SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE in the

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Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday

THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE	'Maundy Thursday' (from Holy Week)	Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)
THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS	Missa Brevis Collegii Keblensis	Jeremy Filsell (b. 1964)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

HYMN

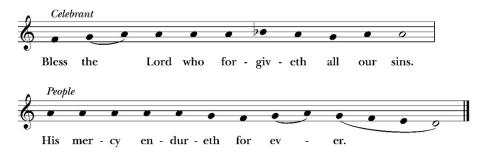
GERONTIUS



Praise to the Holiest in the height, #445 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. Music: Gerontius, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION



CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

SEEING that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Matthew 22:37-40

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

MOST merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. 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.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

The People stand. Bells are rung joyfully, but are not rung again until the Easter Acclamation is heard.

CLORIA in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ. With the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

A LMIGHTY Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

The People sit.

THE LESSON

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Exodus 12:1-14



PSALM 116:1-2, 11-16

Anglican Chant (Buck)

DILEXI, QUONIAM

I AM well pleased: that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer; That he hath inclined his ear unto me; therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. What reward shall I give unto the Lord: for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation: and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people:

right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant: I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people: in the courts of the Lord's house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

THE EPISTLE

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

The People stand.

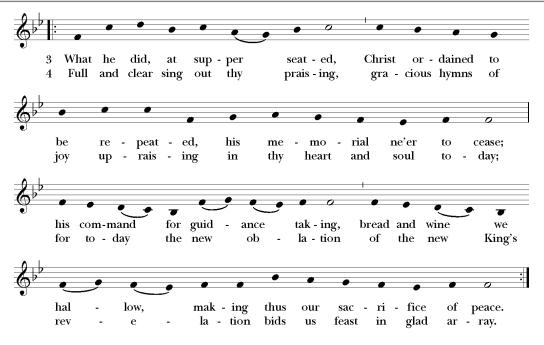
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1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

LAUDA SION SALVATOREM

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

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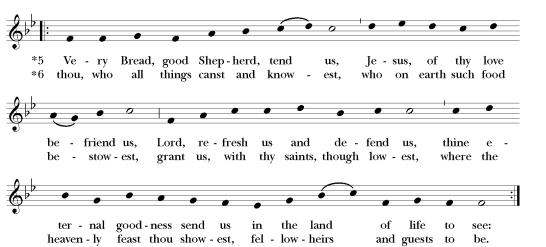


After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



SEQUENCE



Zion, praise thy Savior, singing, #320 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Att. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); tr. Hymnal 1940; rev. Hymnal 1982. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: Lauda Sion Salvatorem, plainsong, Mode 7, 12th cent.; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).



THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Robert Willis Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Holy Week Sermon Series: "In Accordance with the Scriptures"

After the sermon, silence is kept.

THE WASHING OF FEET

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

UBI caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur. Ne nos mente dividamur, caveamus. Cessent jurgia maligna, cessent lites. Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Simul quoque cum beatis videamus. Gloriantur vultum tuum, Christe Deus: gaudium quod est immensum, atque probum. Saecula per infinita saeculorum. Amen. Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Where charity and love are, God is there. As we are gathered into one body, beware, lest we be divided in mind. Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease, and may Christ our God be in our midst.

Where charity and love are, God is there. And may we with the saints also, see Thy face in glory, O Christ our God: the joy that is immense and good, unto the ages through infinite ages. Amen.

Attributed to Paulinus of Aquileia, 769

The People stand as the Ministers go to the Altar.

The Celebrant introduces the ceremony of the foot-washing with these words

FELLOW servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. Come remembering his admonition that what will be done for us is also to be done by us to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

The People sit. The representatives of the congregation take their places in Choir for the washing of the feet. The Celebrant removes his outer garment and girds himself with a towel.

During the foot-washing the Choir sings the following anthem:



MANDATUM

Sung by the Choir

Douglas Major (b. 1953)

THE Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples, and had washed their feet, said to them: Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done. Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you. Peace which the world cannot give I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you. Peace which the world cannot give I give to you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: that you have love for one another. Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you. Peace which the world cannot give I give. My peace I leave with you.

At the completion of the foot-washing, the Celebrant invites the People to stand.

Celebrant	Lord, thou hast declared thy will
People	That we should diligently keep thy commandments.
Celebrant	Thou hast commanded us to love one another
People	As thou hast loved us.
Celebrant	Lord in thy mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.

OST loving Lord, thou hast stooped to wash the feet of thy disciples. Accept our act of obedience and humble service. Wash us clean from all sin and teach us to serve thee in the least of thy brethren to the glory of the Father, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, now and for ever. Amen.

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

MOTET AT THE OFFERTORY

S IVE vigilem, sive dormiam, sive edam aut bibam, semper videor mihi audire sonum tubae et voce angeli clamantis et dicentis: Surgite mortui, et venite ad iudicium. Vigilemus et oremus, quia nescimus diem neque horam quando Dominus veniet. Whether I keep watch or sleep, whether I eat or drink, always I seem to hear the sound of the trumpet and the voice of an angel calling out and saying: Rise up, ye dead, and come to the judgement. Let us watch and pray, for we do not know the day nor the hour when the Lord will come.

Anonymous

Hymn

UNDE ET MEMORES





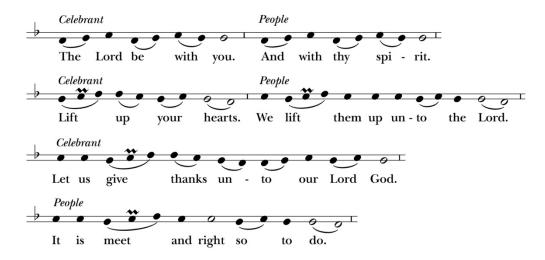
William Mundy (c. 1529-1591)





And now, O Father, mindful of the love, #473 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: Unde et memores, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant sings the Preface

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 for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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

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. Sung by the Choir

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 People kneel or stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

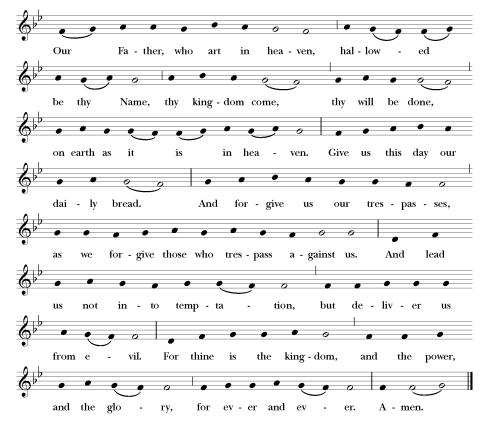
The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

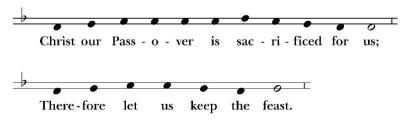
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant





THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

A GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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

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 Celebrant received Holy Communion.

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

J 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. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

ORGAN REFLECTION

Le Banquet Céleste

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

 \frown ELUI qui mange ma chair et boit mon sang demeure en moi et moi en lui.

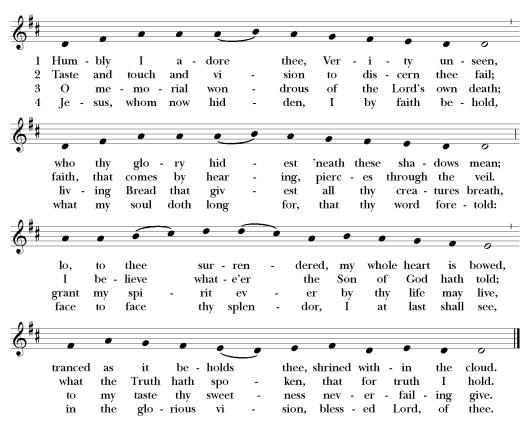
'He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me and I in him.'



The People kneel while this hymn is sung.

HYMN

ADORO DEVOTE



Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, #314 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. Hymnal 1940; st. 4, tr. Hymnal 1982. Music: Adoro devote, French church melody, Mode 5, Processionale, 1697.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People say

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.



PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

The People remain kneeling. The ministers proceed in silence, stopping for each verse of the hymn to be sung.

Hymn

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Now, my tongue, the mystery telling, #329 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); ver. Hymnal 1940, rev. Music: Pange lingua, plainsong, Mode 3, Zisterzienser Hymnar, 14th cent.

Once the Sacrament is placed on the Altar, the Choir sings

TANTUM ERGO

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

ANTUM ergo sacramentum	Therefore, so greatly the Sacrament				
Veneremur cernui,	Let us venerate with heads bowed				
et antiquum documentum	And let the old practice				
novo cedat ritui.	Give way to the new rite;				
Præstet fides supplementum	Let faith provide a supplement				
sensuum defectui.	For the failure of the senses.				
Genitori genitoque	To the Begetter and the Begotten,				
laus et jubilatio,	Be praise and jubilation,				
Salus, honor, virtus quoque	Hail, honour, virtue also,				
sit et benedictio!	And blessing too:				
Procedenti ab utroque	To the One proceeding from Both				
compar sit laudatio! Amen.	Let there be equal praise. Amen.				



Silence is kept. Then, a minister reads this passage from the Gospel according to Saint Mark

A ND they went to a place which was called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray." And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch." And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt." And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The Altar is stripped of all its hangings, cloths, and ornaments, and then cleansed with wine and water. The People sit or kneel, or may gather quietly at the Altar of Repose.

PSALM 22

Plainsong (Tone II¹)

M Y God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me: and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint? O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not: and in the night-season also I take no rest. And thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel. Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying, He trusted in God, that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, if he will have him. But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: thou wast my hope,

when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born: thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me: fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths: as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:

my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums:

and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me: and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones: they stand staring and looking upon me. They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord: thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth: thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

I will declare thy Name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;

For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor:

he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation: my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord shall praise him;

your heart shall live for ever.



All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord:

and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the Governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth: have eaten and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him: and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve him: they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness: unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

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All leave in silence.

THE WATCH

All are invited to participate in the Vigil of Prayer at the Altar of Repose in the Chantry Chapel. The church will close at 9 p.m.

Confessions on Good Friday

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Mo. Lee-Pae (Nave) 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Fr. Schultz (Resurrection Chapel)

3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Mo. Turner (Nave) **4:15 – 5 p.m.** Mo. Turner (Nave) **3:30 – 5 p.m.** The Rector (Resurrection Chapel)

THE TRIDUUM CONTINUES

The choral services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand

Holy Week Sermon Series: "In Accordance with the Scriptures" The Very Rev. Robert Willis Dean Emeritus of Canterbury

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 3:30-5 p.m. Confessions 10:30 a.m. The Way of the Cross – The Way of Love A celebration especially for children and families 12 p.m. The Three Hours' Devotion sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Preacher: The Rev. Canon Susan Harriss – "The Seven Last Words from the Cross" 5:30 p.m. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion including the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30 5:30 p.m. The Great Vigil, Baptism, and First Mass of Easter sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

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 Willis
2:15 p.m. An Eastertide Prelude to Evensong Maks Adach, Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist
3 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Easter Procession, with Admission of New 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 오후1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

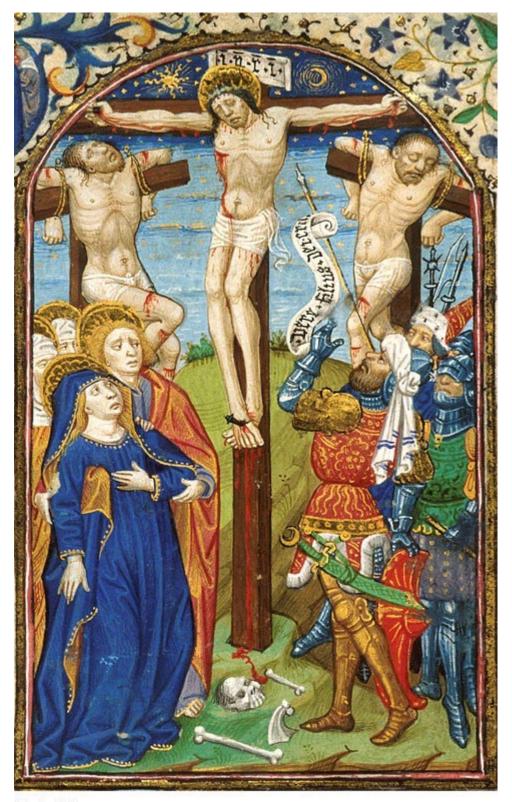
Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at pleepae@SaintThomasChurch.org 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 <u>RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org</u>.

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 <u>RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org</u>.

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.





The Crucifixion. Book of Hours, Use of Paris, c1440-1450. BL MS Egerton 2019 f. 126.