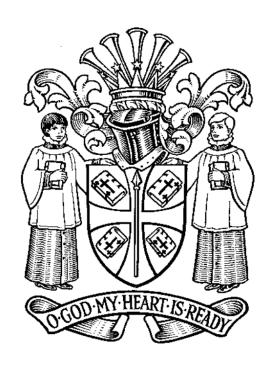
# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024 AT 4 P.M.
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (QUINQUAGESIMA)

# SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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PRELUDE Praeludium [e-Moll] Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

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

INTROIT Reginald Alwyn Surplice (1906-1977)

PRAISE the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.

Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.

Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

Psalm 148:1, 3; Psalm 150:6

#### VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
- R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- V. O God, make speed to save us.
- R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- V. Praise ve the Lord.
- R. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 99 Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Attwood)

DOMINUS REGNAVIT

THE LORD is King, be the people never so unpatient :

he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.

The Lord is great in Sion: and high above all people.

They shall give thanks unto thy Name: which is great, wonderful, and holy.

The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity :

thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

O magnify the Lord our God: and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name:

these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar: for they kept his testimonies,

and the law that he gave them.

Thou heardest them, O Lord our God: thou forgavest them, O God,

and punishedst their own inventions.

O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill: for the Lord our God is holy.

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.

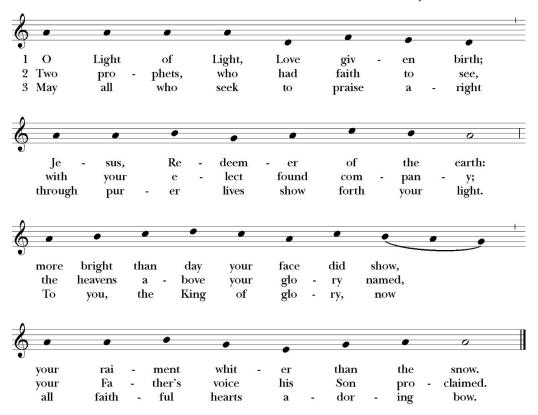


FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 19:1-16

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

#### OFFICE HYMN

#### JESU DULCIS MEMORIA



O Light of Light, Love given birth, #134 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Latin, 10<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. Laurence Housman (1865-1959).

Music: Jesu dulcis memoria, plainsong, Mode 2.

#### MAGNIFICAT OCTAVI TONI

David Bevan (1951-2021)

MAGNIFICAT anima mea, Dominum et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo, salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ:

ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est,

et sanctum nomen eius,

et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,

dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede

et exaltavit humiles;

esurientes implevit bonis

et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum recordatus misericordiæ suæ,

sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.



My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. 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 People sit.

SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

#### NUNC DIMITTIS TERTII TONI

George Malcolm (1917-1997)

UNC dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace: quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum: lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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 APOSTLES' CREED

BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, I maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholick Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS

Sung by the Choir

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

K. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

- V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. O Lord, save the State.
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.



- V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. O Lord, save thy people.
- R. And bless thine inheritance.
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

GOD, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, May be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen*.

#### THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The People sit.

#### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

In splendenti nube Spiritus Sanctus visus est, Paterna vox audita est: "Hic est Filius meus dilectus in quo mihi bene complacui: ipsum audite."

Apparuit nubes obumbrans, et vox Patris intonuit: "Hic est Filius meus dilectus in quo mihi bene complacui: ipsum audite."

#### Sung by the Choir

Peter Philips (1561-1628) blendid cloud

In a splendid cloud the Holy Spirit was seen; The Father's voice was heard: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; Listen to Him."

A cloud appeared and overshadowed them And the Father's voice was heard: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; Listen to Him."



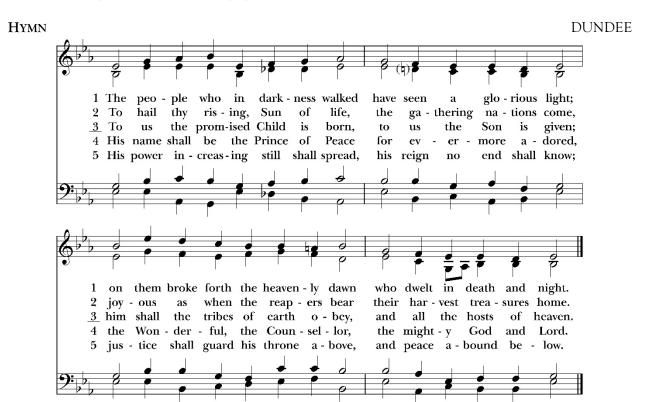


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#### BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

#### **EXPOSITION**

The People stand. As the altar is prepared, this hymn is sung.



The people who in darkness walked, #126 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7.

Music: Dundee, melody The CL Psalmes of Davis, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635?), alt.

#### O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The People kneel when the bell rings as the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar.

SALUTARIS hostia quae caeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia: da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in patria. O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to man below, our foes press on from every side, thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend for evermore, blest one in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end in our true native land with thee.



#### **MEDITATION**

The People may sit or kneel during this extended period of prayer and devotion.

#### SILENCE

ORGAN MEDITATION Tranquillo, ma con moto from Six Short Pieces for Organ

Herbert Howells

#### PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

The Minister says

Let us pray.

The People kneel. This response is used

Lord, in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

After a collect, the devotions end with

Blessed, Praised, and Hallowed be Jesus Christ on his Throne of Glory.

People And in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

TANTUM ERGO

Malcolm Archer

(b. 1952)

TANTUM ergo sacramentum Veneremur cernui, Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Genitori genitoque Laus et jubilatio, Salus honor virtus quoque Sit et benedictio. Precedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen. Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing to the Father and the Son, honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing, who from both with both is One. Amen.

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

The Officiant sings

Thou gavest them bread from heaven. Alleluia. *People* Containing within itself all sweetness. Alleluia.



#### **COLLECT**

Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

The Officiant blesses the People with the Blessed Sacrament.

#### THE DIVINE PRAISES

The People repeat each line after the Officiant

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Blessed be God in the hearts of his faithful people.

The Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle. The People stand when the bell rings.

PSALM 117 Sung by the Choir Jeffrey Smith
(b. 1960)

#### LAUDATE DOMINUM

Antiphon Let us adore for ever the Most Holy Sacrament.

PRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord. 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.

Antiphon Let us adore for ever the Most Holy Sacrament.

VOLUNTARY Praeludium [G-Dur] Nicolaus Bruhns





The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: George Arents, Amelia Parsons Ferry, E. Hayward Ferry, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Sir George A. Shearing, KBE

# ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Said Mass

12 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy of Ash Wednesday\* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Fr. Gioia

5:30 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy of Ash Wednesday\* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rector

\* indicates livestreamed.

Imposition of ashes will be available at all services, and in between all the liturgies in the nave.

Confessions:	Chantry	Resurrection Chapel
9:30-10:30 am	The Rector	Fr. Gioia
10:30-11:30 am	Mo. Lee-Pae	Fr. Moretz
3-4 pm	Mo. Turner	Fr. Schultz
4-5 pm	Fr. Gioia	The Rector

#### WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist\*

Tuesday - Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Wednesday – Ash Wednesday Schedule on previous page

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\*
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Friday
3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer
In the Resurrection Chapel

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

Next Sunday: February 18, The First Sunday in Lent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Litany and Solemn Eucharist\* sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom

**4 p.m. Solemn Evensong\*** sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Lenten Sermon Series: "Lord, teach us to pray" – former clergy of Saint Thomas explore patterns of prayer.

Sermon by The Rev. Sean Mullen, Rector, St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, PA, on "Prayer – the Heart in Pilgrimage"

**5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series**Alexander Ffinch, organ - Cheltenham, United Kingdom

# **50** PILGRIMS' COURSE 2024



Want to know more about the Christian Faith? Want to be baptized or confirmed? Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church? The Pilgrims' Course explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes are open to all and, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. The next class will be on Wednesday, February 21. The subject of the week's class will be The Christian Exodus: An Introduction to Lent and Holy Week. A simple hot meal is available at 6:30pm, and the class runs from 7-8pm. Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join us on-line.

To register please email: pilgrims@saintthomaschurch.org

### PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: A pre-Lenten pancake family feast will take place today in the dining room at 10am. Please note that Sunday school will be on winter break next Sunday February 18. 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. To receive our CFM newsletter, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Beloved Community-An Invitation from Pamela Lewis: February is Black History Month, which we will observe through a project organized around the idea of the Beloved Community. Though some of us may feel that Black History Month does not relate to our experience, as a church we can embrace this beautiful idea of Beloved Community, about which Dr. Martin Luther King had spoken powerfully and eloquently. I therefore invite you to reflect on this theme and to send in your reflection on how Saint Thomas Church is a Beloved Community to belovedcommunity@saintthomaschurch.org by February 29. On Saturday, March 2, there will be a discussion group, where we will share those reflections and engage in an open and heartfelt discussion about this beautiful idea as it relates to our parish.

Our Parish Bookstore and Gift Shop is still temporarily closed. However, we will have a table in the Narthex on Sundays after the 11am services thru March 17, selling books for Lent and Easter. If you have any questions, please reach out to <a href="mailto:giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org">giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org</a>.

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 Tree of the Knowledge: Cinematic Visions of Good and Evil - A Lenten Film Series: On Friday evenings in Lent, join us for the return of Lenten Movie Nights in which we will explore together the following questions: are innocence and goodness the same? Is evil depicted as a force, a person, an illness, a situation or pattern, an archetype . . . and what do these depictions say about the film-makers' perspectives on evil and on goodness? How does the good show up-what does it look like? And how might the Church respond to or critique these visions? Each session begins at 6pm with a vegetarian meal (for those abstaining from meat on Fridays), followed by the film at 6:30pm, with a discussion afterward. For more information. please contact Fr. Schultz 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 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: <a href="mailto:lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org">lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org</a>.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1pm. Fr. Schultz leads a series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Join us as we continue our exploration of the Book of Signs (John 1:18 through chapter 12). For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Nora Thomson: nthomson@choirschool.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, has resumed weekly rehearsals and singing at the 9am Mass. We welcome new singers at any time. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For more information, and to register your singer, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.



# CHORISTER FOR A DAY



FEBRUARY 25, 2024 2:00 - 5:30 PM

JOIN US!

We invite boys in grades 2-6 and their families to visit the Choir School for an afternoon in the life of a chorister. Prior music study is not necessary; any boy who enjoys singing is welcome to attend!

The event includes a tour of the school, Q&A with administration and current parents, and an opportunity for boys to rehearse and sing an Evensong service with our current choristers.



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Saint Thomas Choir School educates the treble choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. The boys are nurtured and educated in grades three through eight and live together in the heart of Manhattan at the only boarding choir school in the U.S.

Life at the Choir School extends far beyond the choir stalls and classroom—boys enjoy animated conversations at the dinner table with resident faculty, quiet stories read before bed, outings to shows, and Central Park as their backyard. These formative experiences inspire many graduates to recall their time at the Choir School as the "privilege of a lifetime."

The Choir School invites you to visit and learn more about this distinctive educational opportunity. Tuition is modest and generous scholarships are available.

Call to take the next step Nora Thomson Director of Outreach & Enrollment



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