

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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m. Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell

The Ordinary of the Mass

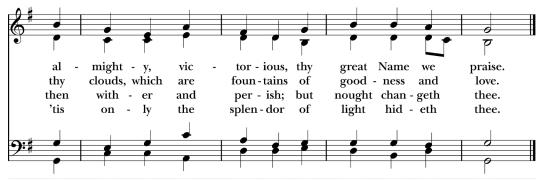
Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne (b. 1950)

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Hymn (omit v. 4) ST. DENIO





Immortal, invisible, God only wise, #423 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.



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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.



Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, Heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Refrain*

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 SINE NOMINE

The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.



Lord who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill? Whoever leads a blameless life, and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart, there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor. *Refrain*

In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord. He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word. *Refrain*

He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation Plainsong (Mode VI)

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



Cantor I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The People repeat the Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

★ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

People
Glo-ry to You, Lord Christ.

At the end The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Homily Mo. Turner

The Nicene Creed

The People stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

The Leader says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People remain standing. This response is used after each petition

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Greetings

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Hymn LEONI

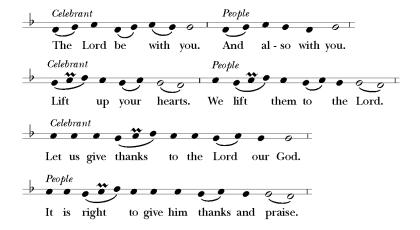




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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A



The Celebrant says 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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Cantor and People



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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas our patron, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

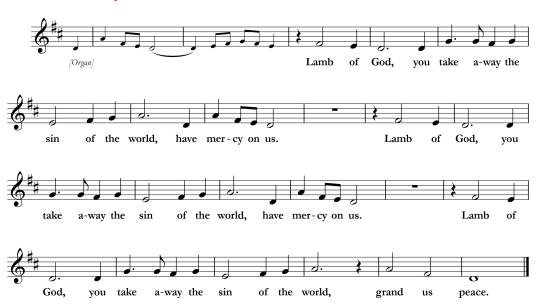
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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Agnus Dei

Cantor and People



The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.

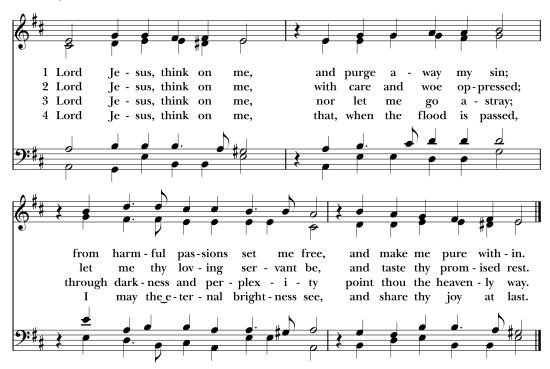
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

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.

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 Hymn SOUTHWELL



Lord Jesus, think on me, #641 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt.

Music: Southwell, from Daman's Psalter, 1579; adapt. Hymnal 1982.

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 Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

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

PILGRIMS' II COURSE FALL 2024



Want to know more about the Christian Faith?

Want to be baptized or confirmed?

Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church?

A Follow-Up to the Pilgrims' course will take place in the Fall on October 22, 29 and November 5, 12, and 19. Among the topics there will be two highly appreciated talks by the Rector:

- "Divine Design: a guided exploration of Saint Thomas Church and of the liturgical signification of its architecture with the Rector"
 - "Unpacking the Sunday High Mass: A step-by-step explanation of what happens and why"

A poll will be sent to the participants of the Pilgrims' course of the past few years to ask them which topics they would like to revisit or deepen. If you wish to be kept informed about the Pilgrims' Follow Up Course, please register at https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/OnePageReg/307



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Mrs. Willi Brown, James W. Gerard, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Ida May Ives

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by Mo. Turner

Monday - Friday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Saturday

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

Confessor: Fr. Morris

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. The Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue (includes Shrine Prayers)

12 p.m. Holy Eucharist* (Saturday Mass of Our Lady)

Next Sunday: September 8, Pentecost XVI

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 Fr. Moretz

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist*

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

4 p.m. Festal Evensong and Admission of Choristers*

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

You are invited!

Tickets are on sale now for a parish-wide event on Saturday October 5th, 6-8pm.

Please plan to join this Bicentennial Closing Celebration in Bonnell Hall at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian. We'll have cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live music as we toast the end of this 200th jubilee and look ahead to the coming year!

While the event is open to all, space is limited so please scan below to purchase today!



PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Registration for the 2024-2025 CFM Academic Year is now available on the website. Sunday School (ages 3-10), Faith Alive (10-14+) and Noble Singers (8-14+) are off today for the final Sunday of the summer break. CFM Programming resumes September 7 with Choir Camp, followed by a picnic on September 8! 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 or for registration questions contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

New Volunteer Meeting - Save the Date! Safe Church: an introduction to safeguarding training within the Episcopal Church will take place Sunday, September 22 from 1-2:30 p.m. on the fifth floor with lunch. Sign up details to follow in September.

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.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program resumes next Sunday, September 8 at 10 a.m. on the 5th Floor of the Parish House, and is also streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist** in the Korean language every second Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45 p.m. in the Dining Room, with more fellowship afterwards at 2:30 p.m.

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

Contemplative Prayer is on break until September 13. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org.

Friday Zoom Bible Study-Christ and Ekklesia: John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Fridays at 1 p.m. via We have embarked on the Book of the Glory 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: <u>Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org.</u>

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 Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now on Summer Break. We will begin our Fall 2024 Choir Term with a Choir Camp Day on Saturday, September 7 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Weekly rehearsals will resume in early September and we will return to singing and leading worship at the 9 a.m. Sung Mass on Sunday, September 15. 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.

The Saint Thomas Social Justice Outreach Group gathers volunteers from our community to address the needs of vulnerable people facing special challenges and who struggle to meet basic needs. With St. Patrick's Cathedral and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, Saint Thomas Church is part of the EOP (Ecumenical Outreach Partnership). The EOP employs two social workers who make sure that volunteer work is done professionally, in compliance with regulations and safeguarding, and in such a way that people in need are helped to improve their life situations. Parishioners from Saint Thomas can join the distribution of meals by the EOP on 55th Street from 1 to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Those who would like to join can write to Fr. Luigi Gioia at Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

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