

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 AT 11 A.M.
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SOLEMN EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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*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

Missa XI (Orbis Factor)

Plainsong

The People remain seated for the Matin Responsory, sung from the ambulatory.

RESPONSORY

adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(c. 1525-1594)

- ℣. I look from afar:
℞. And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
℣. Go ye out to meet him and say:
℞. Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
℣. High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
℞. Go ye out to meet him and say:
℣. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
℞. Tell us, art thou he that should come?
℣. Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come
℞. To reign over thy people Israel.
℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
℞. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
℣. Go ye out to meet him and say:
℞. Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HELMSLEY

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, #57 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).
Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant
Bless-ed be God: Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

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

The Celebrant says

THE night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness,
and let us put on the armour of light. (*Romans 13:12*)

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir

KYRIE Eleison.
Christe Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (*Tone 1st*)

AD TE, DOMINE, LEVAVI

UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee :
O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed :

but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.

Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation;
in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies :

and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth :

but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement :

and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

HYMN

BRISTOL

1. Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior prom-ised long:
2. He comes, the pris-oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's bond - age held;
3. He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing soul to cure;
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come shall pro - claim;
let ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
the gates of brass be - fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
and with the trea - sures of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
and heaven's e - ter - nal arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes, #53 from *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised* – Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751).

Music: Bristol, from Thomas Ravenscroft's *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)

Cantor People
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God:
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

People
Al - le - lu - ia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Reverend Andrew C. Mead, OBE, DD
Rector Emeritus

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand. 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 (SPECIAL FORM)

The People remain standing for the prayers. The Leader says

WATCHFUL at all times,
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,
let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen,
let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live
in darkness and the shadow of death,
let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world,
let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:



Silence is kept. The Celebrant says

O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us,
and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness,
we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us,
thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord,
to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honor and glory,
world without end. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

IN the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Adventante Deo

*Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)*

LIFT up your heads, gates of my heart,
Unfold your portals to salute the King of Kings!
Behold Him come, borne on cherubic wings
Engrained with crimson eyes and grail of gold!

Before his path the thunderclouds
Withhold their stormy pinions,
And the desert sings:
He from his lips divine and forehead
Flings sunlight of peace unfathomed, bliss untold.

O soul, faint soul, disquieted how long!
Lift up thine eyes, for lo, thy Lord is near,
Lord of all loveliness and strength and song,
The Lord who brings heart-sadness better cheer,
Scattering those midnight dreams that dote on wrong,
Purging with heaven's pure rays love's atmosphere!

John Addington Symonds (1840-1893)



HYMN

CROSS OF JESUS

1 Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set thy peo-ple free,
2 Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, Hope of all the earth thou art,
3 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e-ter-nal Spi-rit, Rule in all our hearts a-lone;
From our fears and sins re-lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
Dear de-sire of ev-ery na-tion, Joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
Born to reign in us for ev-er, Now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
By thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to thy glor-ious throne.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, #3 from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).
Music: *Cross of Jesus*, John Stainer (1840-1901).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi-rit.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord.
Celebrant
Let us give thanks un-to our Lord God.
People
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.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.*

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 shouldst 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*)

IBELIEVE 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.

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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 upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*



ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

*Richard Lloyd
(1933-2021)*

DROP down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness:
let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.

Be not very angry, O Lord, neither remember our iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness:
let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness:
let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness:
let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
fear not for I will save thee:
for I am the Lord thy god, the holy one of Israel, thy Redeemer.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness:
let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.*

The Advent Prose



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 SOLEMN BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Celebrant says

MAY Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



HYMN

WACHET AUF

1 Wake, O wake! with ti - dings thrill - ing The watch - men all the
2 Si - on hears the watch - men shou - ting, Her heart leaps up with
3 Ev - ery soul in thee re - joi - ces; From men and from an -
air are fill - ing, A - rise, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!
joy un - doubt - ing, She stands and waits with ea - ger eyes;
ge - lic voi - ces Be glo - ry giv'n to thee a - lone!
Mid - night strikes! no more de - lay - ing, 'The hour has come!' we
See her Friend from heav'n des - cen - ding, A - dorned with truth and
Now the gates of pearl re - ceive us, Thy pres - ence ne - ver
hear them say - ing. Where are ye all, ye vir - gins wise?
grace un - en - ding! Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
more shall leave us, We stand with An - gels round thy throne.
The Bride - groom comes in sight, Raise high your tor - ches
Now come, thou pre - cious Crown, Lord Je - su, God's own
Earth can - not give be - low The bliss thou dost be -
bright! Al - le - lu - ia! The wed - ding song Swells
Son! Ho - san - na! Let us pre - pare To
stow. Al - le - lu - ia! Grant us to raise, To
loud and strong: Go forth and join the fes - tal throng.
fol - low there, Where in thy sup - per we may share.
length of days, The tri - umph - cho - rus of thy praise.

Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling, #16 from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608), tr. F. C. Burkitt (1864-1935).
Music: *Wachet auf*, melody by Philipp Nicolai; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach

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



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Arthur Trumbull Hill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Hamilton Kissam, and Linda Griffith Vorsanger



The Saint Thomas Book & Gift Store will be open in the Narthex Sundays after the 11 a.m. service through December 22, 2024. Additional times are Sunday, December 22 after 4 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols, and Christmas Eve December 24 from 12 p.m. until after the 4 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols. Stop by and view our collection of Calendars, Mugs, Ornaments, Christmas cards, CDs, and books for Advent & Christmas.



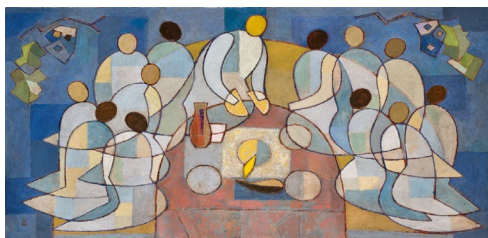
Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. The deadline is Sunday, December 15.



Christmas Candles in Memory of Loved Ones. During Christmastide, the time between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will light an eight-day candle for your loved one(s), and place it before the Crèche of Saint Thomas Church. Each candle will be affixed with the **name(s)** you submit. The suggested donation for each eight-day candle is \$25. All of these names will be added to the prayer list of that day, and a candle will be lit at Our Lady of Fifth Avenue.



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR
The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



On October 26th we launched **Neighbor to Neighbor**, a service program which provides coffee, tea, croissants, and fresh fruit to community members in need. The program serves guests **between 9am and 10am every Saturday**, with volunteers arriving at the cloisters of the church on 53rd Street around 8:30am. Please note there is a **signup form** for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. The Advent Procession*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Monday – Friday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Said Mass

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Said Mass

Saturday

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

Confessor: The Rector

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*

Next Sunday: December 8

The Second Sunday of Advent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Litany in Procession and Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rector

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Gioia

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Organ Recital featuring Maks Adach, Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist

Christmas 2024

CONCERTS at SAINT THOMAS

December 10 & 12, 2024
TUESDAY & THURSDAY at 7:30 pm

December 19 & 21, 2024
THURSDAY at 5:30 pm & SATURDAY at 12 pm

G. F. HANDEL MESSIAH

The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

NEW YORK BAROQUE INCORPORATED
EMILY DONATO, soprano
EMILY MARVOSH, contralto
RUFUS MÜLLER, tenor
DAVID SOAR, bass
JEREMY FILSELL, conductor

CHRISTMAS ON FIFTH AVENUE

The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

BRIDGET KIBBEY, harp
NICOLAS HAIGH, organ
JEREMY FILSELL, conductor

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PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Our Annual Blessing of the Crèche - Nativity Story Service is Saturday, December 14. We are distributing roles to children who wish to be involved so please contact Father Preston if you have questions or want to join! Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor) and Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor). 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.

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 has begun working on music for the Annual Blessing of the Crèche Service and rehearses weekly on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm. Choristers select one rehearsal to attend each week and sing weekly at the 9am 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.

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.

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 1:30pm. 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.

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.

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.

Please support **Ecumenical Outreach Project's** New Clothing Drive by donating men's new winter socks (sizes L, XL, and XXL) as well as new men's briefs and undershirts (sizes L, XL, and XXL). Donations may be brought to Reception. Items may also be ordered through Amazon and delivered directly to Saint Thomas Church. Please include 'Attn: Reception' in the mailing address field. For more information, please contact Frances Mintz: Femintz309@gmail.com.

Saint Thomas Church Angel Tree 2024: Please join us in helping children by participating in our annual Christmas Angel Tree. We provide gifts of toys and clothes for children of Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in the Bronx, children known to the EOP feeding program at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, and children staying with their mothers at a temporary shelter for survivors of domestic abuse. We ask that you take a tag hanging on our Angel Tree, then sign the book letting us know that gift is accounted for. Unwrapped gifts should be brought to Saint Thomas on or before December 15. Monetary donations also gratefully appreciated - we'll do the shopping! To ensure that the children beneficiaries remain anonymous, the tags are numbered. Thanks, you're an angel!

