

# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

**NEW YORK** 

December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass

Sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

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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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## CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR ORGAN

Variations sur un Noël, Op. 20 Marcel Dupré

(1886-1971)

Variations on 'Herr Jesus hat ein Gärtchen'

Flor Peeters

(1002-1006)

(1903-1986)

Joseph est bien Marie (Paris, 1725)

Pierre Dandrieu
(1664-1733)

I. Recit

II. Double (I)

III. Duo

IV: Trio

V: Basse de Trompette

VI: Musette VII: Double (II) VIII: Grand Jeu

In dulci jubilo, BuxWV 197

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Nicolas Haigh and Maks Adach, Organ

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Messe de Minuit pour Noël

Marc-Antoine Charpentier
(1643-1704)

The People stand at the entry of the Ministers.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Do I not fill heaven and earth? Saith the Lord.

People Now he is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.

Celebrant From eternity to eternity thou art God,
People And now we see thee as a new-born child.

Celebrant Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.

People O come let us adore him. Alleluia.



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ADESTE FIDELES arr. David Willocks (1919-2015)

COME, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,

Lo! star-led chieftains
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

5. Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,

6. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,

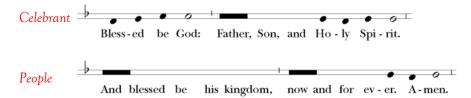
7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,

18th Century Latin, trans. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)



# THE PENITENTIAL ORDER



## The Celebrant says

HRIST the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

## Celebrant and People

M OST 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.

The People sit.

#### **KYRIE ELEISON**

Sung by the Choir

YRIE eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.



#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

## Sung by the Choir

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.

The People stand.

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.

GOD, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**.

The People sit.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



PSALM 96

#### Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Hancock/Andrew)

#### CANTATE DOMINO

SING unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his honour unto the heathen: and his wonders unto all people.

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised: he is more to be feared than all gods. As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols: but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him: power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people : ascribe unto the Lord worship and power. Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name : bring presents, and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King: and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad : let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is. Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it :

then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:

and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

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 Titus 2:11-14

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand

HYMN FOREST GREEN

LITTLE town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to God the King,
 And peace to men on earth;
 For Christ is born of Mary;
 And, gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wondering love.

## Choir Only:

- How silently, how silently,
   The wondrous gift is given!
   So God imparts to human hearts
   The blessings of his heaven.
   No ear may hear his coming;
   But in this world of sin,
   Where meek souls will receive him, still
   the dear Christ enters in.
- O holy Child of Bethlehem,
   Descend to us, we pray;
   Cast out our sin, and enter in,
   Be born in us today.
   We hear the Christmas angels
   The great glad tidings tell:
   O come to us, abide with us,
   Our Lord Emmanuel.



#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI) arr. Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading. The Choir sings the Alleluia and all repeat



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory,

the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

People



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

## People



THE SERMON

The Rector

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



## THE NICENE CREED

The People stand. At Christmas, it is customary to kneel at the underlined words, otherwise to bow.

BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### The Celebrant says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

## The People kneel.

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean the Presiding Bishop, Matthew our Bishop, Allen his Suffragan, and Mary his Assistant, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New York, and the Mayor of the City of New York, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity (specific petitions may be added here).

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially our own loved and those whom we wish to remember on this holy night (silence is kept) beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Thomas our patron, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The People stand.



## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

NTO us a child is born. Unto us a son is given.
And his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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

MOTET AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Hodie Christus natus est. Noë, noë. Hodie Salvator apparuit. Alleluia. Hodie in terra canunt Angeli. Laetantur Archangeli. Noë, noë. Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia. Noë, noë.

Today Christ is born. Noel, noel. Today the Savior appeared. Alleluia. Today on Earth the Angels sing. Archangels rejoice. Noel, noel. Today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia. Noel, noel.

Antiphon to the Magnificat at Vespers on Christmas Day

The People stand.

HYMN GLORIA

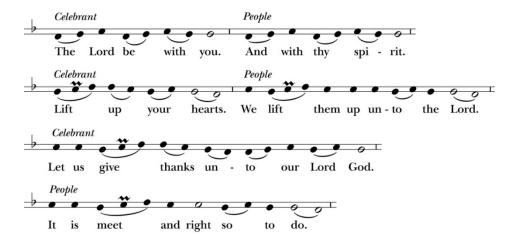
A NGELS we have heard on high singing sweetly through the night, And the mountains in reply Echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
  Why these songs of happy cheer?
  What great brightness did you see?
  What glad tidings did you hear?
  Gloria in excelsis Deo.
  Gloria in excelsis Deo.
- 3. Come to Bethlehem and see
  Him whose birth the angels sing;
  Come, adore on bended knee
  Christ the Lord the new born King.
  Gloria in excelsis Deo.
  Gloria in excelsis Deo.
- 4. See Him in a manger laid
  Whom the angels praise above;
  Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
  While we raise our hearts in love.
  Gloria in excelsis Deo.
  Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Traditional French Carol



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



#### The Celebrant continues

It is 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.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

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

Sung by the Choir

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.

The People kneel or stand.

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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

## The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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.

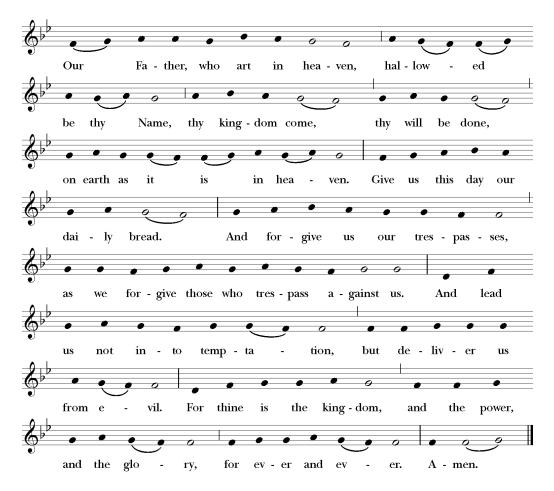
The People respond AMEN.



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

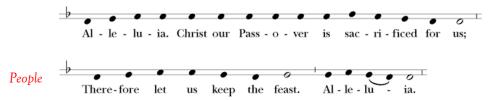
## The Celebrant says

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



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

## The Celebrant says

 ${f B}^{ ext{EHOLD}}$  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)

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 various stations around the church.

Please follow the direction of the ushers. You do not have to receive from the chalice, but <u>intinction is not permitted</u>.

Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

Sortie sur 'Venez, divin Messie', (1968)

Nicolas Lebegue (c. 1631-1702)

## **AGNUS DEI**

# Sung by the Choir

AGNUS 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.

## **CAROLS**

## Sung by the Choir

Lute-Book Lullaby

Francis Pott (b. 1954)

Sweet babe,' sang she, 'my son, And Eke a saviour born, Who hast vouchsafed from on high To visit us that were forlorn.
Lullaby, lalula, lullaby.
Sweet babe,' sang she, 'my son, And Eke a saviour born, Who hast vouchsafed from on high To visit us that were forlorn.
Lullaby, lalula, lullaby.
Sweet babe,' sang she,
And rocked him sweetly on her knee.

Lute Book of William Ballet (17th Century)



John Jacob Niles (1892-1980) arr. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

WONDER as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus, the Savior, had come for to die, For poor on'ry people, like you and like I, I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, t'was in a cow's stall, With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a starlight did fall, And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky or a bird on the wing, Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing, He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the king.

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus, the Savior, had come for to die, For poor on'ry people, like you and like I, I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

John Jacob Niles

#### THE PLACING OF THE CHRIST CHILD IN THE CRÈCHE

The People kneel. As the Celebrant places the image of the Christ Child in the Crèche, the Choir sings this carol.

**CAROL** 

Sung by the Choir

Franz Gruber (1787-1863) arr. Jeremy Filsell (b. 1964)

SILENT night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)



## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People remain kneeling and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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.

## THE SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen**.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



HYMN

MENDELSSOHN arr. David Willcocks

ARK! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled: Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.

- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come Offspring of a Virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

  Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.
- 3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
  Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
  Light and life to all he brings,
  Risen with healing in his wings;
  Mild he lays his glory by,
  Born that man no more may die,
  Born to raise the sons of earth,
  Born to give them second birth.
  Hark! the herald angels sing
  Glory to the newborn King.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

VOLUNTARY Sortie sur 'Venez, divin Messie', (1968)

Pierre Cochereau (1924-1984)

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ANNUAL APPEAL



We launched our 2025 Annual Appeal in October, 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!



# PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) are on break until Sunday, January 5th. The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am - 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our weekly newsletter or register your interest in attending any of our December events please contact 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 on Christmas Break. The choir will continue to accept new choristers in the new year and weekly rehearsals will resume on January 9, 2025. We rehearse on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm with choristers selecting one rehearsal to attend each week. The choir sings 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.

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 <a href="Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org">Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org</a>. Note: We will not meet on December 27.

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 오후1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후12:45에 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: <a href="Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org">Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org</a>. Note: We are on hiatus until January 10.

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 this QR code:

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 first class will commence on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. 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 scan this code:

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. Note: We are on hiatus until February 2.

# CHRISTMASTIDE AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

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# Wednesday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

9 a.m.
SAID EUCHARIST at the High Altar

11 a.m.

#### PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Music of Farrington, Filsell, Pott, and Leighton Sermon by Fr. Gioia

#### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

## The Church is open for Private Prayer and Visits to the Christmas Crèche

Thursday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **Shrine Prayers (Intercessions)**

Thursday - Saturday at 12 p.m. Live audio stream and then on-demand.

Please send your requests for prayers via the website or emailed to: prayer@saintthomaschurch.org

## The Daily Eucharist

Thursday - Saturday at 12:05 p.m. Live audio stream and then on-demand.

Thursday: Saint Stephen Friday: Saint John Saturday: Holy Innocents

## Confessions, Spiritual Advice, and Healing Ministry

Saturday, December 28, 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Confessor: The Rector

## Sunday, December 29, 2024 - The Sunday after Christmas - The Holy Family

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9:00 a.m. Sung Mass

#### 11:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by Mo. Turner

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## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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