

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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

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

The Ordinary of the Mass

Saint Thomas Mass

Jeremy Filsell (b. 1964)

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Hymn

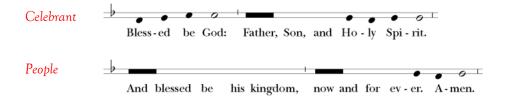
LOBE DEN HERREN





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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.**

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Jeremiah 11:18-20

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54 SINE NOMINE

The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.



Save me O God by your name; in your might defend my cause. Hear my prayer O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. *Refrain*

For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God. Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation Plainsong (Mode VI)

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



Cantor Welcome with meekness the implanted word That has the power to save your souls.

The People repeat the Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel Mark 9:30-37

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People



At the end

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Homily Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom

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 introduces the Peace with these words

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

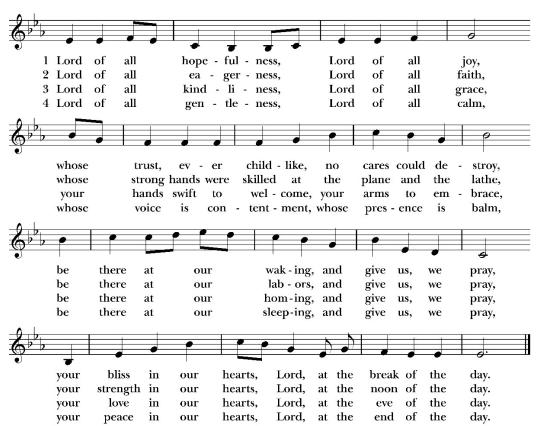
And also with you.

The Greetings

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Hymn

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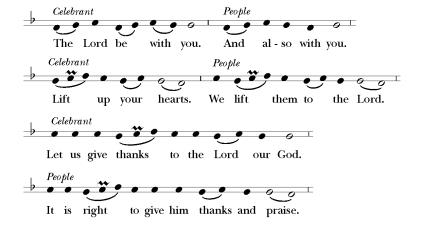




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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A



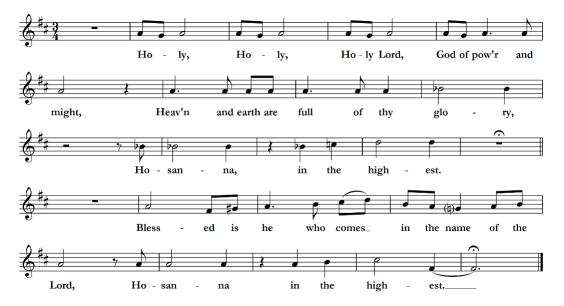
The Celebrant says the Preface

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:

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 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

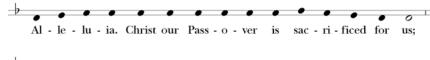
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

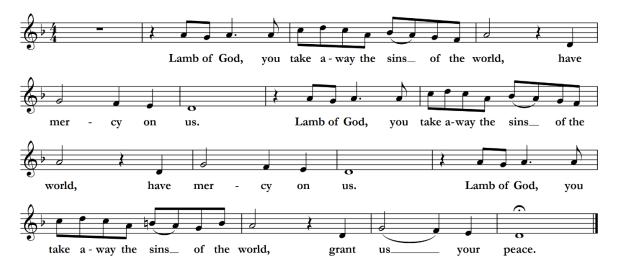
The Breaking of the Bread

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





Agnus Dei



The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.

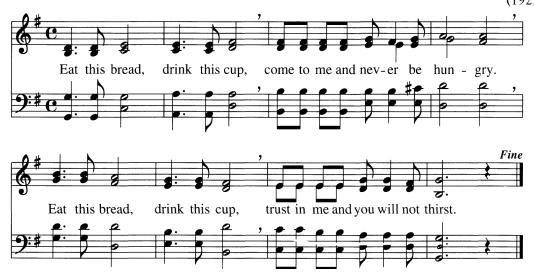
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

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.



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 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.



How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, #637 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787, alt. Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); desc. Lois Fyfe (b. 1927). Descant Copyright © 1974, The Cumberland Press. Used by permission.

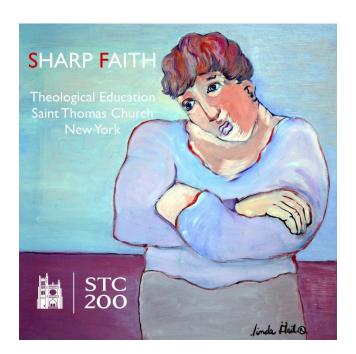
Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Peter Lever A. Aideyan, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Ida Spear O'Neill, and Herbert Asher Metzger

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program 2024-25 continues today at 10 a.m. with a series of talks on *The Question of Evil and Suffering and The Theology of Healing* by our Theologian In Residence, Fr. Luigi Gioia.

The lectures will be livestreamed on YouTube and video-recorded. If you want to receive weekly updates about the program, or to access the dates and titles of the talks, please register at this link:





The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program is at the service of those who seek a deeper understanding of faith and want to nourish their worship and their prayer. The teaching is rooted in Scripture, Christian tradition and spirituality. The lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers who are committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. The classes are held on Sundays at 10 AM on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. Additionally, recordings and handouts are made available for those who cannot attend the live sessions. For the registration and the Program of Talks 2024-25 you can write to Fr. Luigi Gioia at Igioia@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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 here:



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

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

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Clara Gerdes, New York, NY

Monday - Friday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers* 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday – Our Lady of Walsingham **5:30 p.m.** Choral Evensong* Followed by a short, said Mass sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday - Lancelot Andrewes 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong* Followed by a short, said Mass sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday - Requiem (Edward Kreutz) 11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel Confessor: Fr. Schultz

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

<u>Next Sunday:</u> September 29, Saint Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas)

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 Very Rev. Dominic Barrington, Dean of York

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rev. Landon Moore, Vicar for Vocations, Diocese of Long Island

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: CFM Registration is now open. Please register your children on the church website for the 2024-2025 CFM Program Year. Sunday School (ages 3-10) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10 a.m. Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor) and Faith Alive meets in the Dining Room (2nd Floor). The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 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 now accepting new choristers. The choir rehearses weekly on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Choristers select one rehearsal to attend each week and sing weekly at the 9 a.m. 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.

Join us on Saturday, September 28 at 3 p.m. as Concerts at Saint Thomas opens the 2024-2025 Concert Season with a Grand Organ Concert featuring organist Frédéric Blanc playing Cochereau and the French Masters. For in-person or livestream tickets and for information about future concerts, please email us at concerts@saintthomaschurch.org or visit https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts. Support Concerts at Saint Thomas by becoming a Friend of Music. To make a donation, please call 212-664-9360.

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.

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 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 친교도나누세요. Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3 p.m. 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 Zoom Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1 p.m. 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 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 1-2 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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