

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

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

The Ordinary of the Mass

Saint Thomas Mass

Jeremy Filsell

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

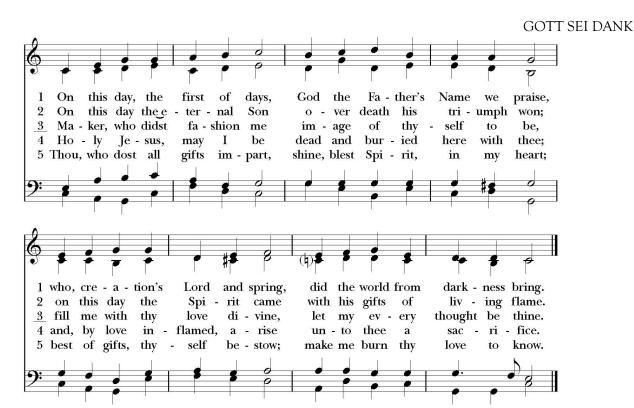
Introit

Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

From the Book of Common Prayer, 1979

Hymn



The Penitential Order

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

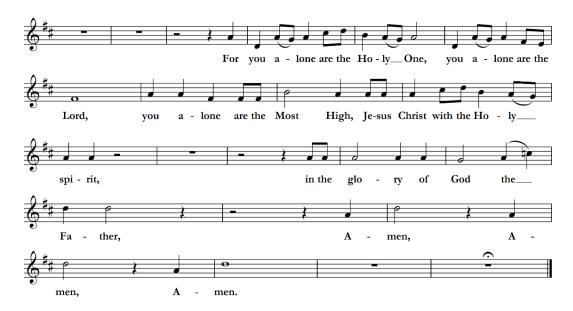
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson Acts 8:26-40

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-27 DUKE STREET

The choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

"May your heart live forever!" Refrain

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Caroll arr. Christopher Walker

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





Cantor

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good. The love of the Lord knows no ending. All in Israel say, "God's love has no end."

The People repeat the Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel John 15:1-8

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

¥ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the end

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Fr. Schultz

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

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 (Special Form)

The Leader says

In joy and hope let us pray to the father.

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

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

Anthem arr. Simon Andrews

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain, Thinking that never He would awake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Your touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

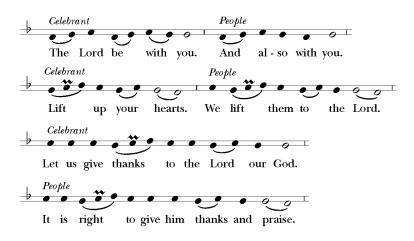
John Crum (1872-1958)



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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A



The Celebrant sings the Preface

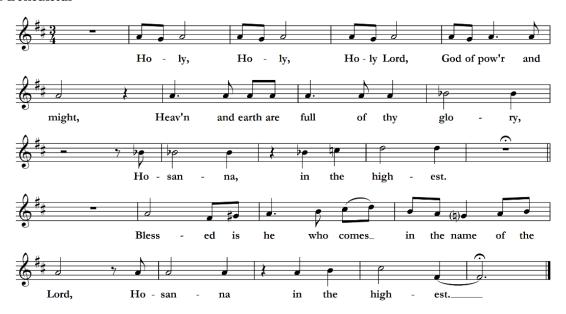
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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

Sanctus & Benedictus



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 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

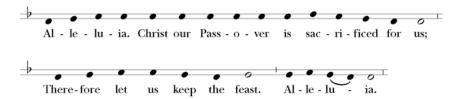
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

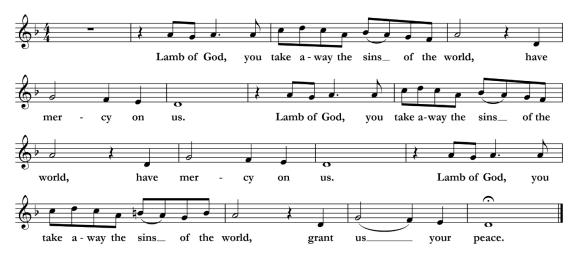
The Breaking of the Bread

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



People

Agnus Dei



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.

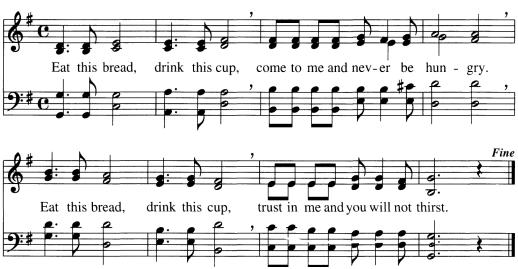
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

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 Taizé Chant

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father. Refrain

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Refrain* Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day. *Refrain*

Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever. Refrain

If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life. Refrain

After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

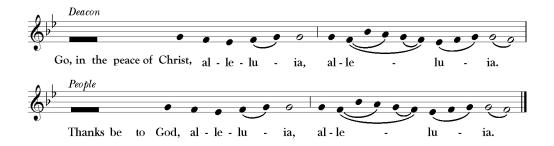
Celebrant and People

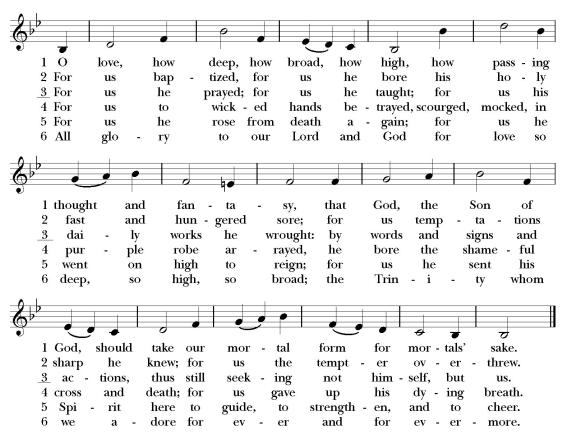
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

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





O love, how deep, how broad, how high, #448 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Latin, 15th cent; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: Deus tuorum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

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:

Carrie Phelan Beale, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Gertrude Seney Robinson,

Eliza J. Watson, and John J. Watson

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Reverend Canon Alan Gyle, Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, London

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

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

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Jonathan Bolena (STCS Class of '20), Organ – Staunton, VA

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday - Eve of St. Philip and St. James 5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Wednesday - St. Philip and St. James

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday - Athanasius of Alexandria 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 - Monica

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

Confessor: Fr. Schultz

Next Sunday: May 5,

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Most Rev. & Rt. Hon. Stephen Cottrell

4 p.m. Festal Evensong to Commemorate the Centennial of the Twinning of York and New York* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by the Most Rev. Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School and Faith Alive are meeting today, Sunday, April 28. 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 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 Tour Guide Group would like to extend an invitation to individuals interested in becoming a Saint Thomas Tour Guide Candidate. Interested individuals must be pledging members of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue and should have an interest in Church History, Iconography and Church Architecture, as well as a familiarity with the worship of the church. Candidates will work with a Mentor, an existing Tour Guide, and will receive a Study Guide. If you would like to become a Saint Thomas Tour Guide Candidate, please send an e-mail expressing your interest to: tourguides@SaintThomasChurch.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.

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

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

Friday 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 Nora Thomson: nthomson@choirschool.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.

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50 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 next class will be on Wednesday, May 1. The subject of the week's class will be Mission and Ministry: Vocation,

Ordination, and the Mission of the Church. 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