

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE  
in the  
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025 AT 4 P.M.  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FESTAL EVENSONG  
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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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

Psalm Prelude No. 2 (*from Psalm Preludes for Organ, Second Set*)

*Herbert Howells*  
(1892-1983)

INTROIT

*Reginald Alwyn Surplice*  
(1906-1977)

**O** PRAISE the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.  
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.  
Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

*Psalm 148:1, 3; Psalm 150:6*

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

*Francis Pott*  
(b. 1957)

*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 2

*Sung by the Choir*

*Anglican Chant (Ashfield)*

QUARE FREMUERUNT GENTES?

**W**HY do the heathen so furiously rage together :  
and why do the people imagine a vain thing?  
The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together :  
against the Lord, and against his Anointed:  
Let us break their bonds asunder : and cast away their cords from us.  
He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn : the Lord shall have them in derision.  
Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath : and vex them in his sore displeasure:  
Yet have I set my King : upon my holy hill of Sion.  
I will preach the law : whereof the Lord hath said unto me,  
Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.  
Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance, :  
and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.  
Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron : and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.  
Be wise now therefore, O ye kings : be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.  
Serve the Lord in fear : and rejoice unto him with reverence.  
Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way, if his wrath be kindled,  
(yea but a little) blessed are all they that put their trust in him.



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

Wisdom 6:1-21

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

OFFICE HYMN

CHRISTE, LUX MUNDI

1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the  
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of  
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly  
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may  
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er

1 day - time ra - dian - t with the sun - light and to the night give  
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens  
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion  
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,  
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness

1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.  
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.  
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.  
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.  
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for ev - er.

*Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation*, #33 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895-1964); rev. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930). Copyright © 1982, Anne LeCroy. Music: *Christe, Lux mundi*, plainsong, Mode 7, Freiburg MS., 14th cent.; acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

MAGNIFICAT (COLLEGIUM REGALE)

*Sung by the Choir*

*Herbert Howells*

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

Colossians 3:1-17

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

NUNC DIMITTIS (COLLEGIUM REGALE)

*Sung by the Choir*

*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.*

*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

**S**ET us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee,  
the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus  
Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for 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.*



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

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Reginald Tustin Baker  
(1900-1966)

**B**E thou my guardian, be thou my guide, Hear me when I call, and hold my fast lest I fall.  
When led to sin and when snares are strong,  
Lord keep watch within, and save my soul from wrong.  
Still let me watch and feel that I am frail,  
That if, in evil hour, the tempter cross my path yet shall he not prevail.

*Isaac Williams (1802-1865), paraphrased Reginald Tustin Baker*



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SERMON

The Rector

HYMN

EDMONTON

1 O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let  
2 A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the  
3 The a - ged Si - meon sees at last his  
4 But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all

1 sym - bols dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim,  
2 low - ly Vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with  
3 Lord, so long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes  
4 the yet si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things  
5 glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly





1 both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.  
2 two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.  
3 Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.  
4 in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.  
5 Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

*O Zion, open wide thy gates*, #257 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Jean Baptiste de Santeuil (1630-1697); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.  
Music: Edmonton, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760; harm. *Hymnal 1982*; alt. melody and bass from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760.

## 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.

## VOLUNTARY

*Prelude on America, the Beautiful*

*Calvin Hampton*  
(1938-1984)



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 George Arents, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Sir George A. Shearing, KBE 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)*

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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.

The subject of the week's class will be *"The History of the Church 1: From House Church to Established Religion."*

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:



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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.**



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## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### 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 Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

### Wednesday

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

Followed by a short, said Mass

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

### Thursday

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

Followed by a short, said Mass

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

### Friday

**3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer**

*In the Resurrection Chapel*

### Saturday

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

**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist\***

**Next Sunday: February 16,**

**The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

**9 a.m. Sung Mass**

*followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

**11 a.m. Festal Eucharist\***

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

Sermon by The Rector

**4 p.m. Festal Evensong\***

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

Sermon by The Rector

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

*Organ Recital featuring Connor Fluharty, Princeton, NJ*

## PARISH NOTICES

**Children and Family Ministries:** Sunday School (5-9) meets in the Sunday School room on the third floor. Faith Alive (10-14+) will meet in Andrew (3rd Floor) Hall at 10am. Sunday School and Faith Alive return to their normal gathering times next Sunday, February 9. 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](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 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](mailto:RKellerman@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.

**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).

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.

**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).

**Franz Liszt: The Greater Organ and Piano Works:** Saint Thomas Church Organist and Director of Music **Jeremy Filsell** brings the 2024-2025 Grand Organ Series to a close on Saturday, February 22 at 3 pm with a concert of works by Franz Liszt. He will feature on both the Miller-Scott Organ and Saint Thomas Church's Steinway D. 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 us online at [www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts](http://www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts). Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make your donation with our team call [212-664-9360](tel:212-664-9360).