

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 AT 11 A.M.
THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Tr.)

SOLEMN EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR



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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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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Sancti Thomae

Brian Preston Harlow
(b. 1976)

PRELUDE

Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern, P. 46

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

THE GREETINGS

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

HYMN

THE FIRST NOWELL

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far,
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full rev - erent - ly up on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence



1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

The first Nowell the angel did say, #109 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: English Carol, 18th cent.
Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901).

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A-men.

The Celebrant says

THE grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Savior Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us, therefore,
confess our sins in penitence and fault. (Cf. *Titus* 2:11-14)

The People kneel. Silence is kept.



Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY and most merciful father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy 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 stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA 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.

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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (*Tone VIII*²)

DEUS, JUDICIUM

GIVE the King thy judgements, O God : and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
Then shall he judge thy people according unto right : and defend the poor.
The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
He shall keep the simple folk by their right :
 defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.
They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth : from one generation to another.
He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool : even as the drops that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish : yea, and abundance of peace,
 so long as the moon endureth.
The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents :
 the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before him : all nations shall do him service.
For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth : the needy also, and him that hath no helper.
He shall be favourable to the simple and needy : and shall preserve the souls of the poor.
He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong : and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
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

Ephesians 3:1-12

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

The People stand.



HYMN

DIX

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - scat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

As with gladness men of old, #119 from *The Hymnal* 1982 – Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898).
Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels,
preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

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



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Mark Schultz
Associate for Pastoral Care

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I 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 (SPECIAL FORM)

The Leader says

TODAY the wise men knelt before our Savior. Let us also kneel to worship him with great joy,
and to make our prayer to his heavenly Father.

The People kneel. After each petition

Lord in thy mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with this collect

O GOD, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore,
the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled
himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

OUR Savior Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The People offer one another a sign of peace.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY***Sung by the Choir**Sir Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)*

SEEK him that maketh the seven stars and Orion,
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning,
and maketh the day dark with night: the Lord is his name.

O give thanks to the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who hath made great lights; The sun to rule by day;
The moon and stars to govern the night; for his mercy endureth for ever.

I look for thee, O Lord, my soul doth wait for thee, before the morning watch, I say,
before the morning watch, my soul doth wait for the Lord.
Hear my voice from the deep, I call, oh hear my voice.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me,
and brought my soul from out of hell, and turned my heaviness to gladness.
The darkness is no darkness with thee, the night is clear as day.

Amos 5:8, Psalm 136:1, 7-9; Psalm 130:3, 6, 1; Psalm 30:2, 3, 12; Psalm 139:11



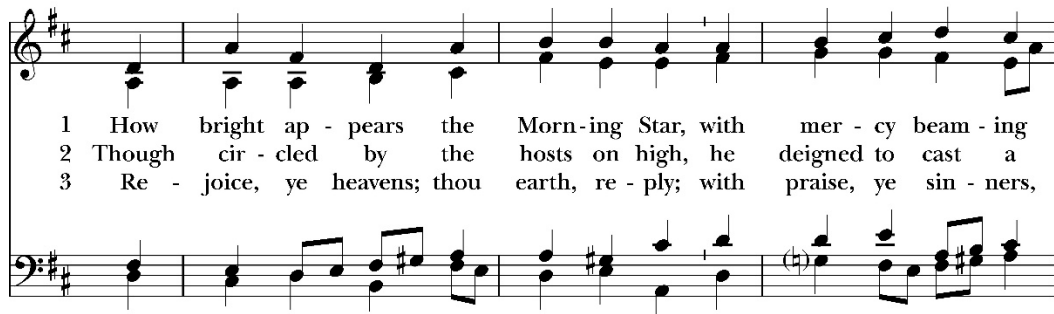
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The People stand.

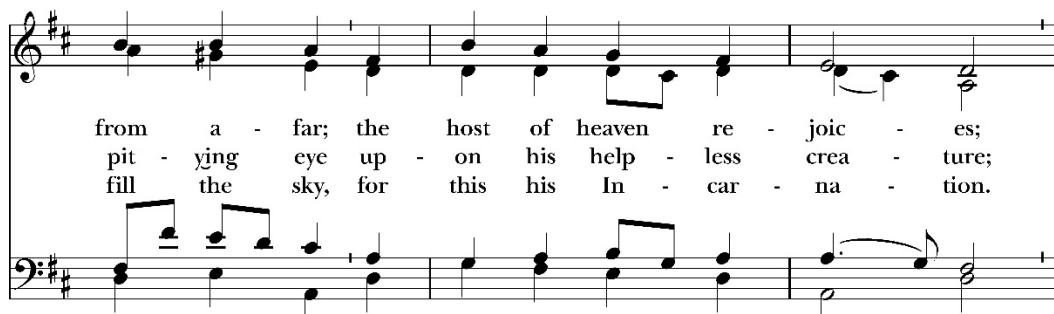


HYMN


WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,



from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great



Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

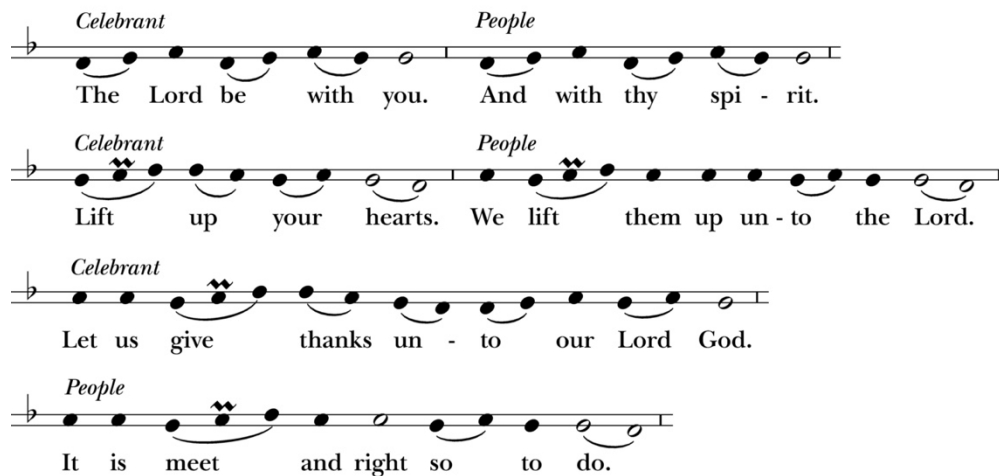


Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



How bright appears the Morning Star, #497 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608).
Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant continues

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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.

*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 People kneel or stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, and in 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. Then is said

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.



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

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. 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.

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.*

ANTHEM

*Peter Cornelius
(1824-1874)*

DREI Könige wandern aus Morgenland;
ein Sternlein führt sie zum Jordanstrand.
In Juda fragen und forschen die drei,
wo der neugeborene König sei?
Sie wollen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold
dem Kinde spenden zum Opfersold.

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar
to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travellers three,
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

Und hell erglänzet des Sternes Schein:
zum Stalle gehen die Könige ein;
das Knäblein schauen sie wonniglich,
anbetend neigen die Könige sich;
sie bringen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold
zum Opfer dar dem Knäblein hold.

*The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee,
as Mary's child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King;
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*



O Menschenkind! halte treulich Schritt!
Die Könige wandern, o wandre mit!
Der Stern der Liebe, der Gnade Stern
erhelle dein Ziel, so du suchst den Herrn,
und fehlen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold,
schenke dein Herz dem Knäblein hold!
Schenk ihm dein Herz!

Choral

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
voll Gnad und Wahrheit von dem Herrn,
die süße Wurzel Jesse.
Du Sohn Davids aus Jakobs Stamm,
mein König und mein Bräutigam,
hast mir mein Herz besessen;
lieblich, freundlich, schön und herrlich,
groß und ehrlich, reich an Gaben,
hoch und sehr prächtig erhaben.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
the Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
offer thy heart to the infant King.
Offer thy heart!

Chorale

How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
our Jesse tree now bloweth.
Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
my soul with love o'erfloweth.
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,
rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

Peter Cornelius, Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

After Communion, silence is kept for a while.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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 BLESSING

The Celebrant says

MAY Almighty God, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ,
the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**



May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **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.**

HYMN

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT



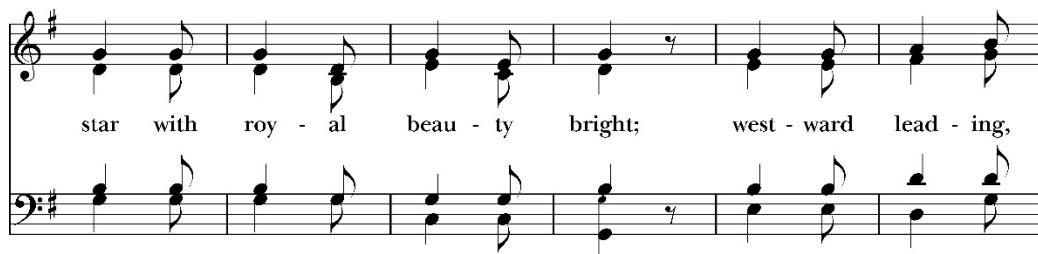
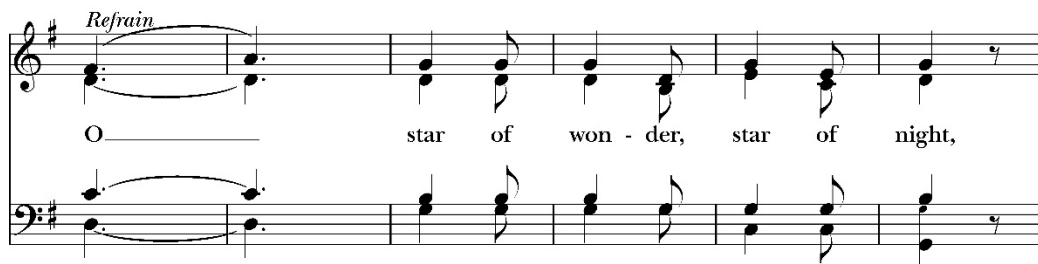
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



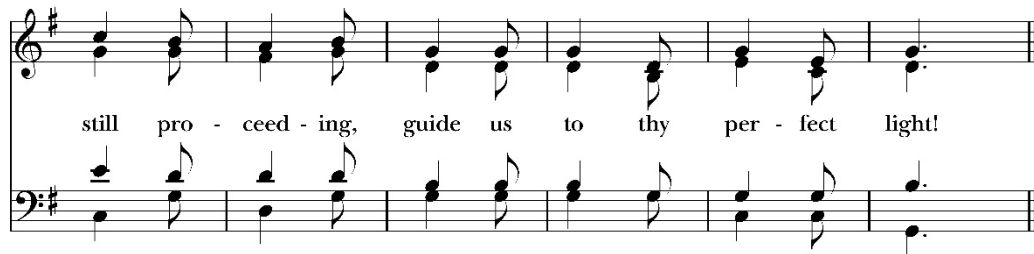
1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.





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God's Love at the Heart of New York



We three kings of Orient are, #128 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt.
Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY 'And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host ...' *Arthur Wills*
from Christmas Meditations (196-2020)

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex after the service.



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 Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Clare Fahnestock Moorhead, Charles H. VanBraam Roberts, and The George Stevens Schermerhorn Family, 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)



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 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 online. To register please scan this code:



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Fr. Schultz

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

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*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist* (*Requiem*)

Next Sunday: January 12,

The Baptism of our Lord

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

4 p.m. Epiphany Procession*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries will have an Epiphany Family Feast today in the Dining Room. Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) resume next week. 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 January 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 accepting new choristers for the new year and weekly rehearsals will resume on January 9. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
Note: We are on hiatus until February 2.

On **October 26th** 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. If you are interested in getting involved, please register to the mailing list for this group using this QR code:

