

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.
ASCENSION DAY

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST
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

IV. Prière du Christ montant vers son Père
from L'Ascension

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

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

HYMN

SALVE FESTA DIES

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for

ev - er, day when the Christ a - scends, high in the

hea - vens to reign. reign.

1 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
3 God the Cre - a - tor, the Lord who rul - est the
5 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre -
earth and the hea - vens, guard us from -
fount of our be - ing, light that dost

a - ted on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:

2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
4 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our
6 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her gates un -
minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

VIRI Galilaei quid admiramini aspicientes in caelum? Alleluia.
 Quemadmodum vidistis eum ascendentem in caelum, ita veniet. Alleluia.
 Omnes gentes plaudite manibus: jubilate Deo in voce exultationis.
 Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,
 sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Alleluia.
 This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven,
 shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Alleluia.
 O clap your hands together all ye people, O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
 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.*

Acts 1:11, Psalm 47:1

THE EASTER GREETING

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

SEEING that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens,
 Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace,
 that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

MOST merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against
 thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent.
 For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and
 remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life,
 and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The People stand.

GLORY be to God on high,
 and in 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,
 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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**THE LESSON**

Acts 1:1-11

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

PSALM 93*Sung by the Choir*Anglican Chant (*Ley*)

DOMINUS REGNAVIT

THE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :
 the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
 He hath made the round world so sure : that it cannot be moved.
 Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared : thou art from everlasting.
 The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice : the floods lift up their waves.
 The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :
 but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
 Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure : holiness becometh thine house 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.

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

The People stand.

HYMN

IN BABILONE

1. See the Con-que-ror mounts in tri-umph; see the King in roy-al state,
 2. He who on the cross did suf-fer, he who from the grave a-rose,
 3. Thou hast raised our hu-man na-ture on the clouds to God's right hand:
 rid-ing on the clouds, his char-iot, to his heaven-ly pal-ace gate!
 he has van-quished sin and Sa-tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.
 there we sit in heaven-ly pla-ces, there with thee in glo-ry stand.
 Hark! the choirs of an-gel voic-es joy-ful al-le-lu-ias sing,
 While he lifts his hands in bless-ing, he is part-ed from his friends;
 Je-sus reigns, a-dored by an-gels; Man with God is on the throne;
 and the por-tals high are lift-ed to re-ceive their heaven-ly King,
 while their ea-ger eyes be-hold him, he up-on the clouds a-scends.
 might-y Lord, in thine as-cen-sion, we by faith be-hold our own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor *All*
 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father,
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. David Monteith
Dean of Canterbury

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I BELIEVE in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

GOD has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

Cf. 2 Corinthians 1:22

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

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Gerald Finzi
(1901-1956)

GOD is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:
Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

Edward Taylor (c. 1646-1729)

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

LLANFAIR

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

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,

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

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.**

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL 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.

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.*

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

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 thy peace.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 EASTER BLESSING

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE EASTER DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go, in the peace of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

VOLUNTARY III. Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne *Olivier Messiaen*
from L'Ascension