

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
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 LITURGY OF LIGHT

The Procession arrives at the doors of the church. The Celebrant knocks on the door signaling the beginning of the Liturgy and lights the New Fire. The People stand and face the Narthex.

The Celebrant says

DEAR Friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O GOD, through thy Son thou hast bestowed upon thy people the brightness of thy light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PREPARATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Celebrant marks a Cross into the Paschal Candle and then outlines the letters of the Greek alphabet – Alpha and Omega – and the numerals of the current year, saying:

CHRIST yesterday and today.
The Beginning and the End.
Alpha and Omega.
His are the times and ages.
To him be glory and dominion
through all the ages of eternity. **Amen.**

The Celebrant inserts five grains of incense, saying:

THROUGH his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ the Lord
guard and preserve us. **Amen.**

The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle saying:

May the light of Christ gloriously rising scatter the darkness of heart and mind.

THE PROCESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF LIGHT

The Deacon, bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession into the dark church to the chancel, pausing three times and singing



At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.



Candles which have been distributed to the People are lighted during this Procession of Light.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand and honored with incense.

The People remain standing for the ancient chant Exsultet – the Proclamation of the Resurrection.

The People keep their candles lit until after the Gospel Reading.

THE EXSULTET

Plainsong

REJOICE now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness hath been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let thy holy courts in radiant light resound with the praises of thy people. All ye who stand near this marvelous holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with him, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spi - rit. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: 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.

IT is very meet and right, at all times and in all places, with our whole heart and mind and voice that we should praise thee, the Invisible, Almighty and Eternal God, and thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: For he is the very Paschal Lamb, who at the Feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and delivered by his Blood thy faithful people.

THIS is the night, when thou didst bring our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the shadow of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

THIS is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is thy mercy and loving kindness to us: that to redeem a slave, thou gavest a Son. O happy fault: O necessary sin of Adam which gained for us so great a Redeemer! How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. It restoreth innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casteth out pride and hatred, and bringeth peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined, and man is reconciled to God.



HOLY Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in thine honor. Though its light is divided into many parts, it shineth undimmed, for it is fed by melting wax wrought by the bee thy servant. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knoweth no setting, find it ever burning: he who giveth his light to all creation.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to direct, sanctify and govern us thy servants, and all thy faithful family, with thy continual grace; that we may pass our time in peace and gladness, in the festival of our redemption; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says

LET us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The People sit.

The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

PSALM 136:1-9, 23-27

Plainsong (*Tone V*³)

CONFITEMINI

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.
O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for his mercy endureth for ever.
O thank the Lord of all lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who only doeth great wonders : for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens : for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who laid out the earth above the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who hath made great lights : for his mercy endureth for ever;
The sun to rule the day : for his mercy endureth for ever;
The moon and the stars to govern the night : for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who remembered us when we were in trouble: for his mercy endureth for ever;
And hath delivered us from our enemies : for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who giveth food to all flesh : for his mercy endureth for ever.
O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for his mercy endureth for ever.
O give thanks unto the Lord of lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.

COLLECT

O GOD, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Flood

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

PSALM 46

Plainsong (Tone VIII⁵)

DEUS NOSTER REFUGIUM

GOD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved :
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell :
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God :
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed :
God shall help her, and that right early.
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved :
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.
O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord :
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
He maketh wars to cease in all the world : he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,
and burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen,
and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.

COLLECT

ALmighty God, thou hast placed in the skies the sign of thy covenant with all living things:
Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to thee our
sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Israel's Deliverance from the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

CANTICLE

Plainsong (Tone IV⁴)

CANTEMUS DOMINO

IWILL sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously:
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.

A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.



COLLECT

O GOD, whose wonderful deeds of old shineth forth even to our own day,
thou deliverest by the power of thy mighty arm thy chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh,
to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism:
Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham,
and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A New Heart and a New Spirit
Ezekiel 36:24-28

PSALM 42:1-7

Plainsong (Tone III⁴)

QUEMADMODUM

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks : so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night : while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself :
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;
In the voice of praise and thanksgiving : among such as keep holy-day.
Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?
Put thy trust in God : for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.

COLLECT

ALmighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of
reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show
forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gathering of God's People
Zephaniah 3:14-20

PSALM 98

Plainsong (Tone III⁵)

CANTATE DOMINO

OSING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation :
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel :
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord :
for he is come to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.



COLLECT

O GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of thy providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY BAPTISM

The Paschal Candle is taken from its stand to the Baptismal Font. The People remain standing.

ANTIPHON

Plainsong (Mode II)

OMNES qui in Christo baptizati estis,
Christum induistis.
Afferte Domino, filii Dei: afferte Domino filios arietum.
Afferte Domino gloriam et honorem, afferte Domino gloriam nomini ejus:
adore Dominum in atrio sancto ejus.

*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord: ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name: worship the Lord with holy worship.*

Galatians 3:27 and Psalm 29:1-2

At the Font, the Celebrant says

DEAR Friends, through the Paschal mystery, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully, as we receive our dear brothers and sisters into his holy Catholic Church by Baptism.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The People sit.

Adults and Older Children

*The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented
individually by their Sponsors, as follows*

Sponsor I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.



The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Do you desire to be baptized?

The Candidate responds

I do.

Infants and Younger Children

The candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented, the Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

The Parents and Godparents respond

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant says

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

The Parents and Godparents respond

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the Candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the Parents and Godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.



The People stand and the Celebrant addresses the congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ
and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister Open their hearts to thy grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**



- Minister Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Minister Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Minister Send them into the world in witness to thy love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Minister Bring them to the fullness of thy peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant prays over the water

WE thank thee, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it thou leddest the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it thy Son Jesus received the Baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank thee, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray thee, by the power of thy Holy Spirit [this is repeated three times as the Paschal Candle is dipped into the water, then the Celebrant breathes the Greek letter Ψ (Psi) over the water], that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Each Candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the Candidate, saying:

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



THE ANOINTING WITH THE HOLY CHRISM

The Celebrant prays over the newly baptized, saying

HEAVENLY Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon these thy servants the forgiveness of sins, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant places his hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with the Holy Chrism and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

THE GIVING OF THE LIGHTED CANDLE

A candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and given to the newly baptized or their parents. A Minister says

RECEIVE the light of Christ, so that when the bridegroom comes you may go forth with all the saints to meet him; and see that you keep the grace of your Baptism. **Amen.**

THE WELCOME

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

All remain standing as the Procession moves to the High Altar, the Celebrant sprinkling people with water from the font.

Litanist Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *People* Chri - ste e - le - i - son. *Litanist* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Litanist O Christ_ hear__ us. *People* O Christ, gra - cious - ly hear__ us.

Litanist O God, the Father of hea - ven, *People* have mer - cy up - on us.



O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost,
have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
have mercy upon us.



Holy Virgin of Virgins,
pray for us.

Holy Michael,
pray for us.

Holy Gabriel,
pray for us.

Holy Raphael,
pray for us.

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
pray for us.

All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,
pray for us.

Holy John the Baptist,
pray for us.

Holy Joseph,
pray for us.

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
pray for us.

Holy Peter,
pray for us.

Holy Paul,
pray for us.

Holy Andrew,
pray for us.

Holy John,
pray for us.

Holy Thomas,
pray for us.

All ye holy Martyrs,
pray for us.

Holy Sylvester,
pray for us.

Holy Gregory,
pray for us.

Holy Augustine,
pray for us.

All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
pray for us.

All ye holy Doctors,
pray for us.

Holy Anthony,
pray for us.

Holy Benedict,
pray for us.

Holy Dominic,
pray for us.

Holy Francis,
pray for us.

All ye holy Priests and Levites,
pray for us.

All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
pray for us.

Holy Mary Magdalene,
pray for us.

Holy Agnes,
pray for us.



All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
pray for us.

All ye holy Disciples of the Lord,
pray for us.

Holy Stephen,
pray for us.

Holy Lawrence,
pray for us.

Holy Vincent,
pray for us.

Holy Cecilia,
pray for us.

Holy Agatha,
pray for us.

Holy Anastasia,
pray for us.

All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
pray for us.

All ye holy saints of God,
intercede for us.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SETTING

Messa da Cappella

Antonio Lotti
(1667-1740)

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The organ is played, and the bells are rung by the Choir and people
during the first and last verse of the following hymn.*

The Altar candles are lit, and the Altar is honored with incense.



HYMN

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!, #207 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyna Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyna Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst make this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in thy Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

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

THE GREAT ALLELUIA

The People stand.

The Alleluia is sung three times by the Cantor, at successively higher pitches, the Congregation repeating it each time.



THE EASTER SEQUENCE

Sung by the Choir
[indicates verse played on the organ]

Plainsong
arr. Andrew Reid
(b. 1971)

VICTIMAE paschali laudes
immolent Christiani.

Agnus redemit oves:
Christus innocens Patri
reconciliavit peccatores.

*[Mors et vita duello
confluxere mirando:
dux vitae mortuus,
regnat vivus.]*

Dic nobis Maria,
quid vidisti in via?

*[Sepulcrum Christi viventis,
et gloriam vidi resurgentis:]*

Christians, to the Paschal victim
offer your thankful praises!

A lamb the sheep redeemeth:
Christ, who only is sinless,
reconcileth sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended
in that combat stupendous:
the Prince of life, who died,
reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring
what thou sawest, wayfaring:

'The tomb of Christ, who is living,
the glory of Jesus' resurrection;



Angelicos testes,
sudarium, et vestes.

[Surrexit Christus spes mea:
praecedet suos in Galilaeam.]

Scimus Chistum surrexisse
a mortuis vere:
tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.
[Amen. Alleluia.]

bright angels attesting,
the shroud and napkin resting.

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he will go before you.'

Christ indeed from death is risen,
our new life obtaining;
have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HYMN

STRAF MICH NICHT

1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!

E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide
through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb
bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night

flows the tide sev - ering us from bond-age past, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!
brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

THE risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20:19-20

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.



AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)

CHRISTUS resurgens ex mortuis, jam non moritur. Mors illi ultra non dominabitur.
Quod autem vivit, vivit Deo. Alleluia.

Dicant nunc Judaei quomodo milites custodientes sepulcrum perdiderunt Regem.
Ad lapidis positionem quare non servabant petram justitiae?
Aut sepultum reddant, aut resurgentem adorent, nobiscum dicentes: Alleluia.

*Christ, rising again from the dead, dieth now no more.
Death shall no more have dominion over him.
In that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Alleluia.*

*Let them now say how it was that the soldiers guarding the sepulchre lost the King.
Why did they not guard the tomb, which was sealed with a stone?
Let them either return his buried body, or with us worship him risen, saying: Alleluia.*

Romans 6:9-10

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.

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

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

The People kneel or stand.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.*

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

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_ Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed_ be thy_ Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it_ is_ in hea - ven.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread. and for-give us our tres-pas-ses,
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion,
but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom,
and the power and the glo - ry, for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.



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)*

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.

Please assist the ministers by taking the chalice with both hands.

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

William Byrd

HAEC dies quam fecit Dominus : exultemus et laetemur in ea.
Alleluia.

*This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia.*

Psalm 118:24

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say

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

MAY Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

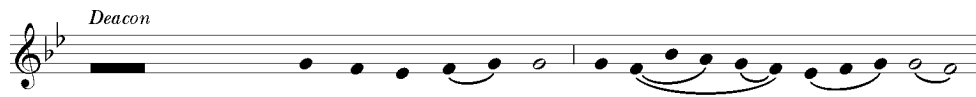
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **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.**

THE EASTER DISMISSAL

Deacon



Go, in the peace of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



HYMN

ST. ALBINUS

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -
2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus
3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O
liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry
sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us
giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

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VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

JOIN US TOMORROW ~ EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Procession, Solemn Eucharist, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Saint Thomas Brass

Preachers: 8 a.m. The Rector

11 a.m. Dean Robert Willis

2:15 p.m. An Eastertide Prelude to Evensong

From the organists of Saint Thomas Church

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Easter Procession, with Admission of Choristers

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Please join for our “Way of the Cross” on Good Friday. Throughout Holy Week and on Easter Sunday children are encouraged to attend Mass with their family. We will then be on Easter Break Sunday, April 7. Noble Singers rehearsals resume on April 11 and 12 in readiness for singing the 9am Mass and then a Family Feast on Sunday, April 14 at 10 am. Sunday School (for children ages 3-10) and “Faith Alive” (for ages 10-14) resume on Sunday, April 21. 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.

Friday Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John’s Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1pm via Zoom. We continue our journey of prayer, study, and reflection through the Gospel of John, discovering at every turn John’s wondrous vision of the light, life, and love of God at work in the world. Having finished the Book of Signs (John 1-12) in which we encounter Jesus’ public ministry, we embark this Lent 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 MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org with any questions and for the Zoom link. *Note: we will not meet on Friday, April 5.*

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 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 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 Taizé 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

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.

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.

Preschool Music Circle: Children ages 2-5 and their caregivers are welcome to join us in the Sunday School Room on Saturdays this Fall from 10:00 am - 11:00 am for our new musical offering for preschool children. Mrs. Kellerman-Filsell will lead children and caregivers in 30 mins of age-appropriate musical activities exploring rhythm, singing, and movement followed by a light snack and some play-time in the Sunday School Room and Nursery. Join us for this new class! Caregivers are strongly encouraged to attend and participate with their child(ren). For more information, and to register your child, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Medical Debt Forgiveness Campaign: As Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue celebrates its bicentennial, we are reflecting on our history of compassion and service to New York City. One tradition dating back to just after the Civil War is the church’s participation in the Easter Parade, where members carried flowers used in the Easter service to St. Luke’s Hospital located at 54th Street. This was a small way Saint Thomas Church showed caring for the sick and suffering of New York. As Easter calls us to new life in the resurrection, we invite you to extend your generosity to those with medical debt. For every dollar contributed, we can absolve over \$100 of medical debt, profoundly impacting not just individuals but entire families, bringing peace of mind and well-being.

