

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025 AT 4 P.M.
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE
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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WELCOME TO SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

IN the Western churches, the Epiphany (a word that means 'manifestation') became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ's birth - the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Matthew's account speaks simply of 'wise men from the east'; later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings and recalled their resonant names - Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. In the Eastern churches, the Epiphany is, rather, a celebration of three manifestations of Christ's glory - the visit of the wise men, his baptism in the River Jordan, and the miracle of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus 'first manifested his glory.'

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest.**
(Christopher Wordsworth)

The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation, also known as Candlemas.

This afternoon, we will hear the reading of the Wedding at Cana in Galilee at which Jesus was a guest with his Mother and his disciples. During the service, married couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows together; we hope that you are inspired by this worship and that, at the beginning of a New Year, all married couples are strengthened in their relationships.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring *from* Cantata No. 147

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)
arr. P.K.



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

HYMN

BLAENWERN

1. Love Di-vine, all loves ex-cell-ing, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in
2. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive; sud-den-
3. Fi-nish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less let us be; let us

us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-su, thou art
ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be
see thy great sal-va-tion, per-fect-ly re-stored in thee: changed from glo-ry

all com-pas-sion, pure un-bound-ed love thou art; vi-sit
al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and
in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

us with thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
praise thee, with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Love Divine, all loves excelling, #408 from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).
Music: Blaenwern, William Rowlands (1860-1937).



INTRODUCTION

The Officiant says

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
People **And also with you.**

God is love, and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

1 John 4:16

The Officiant welcomes the People.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GOD our Father,
you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law;
grant to your servants gathered here to renew their vows that, loving one another,
they may continue in your love until their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 16a, 8:6-7

MY beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

My beloved is mine and I am his.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death,
jealousy is cruel as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a most vehement flame.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.
If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned."

At the conclusion of the reading, the Lector says

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



PSALM 67

Anglican Chant (*Bairstow*)

DEUS MISEREATUR

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance,
and be merciful unto us:

That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God,
shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear 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.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 13

IF I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

At the conclusion of the reading, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.



HYMN

LAUDA ANIMA

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;
ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, #410 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847).

Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971). Descant by permission of Novello and Company, Limited.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Choir *Choir and People*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

Choir and People

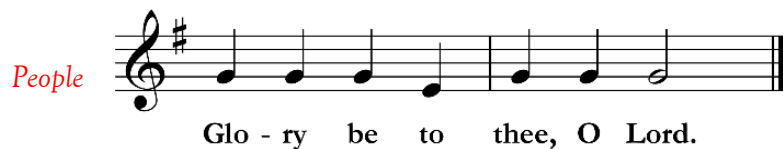
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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-10

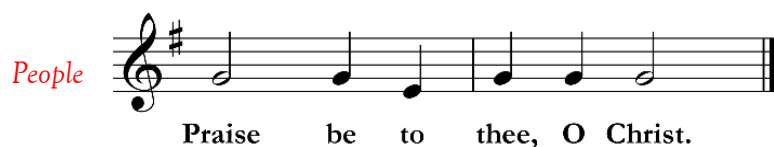
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.



SEEING the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

After the Gospel, the Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.



HOMILY

The Rector

After the Homily, silence is kept for a while.



ANTHEM

Grayston Ives
(b. 1948)

LISTEN sweet Dove unto my song,
And spread thy golden wings in me;
Hatching my tender heart so long,
Till it get wing, and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow,
That the earth did like a heav'n appeare;
The starres were coming down to know
If they might mend their wages, and serve here.

The sunne, which once did shine alone,
Hung down his head, and wisht for night,
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one
Going about the world, and giving light.

Lord, though we change, thou art the same;
The same sweet God of love and light:
Restore this day, for thy great name,
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

'Whitsunday', George Herbert (1593-1633)

THE RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

The Officiant says

WE have come together in the presence of God
to give thanks for the gift of marriage,
to ask his forgiveness for all that has been amiss,
to rejoice together, and to ask for God's blessing.
As our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest
at the wedding in Cana of Galilee,
so through his Spirit he is with us now.
Marriage is a gift of God in creation
and a means of his grace;
it is given that a husband and wife
may comfort and help each other,
living faithfully together
in times of need as well as in plenty,
in sadness and in joy, in sickness and in health;
it is given that with delight and tenderness
they may know each other in love.



It is given as the foundation of family life
in which children may be born and nurtured
in accordance with God's will, to his praise and glory.
In marriage a couple belong together
and live life in the community;
it is a way of life created and hallowed by God, that all should honor.
Therefore we pray with those who have come to renew their vows
that, strengthened and guided by God,
they may continue to fulfil his purpose for their life together.

SILENT REFLECTION

Silence is kept for reflection on the years that have passed and on shared experiences, good and bad.

The Officiant says

I invite those married couples present in church and on-line to recall the vows
that you made on your wedding day.

The couples who wish to renew their vows stand, and turn to face each other and hold hands.

The couples repeat after the Officiant:

I, *Name*,
took you, *Name*,
to be my *husband/wife*
to have and to hold from that day forward,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till death us do part,
according to God's holy law,
and this was our solemn vow.
Today, in the presence of our family and friends,
we affirm our continuing commitment to this vow.

The Officiant says to the congregation

Will you, the family and friends of our brothers and sisters
who have now renewed their vows
continue to support and uphold them
in their marriage now and in the years to come?

People We will.

The People stand.



BLESSING OF THE COUPLES

The Officiant says

GOD the Father,
God the Son,
God the Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve and keep you;
the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace
that you may please him both in body and soul,
and, living together in faith and love,
may receive the blessings of eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Blessed are you, heavenly Father.

People **You give joy to husbands and wives.**

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ.

People **You have brought new life to humankind.**

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God.

People **You bring us together in love.**

Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **One God, to be praised for ever. Amen.**

The People sit.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Thomas Tomkins
(1572-1656)

MY beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs,
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon 2



THE PRAYERS

A Minister says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father,
we lift up our hearts to you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him you have made a covenant of grace with your people
by the outpouring of your Holy Spirit.

We praise you for the gift of marriage
in which the love of husbands and wives are brought together
and reflect your plan of love for the world.

We thank you today for our friends who have renewed their marriage vows
and for leading them to each other
in friendship and love, commitment and trust.

Living God, by the presence of your Holy Spirit,
may they know the risen Christ to be with them now,
as they celebrate this covenant together.
May their lives be a witness to your saving love in this troubled world.

As you pour out your love,
may they grow together in your sight, and each be to the other
a companion in joy, a comfort in sorrow and a strength in need.

As you blessed the earthly home at Nazareth
with the presence of your Son,
may their home be a place of security and peace.

And bring us all at the last
to that great marriage banquet of your Son
in our home in heaven,
where, with all your saints and angels,
in the glory of your presence,
we will for ever praise you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Officiant says

Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us

Officiant and People

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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE COUPLES WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR VOWS

The couples who have renewed their vows say together

HEAVENLY Father,
we offer you our souls and bodies,
our thoughts and words and deeds,
our love for one another.
Unite our wills in your will,
that we may grow together
in love and peace
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



HYMN

LAUDATE DOMINUM



1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!



THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Officiant says

GOD the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Carillon from *Pièces en style libre*, Op. 31

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

Please join us for a reception 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
Godfrey Pierson Connfelt, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Bonnie Wilds, 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 "*God the Son: Incarnation, Atonement, and Glory.*" 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



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. Please note there is a **signup form** for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



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: The Rector

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: January 26,

The Third 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 and Admission of Choristers*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Sr. Promise Atelon, Sister Superior,
Society of St. Margaret

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor) and Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor). 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.

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.

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 1:30 에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45 에 2 층 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.

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.