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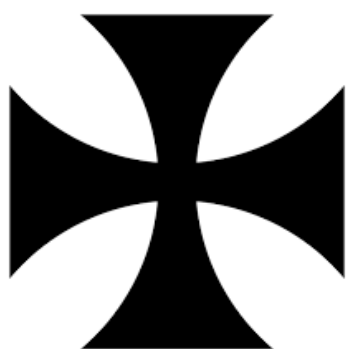
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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 AT 11 A.M.  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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  
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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells  
(1892-1983)

PRELUDE

Psalms Prelude Set 2 No. 3: Lento Serioso

Herbert Howells

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

HYMN

ST. PETERSBURG

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of  
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple


shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

*Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*, #574 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt.  
Music: St. Petersburg, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).




## THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

*Celebrant*



Bless the Lord who for - giv - eth all our sins.

*People*



His mer - cy en - dur - eth for ev - er.

*The Celebrant says*

THE grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Savior Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us, therefore, confess our sins in penitence and faith. (Cf. Titus 2:11-14)

*The People kneel. Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant says*

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

*The People remain kneeling for the Kyrie and Collect.*

KYRIE ELEISON

*Sung by the Choir*

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.

**A**Lmighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls,  
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

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

PSALM 19

*Sung by the Choir*

Anglican Chant (*Darlington*)

CAELI ENARRANT

**T**HE heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth his handywork.  
One day telleth another : and one night certieth another.  
There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.  
Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.  
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun :  
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,  
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.  
It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,  
and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.  
The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul :  
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.  
The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart :  
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.  
The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever :  
the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold :  
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.  
Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.  
Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.  
Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me :  
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.  
Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be alway acceptable in thy sight,  
O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.  
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 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

The People stand.

HYMN

TOPLADY

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

*Rock of ages, cleft for me*, #685 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt.  
Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

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

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rector

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Calvin Hampton  
(1938-1984)

I be-lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, Al - might - y,  
mak - er of hea - ven and earth, and of all things vi - si - ble and in - vi - si - ble.  
And in one Lord\_ Je - sus Christ the on - ly be - got - ten Son of God, be - got - ten of\_ his\_  
Fa - ther be - fore all worlds, God of God, Light of light, ve - ry God of  
ve - ry God, be - got - ten, not\_ made, being of one sub - stance with the Fa - ther,  
by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came  
down from hea - ven, and\_ was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of\_ the\_  
Vir - gin Ma - ry and was made\_ man. And was cru - ci - fied al - so  
for\_ us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late: he suf - fered\_ and was bur -  
ied. And the third day he rose a - gain ac - cord - ing to the scrip - tures,





and a - scen-ded in - to hea - ven, and sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther, and  
he shall come a - gain with glo - ry to judge both the quick and the dead, whose  
king-dom shall have no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the  
Lord, and giv - er of life, who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa - ther and the  
Son, Who with the Fa-ther and Son to-geth-er is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied. Who  
spake by the pro - phets. And I be-lieve in one ho - ly cath-o - lic and ap - os -  
tol - ic Church. I ac-know-ledge one bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of  
sins. And I look for the res - ur - rec - tion of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. A - men, A - men.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM III)

*The Intercessor says*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

*The People kneel.*

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in thy sight.**



Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

**A**LMIGHTY God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage, we beseech thee, to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

#### THE PEACE

*The Celebrant says*

**S**INCE we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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

*The People offer one another a sign of peace.*

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

#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

##### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*Sung by the Choir*

*Randall Thompson  
(1899-1984)*

**I**N this world (the Isle of Dreams)  
While we sit by sorrow's streams,  
Tears and terrors are our themes  
Reciting:

But when once from hence we fly,  
More and more approaching nigh  
Unto young eternity  
Uniting:

If that whiter island, where  
Things are evermore sincere;  
Candor here, and lustre there  
Delighting:

There no monstrous fancies shall  
Out of hell an horror call,  
To create (or cause at all)  
Affrighting.

There in calm and cooling sleep  
We our eyes shall never steep;  
But eternal watch shall keep  
Attending.

Pleasures, such as shall pursue  
Me immortalized, and you;  
And fresh joys, as never too  
Have ending.

*Robert Herrick (c. 1591-1674)*



The People stand.

HYMN

DONNE

1 Wilt thou for - give that sin, where I be - gun,  
2 Wilt thou for - give that sin, by which I won  
3 I have a sin of fear that when I've spun

which is my sin, though it were done be - fore?  
o - thers to sin, and made my sin their door?  
my last thread, I shall per - ish on the shore;

Wilt thou for - give those sins through which I run,  
Wilt thou for - give that sin which I did shun  
swear by thy - self, that at my death thy Son

and do run still, though still I do de - plore?  
a year or two, but wal - lowed in a score?  
shall shine as he shines now, and here - to - fore.

When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.  
And hav - ing done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

*Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun*, #140 from *The Hymnal* 1982 – Words: John Donne (1573-1631).  
Music: Donne, melody and bass John Hilton (1599-1657), alt.; harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935), after Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987).



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## 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*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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

**H**OLY, 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 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

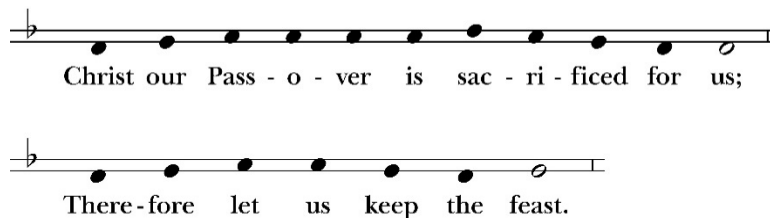
*The Celebrant says*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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



## 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 shouldest come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.*



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

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

HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.  
The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.  
You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*

AGNUS DEI

*Sung by the Choir*

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

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

*Attende Domine  
(from Twelve Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Themes)*

*Jeanne Demessieux  
(1921-1968)*

ANTHEM

*Dan Locklair  
(b. 1949)*

**P**ATER noster, qui es in caelis,  
sanctificetur nomen tuum;  
adveniat regnum tuum;  
fiat voluntas tua,  
sicut in caelo et in terra.  
Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie.  
Et dimitte nobis debita nostra,  
sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.  
Et ne nos inducas in tentationem;  
sed libera nos a malo.  
Amen.

*Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.*

*After Communion, silence is kept for a while.*



## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel and silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*During Lent, the Blessing is replaced by a solemn prayer.*

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*    Look mercifully on this thy family, Almighty God,  
that by thy great goodness they may be preserved evermore;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



HYMN

SONG 22

*Unison or harmony*

1 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of peace;  
2 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of right;  
3 Lead us, O Fa - ther, to thy heaven - ly rest,

with - out thy guid - ing hand we go a - stray,  
blind - ly we stum - ble when we walk a - lone,  
how - ev - er rough and steep thy path may be;

and doubts ap - pall, and sor - rows still in - crease;  
in - volved in sha - dows of a dark - some night;  
through joy or sor - row, as thou deem - est best,

lead us through Christ, the true and liv - ing Way.  
on - ly with thee we jour - ney safe - ly on.  
un - til our lives are per - fect - ed in thee.

*Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace*, #703 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: William Henry Burleigh (1812-1871), alt.  
Music: Song 22, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Scherzo (1974)

James Clifford Brown  
(1923-2004)





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*God's Love at the Heart of New York*

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



#### 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, March 13. The subject of the week's class will be *The History of the Church 1:*

*From House Church to Established Religion.* 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](mailto: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](http://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 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 the 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](mailto: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

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

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

*Sermon by The Rev. Richard Alton, Rector of St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia*

Lenten Sermon Series: "Lord, teach us to pray"

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

*Jerrick Cavagnaro, Organ - Boston, MA*

### Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday

#### 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist\*

### Tuesday

#### 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

### Wednesday

#### 12 p.m. The Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist\*

#### 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

### Thursday - Perpetua and Felicity

#### 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

### 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. Schultx

#### Next Sunday: March 10, The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare)

#### 7:45 a.m. Said Mass

#### 9 a.m. Sung Mass

*followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

#### 11 a.m. Festal Eucharist\*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

Sermon by The Rector

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

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

*Sermon by The Rev. Adam Spencer, Rector, St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church, Glencoe, IL*

Lenten Sermon Series: "Lord, teach us to pray"

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

*Timothy Olsen, Organ - Winston-Salem, NC*

## PARISH NOTICES

**Children and Family Ministries:** Sunday School (for children ages 3-10) continues today in the Sunday School room with a Lenten Theme of “Boats in the Bible,” which will run through March 17. “Faith Alive” kicks off today in the Living Room (2nd Floor) from 10-10:40am. We want to hear from you! Students ages 10-14 come meet Father Preston Gonzalez-Grissom and share your hopes for the Spring program season! 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 [childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:childrenandfamilies@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](mailto:giftshop@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.

**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](mailto:nthomson@choirschool.org).

**Friday Bible Study**—Christ and Ekklesia: John’s Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Mark 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](mailto:MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org) with any questions and for the Zoom link.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org).

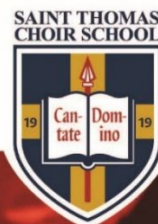
## RSVP for Diocesan Mission Review: A Listening Session for Lay Leaders

A Diocesan Mission Review Listening Session for Lay Leaders in our Midtown Manhattan Clericus will take place on Tuesday, March 5th from 6:30-8pm at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue. You are most welcome to come to Evensong beforehand at 5:30pm. Please enter by the Parish House entrance on 1 West 53rd Street if you are coming directly to the meeting. Light refreshments will be provided.

As a part of the transition of Bp. Matthew Heyd into his role as 17th Bishop this February, the Diocese is beginning a Mission Review process. The goal of the Review will be to set shared priorities and align diocesan leadership structures and budget with the needs of local communities. Every parish and ministry of the diocese will participate. This is an opportunity for the Mission Review task force to listen to the hopes and needs of our community. A full report of the Mission Review and next steps will be shared at Diocesan Convention in November. All are welcome. A follow-up survey will be sent out after the listening session for further feedback.

Please RSVP for the listening session by Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>: [dbryan@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:dbryan@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.

[choirschool.org](http://choirschool.org)

Call to take the next step  
Nora Thomson  
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