SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024 AT 4 P.M. THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FESTAL EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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 Elegy Arthur Wills (1926-2020)

INTROIT Sung by the Choir Harold Rhodes (1889-1956)

YE men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? Alleluia.

In like manner as ye have seen him going up into Heaven: so shall he come again. Alleluia.

Acts 1:11

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

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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 ye the Lord.
- R. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 19 Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Darlington)

CAELI ENARRANT

THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

• One day telleth another : and one night certifieth 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.

PSALM 46 Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Luther)

DEUS NOSTER REFUGIUM

OD is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved:

and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell:

and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God:

the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed :

God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved:

but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord:

what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world: he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen,

and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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.

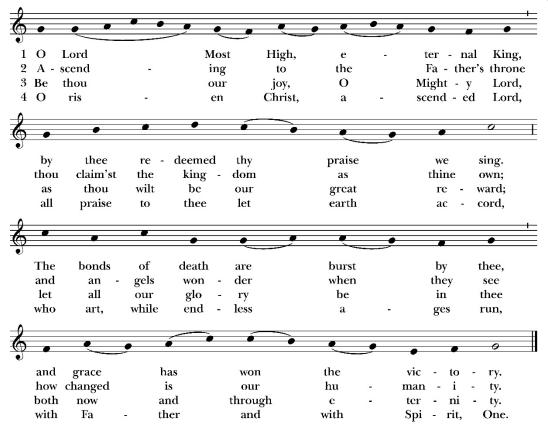
FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



HYMN

AETERNE REX ALTISSIME



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MAGNIFICAT The Second Service Kenneth Leighton

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 4:14-21

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS The Second Service Kenneth Leighton

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

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 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, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. 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 Philip Moore
(b. 1943)

↑ LL wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him for ever.

Who can number the sand of the sea and the drops of rain and the days of eternity?

Who can find out the height of heaven, and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom.

Wisdom hath been created before all things and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.

The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom,

and her ways are everlasting commandments.

To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? or who hath known her wise counsels?

There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne.

He created her, and saw her and numbered her, and poured her out upon all his works.

She is with all flesh according to his gifts, and he hath given her to them that love him.

The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing.

The fear of the Lord maketh a merry, merry heart and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life.

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him for ever.

Wisdom hath been created before all things.

Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me go in the way of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.

O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee.

Behold my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken my in thy righteousness.

Ecclesiasticus 1:1-6, 8-12; Psalm 119:33-35, 38-40

SERMON

The Rev. Alison J. Turner
Associate for Children & Family Ministry and School Chaplain

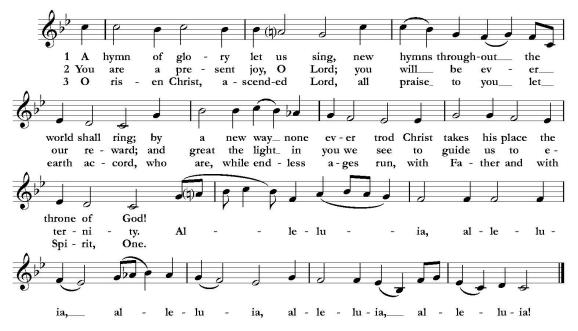


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HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

DEO GRACIAS



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THE BLESSING

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

PSALM 150

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Talbot)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

PRAISE God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath: 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.

VOLUNTARY Paean Kenneth Leighton

%) 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, May 15. The subject of the week's class will be *Relationships: Marriage*, *Commitment, and Religious Communities*. 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.



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Thomas Biallot, Robert Means Brannon, Guernsey Curran, Jane Rutherford Faile, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, the Rev. Leslie John Alden Lang, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Munsell, Judith Loman Spires, and Lena Succa

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today 5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series Daniel Jernigan, Organ – Raleigh, NC

Monday – Saturday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Saturday - Our Lady 11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel Confessor: Mo. Turner Next Sunday: May 19, The Day of Pentecost

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

10 a.m. Procession and Solemn Eucharist with Baptism, Confirmation and Reception* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd, 17th Bishop of New York

4 p.m. Procession, Solemn Evensong and Solemn Te Deum* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series Mark Shepherd, Organ – United Kingdom

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (ages 3-10) and Faith Alive (ages 10-14) are meeting today. 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.

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 Saint Thomas Tour Guide Group would like to extend an invitation to individuals interested in becoming a Saint Thomas Tour Guide Candidate. Interested individuals must be pledging members of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue and should have an interest in Church History, Iconography and Church Architecture, as well as a familiarity with the worship of the church. Candidates will work with a Mentor, an existing Tour Guide, and will receive a Study Guide. If you would like to become a Saint Thomas Tour Guide Candidate, please send an e-mail expressing your interest to: tourguides@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.

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 please@SaintThomasChurch.org. Note: we will not meet this Friday, May 17 due to a memorial service in the church.

Friday Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1pm via Zoom. We have embarked 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 Fr. Schultz with any questions and for the Zoom link: 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.

Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed! The Saint Thomas Soup Kitchen is looking to grow its corps of volunteers to launch a successful re-start of the ministry! Particularly needed at this time are people who are willing and able to travel one of the routes on Saturday mornings, delivering a good meal, lovingly prepared, to food-insecure folks along the way. Might this be a ministry to which the Spirit is calling you? To find out more, and to receive a Volunteer Application, write to soupkitchen@SaintThomasChurch.org.