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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 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (TR.)

JANUARY 7, 2024

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m.

Sung by the Cantor

The Ordinary of the Mass

Coventry Acclamations

Peter Jones/Paul Inwood

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Hymn

THE FIRST NOWELL

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full re - vent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star where ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

*The first Nowell the angel did say, #109 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: English Carol, 18th cent.
 Music: The First Nowell, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901).*

The Penitential Order

Celebrant

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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

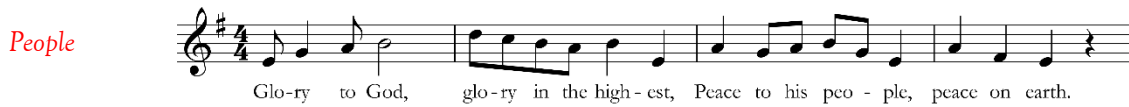
Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

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.**

Cantor Glory to God, glory in the highest, Peace to his people, peace on earth;



Cantor Lord God, Heavenly King, almighty God and Father,



Cantor We worship you,



Cantor Give you thanks,



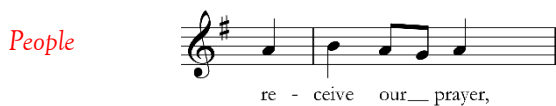
Cantor Praise you for your glory;



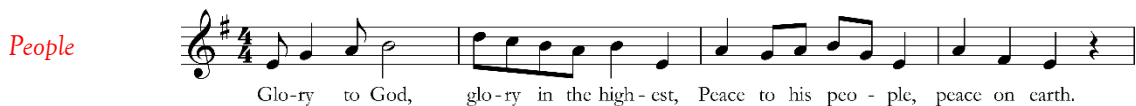
Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God Lamb of God;
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us,



Cantor You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer,



Cantor Glory to God, glory in the highest, Peace to his people, peace on earth



Cantor 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 glory of God the Father,

People



Cantor

Amen.

People



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.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

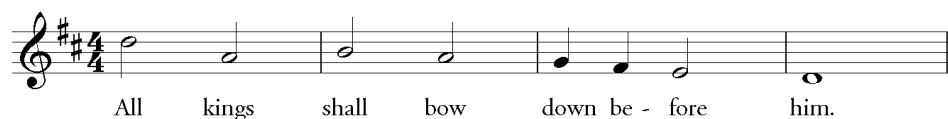
People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-4

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

The choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



Give the King your justice O God,
and your righteousness to the King's son;
that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice; *Refrain*

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. *Refrain*

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



Cantor God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels,
preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

People ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the end

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Fr. Moretz

The People stand for the Prayers.

The Prayers of the People (Special Form)

The Leader says

Let us worship the Savior with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

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

People Lord of glory,
Hear our prayer.

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

People Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary,
Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. In your unfailing love for us and for all people,
hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

Our Savior Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

DIX



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man-ger - bed;
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and bare;
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - scat.
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

As with gladness men of old, #119 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898).
 Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.



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Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our
 hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and God of might, heav'n and
 earth are full, heav'n and earth are full, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est: ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est. **3** Blest is he who comes, blest is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -



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

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

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.

Agnus Dei

Stephen Buzard

Organ

1st time - Solo
2nd time - Choir

O Lamb of God, _____ you

take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

All

O Lamb of God, _____ you take a-way the sins of the world:

grant _____ us peace, grant us peace.

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

CRANHAM

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

In the bleak midwinter, #112 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894).
Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

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

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


Go in the light and peace of Christ.

People


Thanks be to God.




1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and




1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -




1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Refrain
 O — star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

We three kings of Orient are, #128 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt.
 Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891).

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:
*Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Clare Fahnestock Moorhead,
Charles H. VanBraam Roberts, and The George Stevens Schermerhorn Family*

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by St. Monica Clare, CSJB

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Benediction*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Wednesday - William Laud, 1645

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas 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: Fr. Schultz

Next Sunday: January 14, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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 The Rev. Brandt Montgomery,
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Boonsboro, Maryland

4 p.m. An Epiphany Procession*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Music of Howells, Thompson, Handl, Willis, Villette,
Hassler, Wood, and French

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PILGRIMS' COURSE 2024



Want to know more about the Christian Faith? Want to be baptized or confirmed? Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church? The Pilgrims' Course 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 first class will commence on Wednesday, January 17. A simple hot meal is available at 6:30pm, and the class runs from 7-8pm. Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join us on-line.

To register please email: pilgrims@saintthomaschurch.org

PARISH NOTICES

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, 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.

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School resumes today with an Epiphany Family Feast at 10am in the Parish House. 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.

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 Nora Thomson: nthomson@choirschool.org.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1pm. 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 info, contact Fr. Schultz at MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, has resumed weekly rehearsals and singing at the 9am Mass. 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.

All are invited to **A Manhattan Regional Gathering** with Bishops Dietsche and Heyd on Thursday, January 11, 2024. Light Refreshments from 6pm - 7pm, followed by a Service of Song and Celebration from 7pm - 8pm. Location: St. George's Church, 7 Rutherford Place, NYC. For details and to RSVP, please visit the Episcopal Diocese website: dioceseny.org/ednyevent/regional-gathering-manhattan/

For the second year in a row, Saint Thomas Choir School is partnering with **Rise Against Hunger** to host a Meal-Packaging Event on MLK Jr. National Day of Service. Rise Against Hunger is a US-based non-profit that works to help achieve the UN Sustainable Goal #2 of zero hunger. Last year we packaged 12,096 meals. This year, with your help, we hope to package 20,000 meals. Please join us if you are able on January 15 from 9:45 am-12 pm to help us reach our goal. To register, contact Lissy Hodge at lhodge@choirschool.org. Or, if you wish to make a donation, please do so at: <https://rah.my.salesforce.com/events/homepage?id=7018c000001DaWnAAK>.

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You may contact the Wardens using this address: Wardens@SaintThomasChurch.org.



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*for parents, music educators,
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Tuesday, January 9

6:00-7:30pm

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