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in the
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SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 AT 11 A.M.
THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND
SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE PASSION
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS
AND VASARI SINGERS, LONDON, UK



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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Messe Solennelle

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

PRELUDE

Palm Sunday
from 'Holy Week'

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

As the Choir and Ministers enter, the People, holding palms, stand and remain standing until after the Collect of the Day.

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Tone VII⁵)

THE children of the Hebrews bearing branches of olive went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

The children . . .

Antiphon for Palm Sunday; Psalm 24:1-2, 7-8

Cantor or Celebrant

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;

People

Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

ASSIST us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung by the Choir

Tomás Luis de Victoria
(c. 1548-1611)

PUERI Hebraeorum vestimenta prosternebant in via et clamabant dicentes: Hosanna Filio David, benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

The Hebrew children spread their garments in the way, and cried out, saying: Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Antiphon for the distribution of palm branches on Palm Sunday



Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

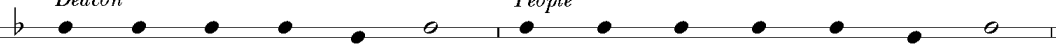
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Matthew 21:9



AT THE PROCESSION

Deacon *People*



Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.

HYMN

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.



Thou art the King of Israel, #154 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).



HYMN

WINCHESTER NEW

1. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark!
2. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In
3. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The
4. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy
5. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In

all the tribes ho - san - na cry; Thy
low - ly pomp ar - ride on - na cry; O
an - gel and fierc - est of strife to die; Look
last and ly pomp ride on to the sky; The
low - ly pomp ride on to die; Bow

hum - ble beast pur - sues his road With
Christ, thy tri - umphs now be gin O'er
down with sad and won - d'ring eyes To
Fath - er on his sap - phire throne Ex -
thy meek head to mor - tal pain, Then

palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.
cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign.

Ride on! ride on in majesty, #511 from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868); alt.
Music: Winchester New, Adapted from a chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg 1690.



THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE PASSION

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

ALmighty and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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

PSALM 31:10-18

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Garrett)

IN TE, DOMINE, SPERAVI

HAve mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble :
and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.
For my life is waxen old with heaviness : and my years with mourning.
My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity : and my bones are consumed.
I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours :
and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me
without conveyed themselves from me.
I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind : I am become like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude : and fear is on every side,
while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.
But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord : I have said, Thou art my God.
My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies :
and from them that persecute me.
Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance : and save me for thy mercy's sake.
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

Philippians 2:5-11

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



HYMN

ROCKINGHAM

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

When I survey the wondrous cross, #474 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748).
Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

The People sit.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

Orlandus Lassus
(1532-1594)

The Trial before Pilate

THEN the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate.
They brought charges against him, saying:

“This man is the one we found subverting the people, opposing payment of taxes unto Caesar,
and maintaining he is the Christ, a king.”

Pilate asked him: “Are you the king of the Jews?” He said to him in reply, “You say so.”
Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds: “I find this man not guilty.”



But they were adamant and said:

"He has stirred up the people, teaching throughout all of Judea, from Galilea even unto this place."

On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon hearing that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." But all together they shouted out,

"Away with him, and release unto us Barabbas."

(Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder.) Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting:

"Crucify him!"

Pilate's Verdict

PILATE addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime, therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and for murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished. As they led him away, they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him.

Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time the people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?"

Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed.

The People stand.

Golgotha

WHEN they came to the place called the skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said: "Others he has saved; let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out:



"If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Two Thieves

NOW one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we have received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." And when he had said this he breathed his last.

The People kneel.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.

THE PEACE

The People stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words.

ONCE we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace. (*Ephesians 2:13-14*)

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)*

O MENSCH, beweine deine Sünde groß,
Darum Christus seines Vaters Schoß
Äußert und kam auf Erden;
Von einer Jungfrau rein und zart
Für uns er hier geboren ward,
Er wollte der Mittler werden,
Den Toten er das Leben gab
Und legt dabei alle Krankheit ab
Bis sich die Zeit herdrange,
Daß er für uns geopfert würde,
Trüg unser Sünden schwere Bürd
Wohl an dem Kreuze lange.

O man, bewail your great sin,
for this, Christ from his Father's bosom
went forth and came to earth.
Of a virgin pure and gentle
he was born here for our sake,
he was willing to mediate.
To the dead he gave life
and conquered all sickness
until the time came
that he should be sacrificed for us,
to carry the heavy burden of our sins
upon the Cross itself.

Seybald Heyden (1499-1561)



HYMN

LOVE UNKNOWN

1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2. He came from his blest throne, Sal - va - tion to be -
3. Some - times they strew his way, And his sweet prais - es
4. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a -

me, Love to the love - less shown, That they might
stow: But men made strange, and none The longed - for
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of

love - ly be. O, who am I, That
Christ - would know. But O, my Friend, My
to - their King. Then 'Cru - ci - fy!' Is
Life - they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To

for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
Friend in - deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
all their breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.
suf - f'ring goes, That he his foes From thence might free.

5. Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Preface

IT 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

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Celebrant
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People
There - fore let us keep the feast.

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 on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us 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 bell rings.

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

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

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.

You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

MOTET

Sung by the Vasari Singers

*Rihards Dubra
(b. 1964)*

O CRUX ave, spes unica,
Hoc Passionis tempore
Piis adauge gratiam,
Reisque dele crimina.

*Hail, Cross, of hopes the most sublime!
Now in this mournful Passion time,
Grant to the just increase of grace,
And every sinner's crimes efface.*

From 'Vexilla regis prodeunt', Venantius Fortunatus (fl. 6th Century)

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV 622

Johann Sebastian Bach

MOTET

Sung by the Choir

Johann Sebastian Bach

CRUCIFIXUS etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato,
passus et sepultus est.

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

Nicene Creed from Mass in B minor, BWV 232



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say

ALMIGHTY 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 PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

ALMIGHTY God, we pray thee graciously to behold this thy family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,
and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross;
who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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



HYMN

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Ah, holy Jesus, #158 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930).
Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

All leave in silence.



HOLY WEEK CHORAL SERVICES AND CONCERTS

Holy Week Sermon Series: *The Rev. Dr. Andrew McGowan, Dean and President, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*
All services are livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand

MONDAY, APRIL 14

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Mass
5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist and Sermon
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
6:45 p.m. Musical Meditation
*Miserere – A Choral Meditation, Vasari Singers, London, UK,
Jeremy Backhouse, Conductor*

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Mass
5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist and Sermon
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
6:45 p.m. Musical Meditation
J. S. Bach Cello Suites, Guy Fishman, cello and Nicolas Haigh, organ

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. The Office of Tenebrae
with the Gentlemen of the Choir

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

5:30 p.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper and Sermon
With Procession to the Altar of Repose and Stripping of the Altars
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Confessions:

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Mo. Lee-Pae (Lady Chapel)
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Fr. Schultz (Resurrection Chapel)
3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Mo. Turner (Lady Chapel)
3:30 – 4 p.m. Fr. Moretz (Resurrection Chapel)
4 – 5 p.m. The Rector (Resurrection Chapel)
4:15 – 5 p.m. Fr. Gioia (Lady Chapel)

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: Dr. Willie James Jennings, the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Theology
and Africana Studies at Yale Divinity School*

5:30 p.m. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Sermon including the
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

5:30 p.m. The Great Vigil, Baptism, and First Mass of Easter

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

EASTER DAY, APRIL 20

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 McGowan

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

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys



Saint Thomas gives thanks for those who have given endowed funds to provide flowers to beautify the church in perpetuity. This week, we give thanks for the memory of

Susan Estelle, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Eliza J. Watson and John Jay Watson,
and pray for the repose of their souls.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalm 104:31)

PARISH NOTICES



LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITY: RELIEVING MEDICAL DEBT

Medical Debt Forgiveness Campaign: Once again Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue reflects 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.

You may participate in this campaign by scanning the QR code below.

For inquiries, contact Parishioner Erich Erving at Erich@shoestringpressny.com. Let's join together in this act of compassion, honoring Saint Thomas's legacy and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those burdened by medical expenses.





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God's Love at the Heart of New York



PILGRIMS' COURSE 2025



It's not the destination, but the journey that matters

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.

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 on-line. (Note: No classes on April 15 and 22 due to Holy Week and Easter week; those who wish to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, that service will be on Saturday, April 19, at 5:30pm.)

To register please scan this code:



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



The Saint Thomas Social Outreach program **Neighbor to Neighbor** 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 knowing more about the program and getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (5-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor) and Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor). The Way of the Cross is this Friday, April 18th at 10:30am. Next Sunday, April 20 is Easter Sunday with services at 8am, 11am, and 3pm. There will be no Sunday School, Faith Alive, or Noble Singers on Easter. 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 CFM newsletter contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

“Let Mutual Love Continue: An Exhortation to Inhabit the Community of Witness.” **The Zoom Bible Study Group** has embarked on its next course, diving into the Epistle to the Hebrews. Examining the Epistle’s structure, ecclesiology, and Christology, we’ll discover a vision of community that transcends time, space and circumstance, rooted by faith in the never-ending love of God. As the epistle’s author encourages us to remain faithful to Jesus in a time of oppression and fear, they help us to understand what it means to truly take our place in a community that witnesses to a reality of love that is both immanent and transcendent. The Study meets Fridays at 1pm on Zoom. Each session begins with prayer for the needs of the community, and continues with our engagement with scripture, ending at 2:15pm. Contact Fr. Schultz (Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org) to join. *Note: We will not meet Holy Week or Easter Week.*

The Noble Singers, our parish children’s choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is accepting new choristers for the new year. 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 Taizé 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. *Note: We will not meet the Friday of Holy Week or Easter Week, April 18 and 25.*

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.

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.

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. *Note: There will be no tour offered on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.*

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.*

contact us: welcome@saintthomaschurch.org

Please do not take photographs or videos, or make recordings during the service.

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