

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025 AT 11 A.M.
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SOLEMN EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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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 Pange lingua

Josquin des Prez
(c. 1450-1521)

PRELUDE

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 665

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

THE GREETINGS

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

HYMN

LEONI

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

The God of Abraham praise, #401 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.
Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant
Bless the Lord who for - giv - eth all our sins.

People
His mer - cy en - dur - eth for ev - er.

The Celebrant says

IF we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us;
but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins,
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8, 9

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALmighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 remain kneeling.

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir

KYRIE Eleison.
Christe Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison.

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

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways,
and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the
unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and
reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

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

PSALM 27

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Nares)

DOMINUS ILLUMINATIO

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear :
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh :
they stumbled and fell.
Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid :
and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require :
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle :
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.
And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness :
I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee : have mercy upon me, and hear me.
My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face : Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me : nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.



Thou hast been my succour : leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me : the Lord taketh me up.
Teach me thy way, O Lord : and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries :
 for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.
I should utterly have fainted : but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord
 in the land of the living.
O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart;
 and put thou thy trust in 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.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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

The People stand.

HYMN

ST. FLAVIAN

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
5 A - bid with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bid.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Lord, who throughout these forty days, #142 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898).
Music: St. Flavian, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

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

People



Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia
Theologian in Residence

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 (FORM I)

The Intercessor says

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The People kneel.

After each petition,

Let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

At the end of the Litany,

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

After the last petition

. . . let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

ALmighty and everlasting God, mercifully increase in us thy gifts of holy discipline,
in almsgiving, prayer, and fasting; that our lives may be directed to the fulfilling of thy most
gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

SINCE we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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

MOTET AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Thomas Tallis
(c.1505-1585)*

In jejunio et fletu orabant sacerdotes:
Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo; et ne des haereditatem tuam in perditionem.
Inter vestibulum et altare plorabant sacerdotes, dicentes:
Parce populo tuo.

*In fasting and weeping the priests prayed:
Spare, Lord, spare thy people and give not thine heritage over to perdition.
Between the porch and the altar the priests lamented, saying:
Spare thy people.*

Joel 2:12, 17

The People stand.

HYMN

UNDE ET MEMORES

1 And now, O Fa-ther, mind-ful of the love that
2 Look Fa-ther, look on his a-noint-ed face, and
bought us, once for all, on Cal-vary's tree, and hav-ing with us
on-ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis-
him that pleads a-bove, we here pre-sent, we here spread
us-ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan-guid, and our



forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.

And now, O Father, mindful of the love, #337 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt.
Music: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Celebrant *People*
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 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin;
by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves,
but unto him who died for us and rose again.



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.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.*

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, 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,

People and Celebrant

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.

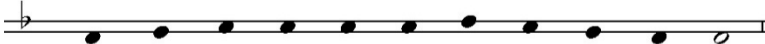
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.


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



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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 in person)*

IBELIEVE 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.



MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

Kleines Harmonisches Labyrinth, BWV 591

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Richard de Castre's Prayer to Jesus

Sir Richard Runciman Terry
(1865-1938)

JHESU, Lord, that madest me, and with thy blessyd blood hast bought,
forgive that I have grievéd thee with word, and wil, and eek with thought.

Jhesu, in whom is all my trust, that died upon the roodé tree,
withdrawe myn herte from fleshli lust, and from all worldly vanyté.

Jhesu, for thy woundés smerte on feet and on thyn handés two,
O make me meeke and low of herte, and thee to love as I schulde do.

Jhesu, keepe them that are good, amende them that han grievéd thee,
and send them fruites of earthli food as each man needeth in his degree.

15th Century carol

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 PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

During Lent, the Blessing is replaced by a solemn prayer.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Celebrant says

GRANT, Almighty God, that thy people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in thy strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of thy loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they_
O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -
bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
- a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,
by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -
may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -
stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
pride, o'er - thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, #598 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.
Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547,
and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

VOLUNTARY

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir BWV 686
(from Clavierübung III)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Lady Chapel 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, James S. Reilly, Jr., and Mrs. Edwin H. Weatherbee,
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)

LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITY: RELIEVING MEDICAL DEBT

At Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue, we are reflecting on our history of compassion and service to New York City. One tradition dating back to the just after the Civil War era 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.

During Lent this year, Saint Thomas is raising money to address modern challenges facing those who are sick. Partnering with Undue Medical Debt, we aim to raise funds to forgive medical debt, following the example of Christ's healing ministry. Every dollar donated can relieve over a hundred dollars of debt, offering tangible relief to those in need.

Starting Ash Wednesday individuals 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.



EASTER FLOWERS

Contributions are now being received for Easter Flowers in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Easter service leaflet. In order to cover the cost of the flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per person.

Please go to our website (www.saintthomaschurch.org/give) or please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation. Deadline for submission is Monday, April 7.

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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 this week's class will be "*An Introduction to the Sacramental Life of the Church: Baptism and Confirmation.*" 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. 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.**



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Schultz: "The Temple: Place of Sacrifice"

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

Chamber Recital featuring violinist Aisslinn Nosky, Violin, and Nicolas Haigh, Associate Organist, New York, NY

Monday – Tuesday, Thursday – Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday

12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday – Eve of Saint Joseph

5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Wednesday – Saint Joseph

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday – Cuthbert

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

12:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Lady Chapel

Saturday

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

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: March 23,
The Third Sunday in Lent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae: "The Temple: Sea of Water"

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

An Organ Recital featuring Colin Andrews, Bloomington, IN

MONSTROSITY! LENTEN MOVIE NIGHTS

Friday evenings in Lent, at 6pm, join us for Lenten Movie Nights! Following a vegetarian meal (for those abstaining from meat on Fridays), we'll engage with a curated series of films both classic and contemporary. This year, our series is based around this theme: Monstrosity!

We'll explore together the following questions: how are monsters made? Or would it be better to ask: how are monsters projected? How is 'otherness' constructed, categorized, and construed as monstrosity? Is the other-as-monster a mirror of a community's fear, a mirror of a community's deepest most alienated self? How can we move from the rejection and alienation of the 'other' to real celebration of the beauty of uniqueness?

Our next film is M (dir: Fritz Lang, 1931, PG-13).

You must register to attend! Contact Fr. Schultz (Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org) for the registration link.

PARISH NOTICES

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 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.

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.

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.

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.
Note: for the season of Lent, we will meet in the Lady Chapel at 3:30pm, to commence after the conclusion of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30-3:30, also in the Lady Chapel.

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 Behind the Scenes Tour: Saturday, April 5 at 1pm. Saint Thomas Church Tour Guide, Bill Hearst, will lead a tour that will explore our landmark building with parishioners. From the gigantic blower in the basement that powers the great organ, to the vesting room housing the vast ecclesiastical wardrobe. This will then be followed by an ascent via winding stairs into the tower to view the carillon and its bells, and finally, it’s out onto the tower roof for a panoramic view of Fifth Avenue. This tour will last just under 2 hours and is best suited for individuals aged 15 and above. There is a limit of 15 participants and each participant will be required to complete and sign a waiver. Interested parishioners should register in advance with the Head Verger: Dbryan@saintthomaschurch.org.

