

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE  
in the  
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 AT 4 P.M.  
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EVENSONG  
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR



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**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

Prelude on Tallis's Canon

Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852-1924)

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Andrew Millington  
(b. 1952)

*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 127

*Sung by the Choir*

Plainsong (*Tone II<sup>1</sup>*)

NISI DOMINUS

**E**XCEPT the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost that build it.  
Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but in vain.  
It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest,  
and eat the bread of carefulness : for so he giveth his beloved sleep.  
Lo, children and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.  
Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant : even so are the young children.  
Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them :  
they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.  
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 128

*Sung by the Choir*

Plainsong (*Tone II<sup>1</sup>*)

BEATI OMNES

**B**LESSED are all they that fear the Lord : and walk in his ways.  
For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands : O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.  
Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine : upon the walls of thine house.  
Thy children like the olive-branches : round about thy table.  
Lo, thus shall the man be blessed : that feareth the Lord.  
The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee :  
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.  
Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon 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.



FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 11, 12

*The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.*

OFFICE HYMN

THE EIGHTH TUNE

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ*, #25 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Greek, 3<sup>rd</sup> cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*. Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585).

MAGNIFICAT IN E

Herbert Howells  
(1892-1983)

**M**Y SOUL doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The People sit.*

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 2:1-7

*The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.*



NUNC DIMITTIS IN E

*Herbert Howells*

**L**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

**I** 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.

*R.* 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.*



- ℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
℟. And grant us thy salvation.
- ℣. O Lord, save the State.  
℟. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- ℣. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
℟. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- ℣. O Lord, save thy people.  
℟. And bless thine inheritance.
- ℣. Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
℟. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- ℣. O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
℟. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

**O** 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

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

*The People sit.*

#### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*Sung by the Choir*

*Sir William H. Harris  
(1883-1973)*

**B**EHOLD now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord;  
ye that by night stand in the courts of our God.  
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.  
The Lord that made heaven and earth, give thee blessing out of Sion.

*Anonymous*



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SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Moretz

Vicar

HYMN

SIROË

1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor  
2 A cloud of wit - ness - cs a - round hold thee in full sur -  
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on  
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor

on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and  
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and  
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to  
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and

an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.  
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.  
thine as - pir - ing cyc, to thine as - pir - ing cyc.  
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

*Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve*, #546 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751). Music: Siroë, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. *Melodia Sacra*, 1815.

THE BLESSING

The Rector says

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PSALM 150

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Talbot)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

**O** 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.





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

VOLUNTARY

Psalm Prelude Op. 32.i

Herbert Howells

*'The poor man cried and the Lord heard him:  
He delivered him out of all his troubles' (Ps. 34:6)*

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

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for an Organ Recital  
featuring George Inscoe, London, UK*

***Daylight Saving Time ends next Saturday night –  
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!***



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:  
*Benjamin Cordoza Baron, James Ross Curran, Robert Erskine Douglas, William Harris Douglas,  
John J. Hendershot, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Natalie Ives Metcalf, and Clarissa Martin Metzger*



### PILGRIMS' II COURSE FALL 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 Follow-Up to the Pilgrims' course starts this week!**

**October 29:** *"Do Christians Have to Become Holy?"* (Fr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence)

**November 5:** *"What is Grace?"* (Fr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence)

**November 12:** *"Divine Design: a guided exploration of Saint Thomas Church and of the liturgical  
signification of its architecture"* (Fr. Carl Turner, Rector)

**November 26:** *"Unpacking the Sunday High Mass: A step-by-step explanation of what happens and why"*  
(Fr. Carl Turner, Rector)

The talks take place at 6:30 pm in the Parish House. You can register using the QR code below:



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR  
The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



On October 26<sup>th</sup> we launched **Neighbor to Neighbor**, a service program which provides coffee, tea, croissants, and fresh fruit to community members in need. The program serves guests **between 9am and 10am every Saturday**, with volunteers arriving at the cloisters of the church on 53rd Street around 8:30am. Please note there is a **signup form** for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



ANNUAL APPEAL



We launched our 2025 Annual Appeal: *Weaving a Rich Tapestry* on October the 6<sup>th</sup>, which marked the close of our Bicentennial year. In his sermon, Father Turner preached: Remembrance; thanksgiving; new beginnings: ***It's what we have done this past year, and prepares us for the future. Remember – give thanks – look forward: It is the vision of Saint Thomas Church, to be a community of love and praise, and an oasis of prayer in the middle of New York, actively weaving a tapestry of divine proportions.***

As we look ahead to the next century, we need your help. Make a pledge today!



## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Today

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

*George Inscoc, London, UK*

### Monday – Friday

**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers\***

**12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist\***

### Tuesday

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

Followed by a short, said Mass

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

### Thursday – **Eve of All Saints**

**5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong\***

Followed by a short, said Mass

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

### Friday – **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

**3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer**

*In the Resurrection Chapel*

**5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist\***

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

Homily by Fr. Schlutz

### Saturday – All Souls' Day

**11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing** in the Resurrection Chapel

*Confessor: Fr. Brown*

**11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. The Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue** *(includes Shrine Prayers)*

**12 p.m. Holy Eucharist\*** *(Requiem)*

*Praying for departed loved ones (A–G)*

**Next Sunday: November 3, All Saints' Sunday**

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

**9 a.m. Sung Mass**

*followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

**11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist\***

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

Sermon by Professor Sarah Coakley,

*Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity Emeritus,*

*Cambridge University*

**4 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Benediction\***

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

### ALL SOULS' DAY NAMES FOR REMEMBRANCE

On All Souls' Day and on Remembrance Sunday, and on all the Saturdays in November, we remember the names of departed loved ones. Fr. Schultz is continuing to collate a master list that includes the names and the dates of death of parishioners and loved ones. If you wish to have someone added to the list, please send us their full name, with the name they were known as in brackets, and the date of death. If you do not have the exact date of death, the month and year would be helpful. Send names to: [Remembrance@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Remembrance@saintthomaschurch.org).

## PARISH NOTICES

**Children and Family Ministries:** Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) are on break this Sunday, October 27 and next Sunday, November 3. Join the Children and Family Ministry on Sunday, November 3rd for our Annual All Saints Family Feast in the Dining Room (2nd Floor). Parents/caregivers and children are welcome to come dressed as their favorite saint. 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).

The **Noble Singers**, our parish children's choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now accepting new choristers. The choir rehearses weekly on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm. Choristers select one rehearsal to attend each week and sing weekly at the 9am Sung Eucharist on Sundays during the program year. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For more information, and to register your singer, contact [Rkellerman@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Rkellerman@saintthomaschurch.org).

Join us on Saturday, November 23 at 3pm as **Concerts at Saint Thomas** presents Austrian organist **Lukas Hasler** playing **Bruckner and Beyond: Austrian Organ Masterpieces**. This concert is presented in collaboration with the Austrian Cultural Forum New York and will feature music of Bruckner, Mozart, Planavsky, and Liszt. For in-person or livestream tickets and for information about future concerts, please email us at [Concerts@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Concerts@saintthomaschurch.org) or visit <https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts>. Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make a donation, please call 212-664-9360.

**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](mailto:Pleepae@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.

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every second Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

**Friday Zoom 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](mailto: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 Margaret White: [Mwhite@choirschool.org](mailto:Mwhite@choirschool.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).