

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 AT 11 A.M.
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR



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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 ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Messa a tre voci

Antonio Lotti
(1667-1740)

PRELUDE

Tiento de falsas 2º tono

Pablo Bruna
(1611-1679)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

HYMN

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion; O my soul,
2. Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo-rious-ly reign - eth: borne as on
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy way and de-fend thee; sure-ly his
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath

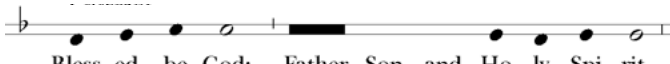
praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng,
ea - gle-wings, safe - ly his saints he sus-tain - eth. Hast thou not seen
good-ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at-tend thee; pon - der a - new
life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men

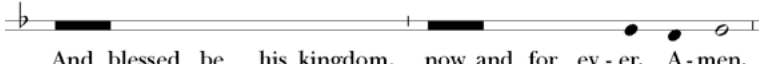
psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
how all thou need-est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
what the Al-might-y can do, who with his love doth be-friend thee.
sound from his peo-ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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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 says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The People stand.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and,
because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and
goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

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

PSALM 78:24-30

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Tone I⁴)

ATTENDITE, POPULE

So he commanded the clouds above : and opened the doors of heaven.
He rained down manna also upon them for to eat : and gave them food from heaven.
So man did eat angels' food : for he sent them meat enough.



He caused the east-wind to blow under heaven :
and through his power he brought in the south-west-wind.
He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust : and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.
He let it fall among their tents : even round about their habitation.
So they did eat and were well filled, for he gave them their own desire :
they were not disappointed of their lust.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:1-16

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

The People stand.

HYMN

ROCKINGHAM

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick-ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the
love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall
thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
Cantor Speak, Lord, for thy servant is listening.
Thou hast the words of eternal life.
People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

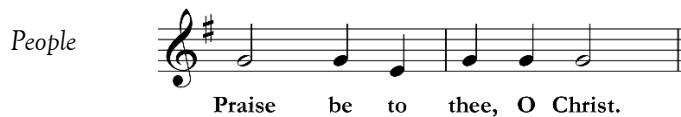
John 6:24-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Prisca Lee-Pae
Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I BELIEVE in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,



and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory,

to judge both the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;

and I look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM V)

The Leader says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The People kneel. After each petition

People **Lord, have mercy.**

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

HEAVENLY Father, thou hast promised to hear what we ask in the Name of thy Son:
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve
in our sinfulness, but as thou knowest and lovest us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The People offer one another a sign of peace.

The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence, and the People sit.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

MOTET AT THE OFFERTORY

Giovanni Croce
(c. 1557-1609)

O SACRUM convivium, in quo Christus sumitur,
recolitur memoria passionis ejus,
mens impletur gratia,
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.

*O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received,
he memory of his passion renewed,
he mind filled with grace,
and a promise of future glory given to us. Alleluia.*

Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)



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The People stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
The Lord be with you.	And with thy spi - rit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
Lift up your hearts. We lift	them up un - to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.	
<i>People</i>	
It is meet and right so to do.	

The Celebrant continues

IT is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying



SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The People kneel or stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says


And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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. Then is said


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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion in person)*

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I
may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace

ANTHEM

*Felice Anerio
(c. 1560-1614)*

OBONE Jesu, miserere nobis,
quia tu creasti nos,
tu redemisti nos sanguine
tuo pretiosissimo.

O good Jesus, have mercy upon us,
for thou hast created us,
thou hast redeemed us
by thy most precious blood.

Anonymous

After Communion, silence is kept for a while.



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

THE peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.



HYMN

AUSTRIA

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - cring, sec the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to



sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
man - na which he gives them when they pray.
prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

A Voluntary for Double Organ

Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex after the service.

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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:
Margaret Crane Hurlbut and Joel Rothermel

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

Monday – Friday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday – The Transfiguration of our Lord

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Fr. Schultz

Saturday

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

Confessor: Fr. Morris

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: August 11, Pentecost XII

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 Alumni Choir of Saint John's in the Village, Baltimore, MD, Thomas Hetrick, Director

Sermon by Fr. Gioia

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (3-10), Faith Alive (10-14+), and Noble Singers (8-14+) are off for the Summer. Children and Family Ministry programming resumes on 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 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 1-2:30pm 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 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 will be on summer break through September 1. 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 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

Contemplative Prayer will be on a 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. 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 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 10am-4pm. Weekly rehearsals will resume in early September and we will return to singing and leading worship at the 9am 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 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Those who would like to join can write to Fr. Luigi Gioia at Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

