## SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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## SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 AT 4 P.M. THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT The Beginning of Passiontide

## SOLEMN EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"

"Jesus – Prayer and Healing"

The Rev. Canon Stuart Kenworthy



#### Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

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**PRELUDE** 

Le jardin suspendu JA 71

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

INTROIT Sung by the Choir

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

MAKE me a clean heart O God: renew a right spirit within me. For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Psalm 50:10; Psalm 51:3, 8

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





#### THE PENITENTIAL INTRODUCTION

The Priest says these Sentences of the Scriptures

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9-10* 

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Psalm 51:9

O Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. *Jeremiah* 10:24; *Psalm* 6:1

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 St. John 1:8-9

The Priest says

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

The People kneel.

#### THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Priest and People

A LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and pronounces the Absolution

A LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent,



and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People stand.

#### VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

James Buonemani

(b. 1956)

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

- ٧. O Lord, open thou our lips.
- R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- ٧. 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 34

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Martin)

#### BENEDICAM DOMINO

WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her bear in the Lord.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger:

but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that lusteth to live: and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil:

to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart:

and will save such as be of an humble spirit.



Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants:

and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

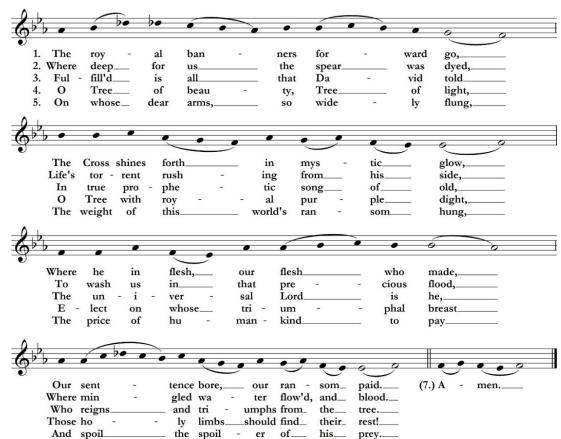
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 15:22-26

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN VEXILLA REGIS

Verses 2, 4, and 6 shall be sung by upper voices only; verses 3 and 5 by lower voices.



- O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
   So may thy pow'r with us prevail
   To give new virtue to the saint,
   And pardon to the penitent.
- To thee, eternal Three in One, Let homage meet by all be done: Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore, Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.



MAGNIFICAT IN A Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)

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 Luke 6:12-19

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN A Stephen Caracciolo

ORD, 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

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,
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 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

ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men:
Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest,
and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



#### THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Sung by the Choir Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

QUIS est homo qui non fleret Matrem Christi si videret in tanto supplicio?

Quis non posset contristari, Matrem Christi contemplari dolentem cum Filio?

Pro peccatis suae gentis vidit Jesum in tormentis et flagellis subditum.

**SERMON** 

Who is there who would not weep to see the Mother of Christ in such torture?

Who cannot be saddened, to contemplate the Mother of Christ grieving with her Son?

For the sins of his people, she saw Jesus placed in torments and scourges.

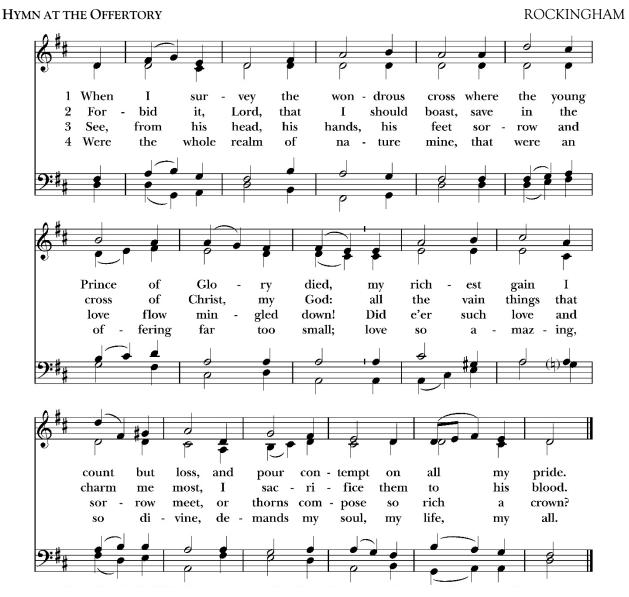
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Interim Vicar, Washington National Cathedral



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When I survey the wondrous cross, #474 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Rockingham, from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

#### BLESSING

CHRIST crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.



LENT PROSE Sung by the Choir Plainsong (Mode V)

The People stand and join in the Refrain.



To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

\*Refrain\*

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement. *Refrain* 

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

\*Refrain\*

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

\*Refrain\*

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

\*Refrain\*

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Jehan Alain

#### 5:15 P.M. SUNDAY RECITAL SERIES

Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series featuring Lenten Bach Cantatas:

Ich habe genug, BWV 82

Mein Herze schwimmt im Blut, BWV 199

Performed by Brian Mummert, baritone, Margaret Carpenter Haigh, soprano, and the Saint Thomas Baroque Ensemble



#### 90 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 Wednesday, March 20, on the subject *The History of the Church 2: Reformation*, Anglicanism, and the Oxford Movement. 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.

#### EASTER FLOWERS

Contributions are now being received for Easter Flowers 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 Easter service leaflet. In order to cover the cost of the flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25. Please go to our website (www.saintthomaschurch.org/give) or please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation.

Deadline for submission is TOMORROW: Monday, March 18.

#### 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 era 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. During Lent this year, Saint Thomas is raising money to address modern challenges facing those who are sick. Partnering with RIP Medical Debt, we aim to raise funds to forgive medical debt, following the example of Christ's healing ministry. Every dollar donated can relieve over a hundred dollars of debt, offering tangible relief to those in need. To participate in this campaign, individuals can scan the QR code. For inquiries, contact Parishioner Erich Erving at erich@shoestringpressny.org. Let's join together in this act of compassion, honoring Saint Thomas's legacy and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those burdened by medical expenses.



### WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

#### Today

#### 5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Lenten Bach Cantatas: Ich habe genug, BWV 82 and Mein Herze schwimmt im Blut, BWV 199 Performed by Brian Mummert, baritone, Margaret Carpenter Haigh, soprano, and the Saint Thomas Baroque Ensemble

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

Tuesday - Saint Joseph 5:30 p.m. Said Mass In the Resurrection Chapel

Wednesday - Cuthbert 12 p.m. The Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist\*

#### 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: Fr. Gioia

Next Sunday: March 24, Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Mass

11 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms and Solemn Eucharist of the Passion\*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

#### 4 p.m. Solemn Evensong\*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Very Rev. Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Holy Week Addresses: "In accordance with the scriptures"

## PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Today from 10-10:40am, Sunday School (for children ages 3-10) continues in the Sunday School room with a Lenten Theme of "Boats in the Bible," which concludes today. "Faith Alive" (for students ages 10-14) also continues today in the Living Room with Father Preston Gonzalez-Grissom. And then we will all join together on March 24 for a Sunday Procession at the 9am Mass followed by a Palm Sunday Family Feast in the Dining Room at 10am. 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 children and families@saintthomaschurch.org.

An Introduction to Safeguarding Training for New Volunteers will take place this afternoon, from 1-2:30pm on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, or if you plan to attend, please inform Mother Turner, by Thursday, March 14 at aturner@saintthomaschurch.org.

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 giftshop@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.

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. Note: there will be no tours on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

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: <a href="mailto:nthomson@choirschool.org">nthomson@choirschool.org</a>.

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 through email: 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: lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

# A Small School in a Great City



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.

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Call to take the next step Nora Thomson Director of Outreach & Enrollment 212-247-3311

