/

Classes are held on most Wednesdays from mid-January to May (with a break for Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter Week). Classes are hybrid and you can attend inperson 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.

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 53<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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: <a href="mailto:pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org">pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org</a>.

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.

Theology at Saint Thomas: Join us Sunday 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 Abraham: God the Visitor. 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

RKellerman@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 <a href="mailto:giving@saintthomaschurch.org">giving@saintthomaschurch.org</a>.

