

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

SUNG EUCHARIST - 9 a.m. Sung by The Noble Singers

The Ordinary of the Mass

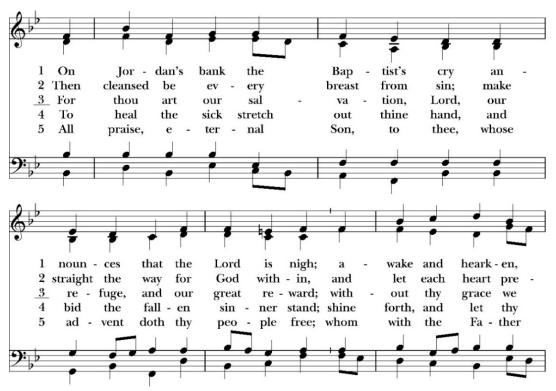
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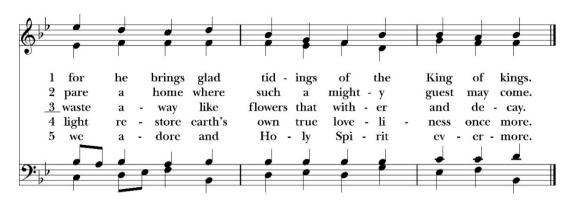
Maks Adach (b. 1993)

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Opening Hymn (omit v. 3)

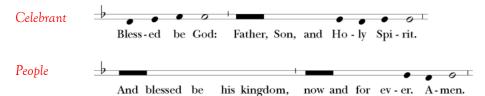
WINCHESTER NEW





On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry, #76 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

The Penitential Order



The Celebrant welcomes the People and introduces the celebration. Then, the Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Kyrie eleison



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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The People sit.

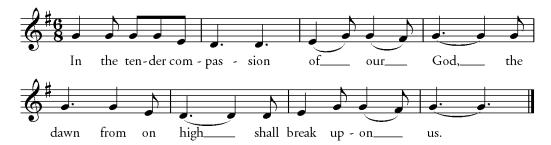
The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

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

Benedictus VENI EMMANUEL

The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



Blest be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of his servant David. *Refrain*

Through his holy prophets, he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation

Advent Alleluia

Stephen Pishner

The People stand. The Choir sings the Alleluia and all repeat.



Choir Pres

Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight his path.

All people shall see the saving power of God.

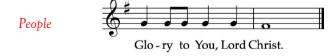
The People repeat the Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

₹ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.



At the end The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Homily The Feast of Saint Nicholas & The Welcoming of a Child Bishop

Mo. Turner

Celebrant Jesus told us that we are to become like children; following the ancient customs of the Church,

I call N. to serve as our Child Bishop for the day. Blessed are they who put their trust in the Lord.

N. will you be faithful and keep the promises that were made for you in Holy Baptism and

affirmed by you at your Baptism?

Child Bishop I will: the Lord being my helper.

Celebrant Whil

While you hold this office, will you pray for the members of this parish and for all who need your prayers?

Child Bishop I will: the Lord being my helper.

The Child Bishop kneels and offers this Collect:

Child Bishop Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service:

strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of the Child Bishop

Celebrant God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side,

and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,

and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Child Bishop stands and receives the Bishop's pastoral staff, then faces the congregation

Celebrant Brothers and sisters, I present to you N., duly inaugurated as Child Bishop of this church.

The People stand.

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Celebrant Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

People Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

Celebrant Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

People O Lord God of hosts.

The candles are lit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of peace, instill in us Your peace that surpasses all understanding.

As we prepare for His coming, make us instruments of Your peace and help us

to find rest in the Prince of Peace, Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Special Form)

The Leader says

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge.

Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Maranatha:

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

"Maranatha" is an Aramaic word used in the scriptures which means "come."

Come to your world as King of the nations.

Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha:

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.

Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress,

and set us free to serve you for ever.

Maranatha:

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

We remember those who have died. Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha:

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with Holy Mary, Mother of God, Saint Thomas and all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha:

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

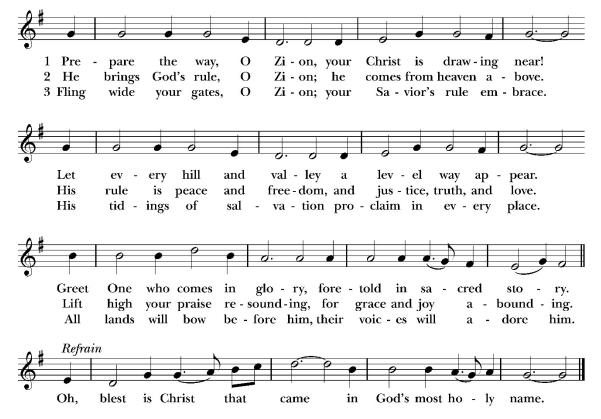
People And also with you.

The Greetings

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN



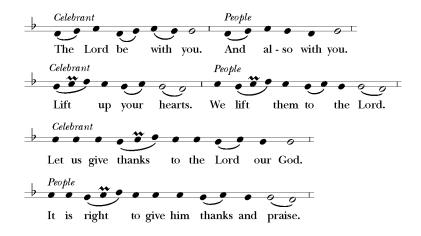
Prepare the way, O Zion, #65 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999). Copyright © 1982, Charles P Price. Music: Bereden väg för Herran, melody from Then Swenska Psalmboken, 1697; harm. Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan, 1939, alt.



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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B



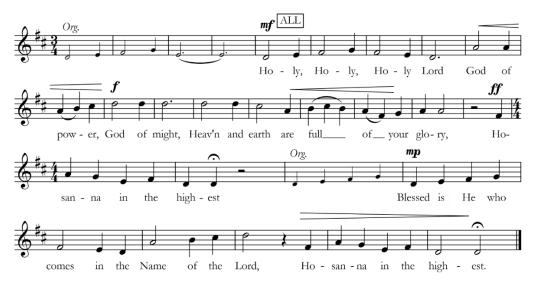
The Celebrant sings the Preface

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 & Benedictus



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,

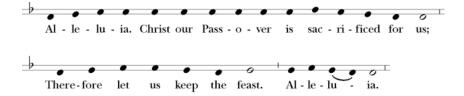
Celebrant and People

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

People

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



Agnus Dei



The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

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Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

peace.

People

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

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.

Anthem

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

Light one candle for hope, One bright candle for hope. He brings hope to everyone, He comes, he comes.

Light one candle for joy, One bright candle for joy. He brings joy to everyone, He comes, he comes.

After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

Light one candle for peace, One bright candle for peace. Every nation will find salvation In Bethlehem's baby boy.

Light one candle for love, One bright candle for love. He brings love to everyone, He comes, he comes.

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.

Hymn (omit vv. 3 and 4)

ST. STEPHEN



The King shall come when morning dawns, #73 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt.

Music: St. Stephen, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

May 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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Mrs. Robert L. Dodge, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Dr. Lewis Rutherford Morris, and Harold V. Smith

ANNUAL APPEAL



We launched our 2025 Annual Appeal: Weaving a Rich Tapestry on October the 6th, which marked the close of our Bicentennial year. In his sermon, Father Turner preached: Remembrance; thanksgiving; new beginnings: It's what we have done this past year, and prepares us for the future. Remember – give thanks – look forward: It is the vision of Saint Thomas Church, to be a community of love and praise, and an oasis of prayer in the middle of New York, actively weaving a tapestry of divine proportions.

As we look ahead to the next century, we need your help. Make a pledge today!



The Saint Thomas Book & Gift Store will be open in the Narthex Sundays after the 11 a.m. service through December 22, 2024. Additional times are Sunday, December 22 after 4 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols, and Christmas Eve December 24 from 12 p.m. until after the 4 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols. Stop by and view our collection of Calendars, Mugs, Ornaments, Christmas cards, CDs, and books for Advent & Christmas.

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Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received 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 Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. The deadline is Sunday, December 15.



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Christmas Candles in Memory of Loved Ones. During Christmastide, the time between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will light an eight-day candle for your loved one(s), and place it before the Crèche of Saint Thomas Church. Each candle will be affixed with the name(s) you submit. The suggested donation for each eight-day candle is \$25. All of these names will be added to the prayer list of that day, and a candle will be lit at Our Lady of Fifth Avenue.



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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



On October 26th we launched Neighbor to Neighbor, a service program which provides coffee, tea, croissants, and fresh fruit to community members in need. The program serves guests between 9am and 10am every Saturday, with volunteers arriving at the cloisters of the church on 53rd Street around 8:30am. Please note there is a signup form for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in getting involved, please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Litany in Procession and Solemn Eucharist*

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

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

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

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Organ Recital featuring Maks Adach, Assistant Organist & Associate for Musical Studies

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Said Mass

In the Chantry Chapel

Note: There will be no 5:30 p.m. Evensong or Mass on Tuesday or Thursday due to the Messiah concerts.

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: Fr. Schultz

4 p.m. The Blessing of the Crèche

A service for children and their families sung by the Noble Singers

Next Sunday: December 15,

The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Mo. Turner

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Right Reverend Sean Semple, Bishop of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf



PARISH NOTICES

Saint Thomas Church Angel Tree 2024: Please join us in helping children by participating in our annual Christmas Angel Tree. We provide gifts of toys and clothes for children of Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in the Bronx, children known to the EOP feeding program at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, and children staying with their mothers at a temporary shelter for survivors of domestic abuse. We ask that you take a tag hanging on our Angel Tree, then sign the book letting us know that gift is accounted for. Unwrapped gifts should be brought to Saint Thomas on or before December 15. Monetary donations also gratefully appreciated – we'll do the shopping! To ensure that the children beneficiaries remain anonymous, the tags are numbered. Thanks, you're an angel!

Children and Family Ministries: Our Annual Blessing of the Créche - Nativity Story Service is this Saturday, December 14. We are distributing roles to children who wish to be involved so please contact Father Preston if you have questions or want to join! Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor) and Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor). The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9am-1pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our parish children's choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is always accepting new choristers. The choir has begun working on music for the Annual Blessing of the Créche Service and rehearses weekly on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm. Choristers select one rehearsal to attend each week and sing weekly at the 9am Sung Eucharist on Sundays during the program year. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music For more information, and to register your singer, contact Rkellerman@saintthomaschurch.org.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am 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: There is no tour today, as our tour guides will be having their annual holiday gathering.

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in** the **Korean language** every second Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

Friday Zoom Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1pm via Zoom. We have embarked on the Book of the Glory (John 13-21) in which we will witness Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. Bring your Bible, your questions, and yourself as, together, we deepen our relationship with God through scripture. Contact Fr. Schultz with any questions and for the Zoom link: Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Margaret White: Mwhite@choirschool.org.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

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