SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 AT 4 P.M.
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (QUINQUAGESIMA)

FESTAL EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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

Berceuse from Vingt-quatre pièces en style libre Op. 31

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

INTROIT

Reginald Alwyn Surplice (1906-1977)

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

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

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Philip Moore

(b. 1943)

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

- У. O Lord, open thou our lips.
- R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- ٧. 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.
- У. Praise ye the Lord.
- R. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 89:1-18

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Vann)

MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

Y song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I are 1 1

f I with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.

For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever: thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.

I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn unto David my servant;

Thy seed will I stablish for ever: and set up thy throne from one generation to another.

O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works:

and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

For who is he among the clouds: that shall be compared unto the Lord?

And what is he among the gods: that shall be like unto the Lord?

God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints:

and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee: thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.

Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it:

thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.



The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine:

thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.

Thou hast made the north and the south: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat :

mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee:

they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.

Their delight shall be daily in thy Name: and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

For thou art the glory of their strength : and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

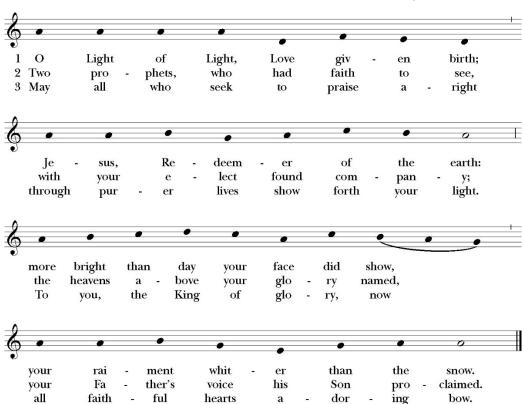
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 3:1-6

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA



O light of light, #134 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Laurence Houseman (1865-1959), alt. Music: Jesu dulcis memoria, plainsong, Mode 2.



The Ely Service MAGNIFICAT Jeremy Filsell (b. 1964)

Y 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 John 12:27-36a

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

The Ely Service **NUNC DIMITTIS** Jeremy Filsell

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

BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, I 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.

K. 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

GOD, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

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

LIGHTEN 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.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

A LLELUIA, Amen. And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia, Amen. Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God. Alleluia, Amen.

Revelation 19:1, 4



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BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

EXPOSITION

The People stand. As the altar is prepared, this hymn is sung.

HYMN ST. JOAN



Christ is the world's true light, #542 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.

Music: St. Joan, Percy E. B. Coller (1895-1955).



O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

Plainsong (Mode VIII)

The People kneel when the bell rings as the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar.

SALUTARIS hostia quae caeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia: da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in patria. Amen. O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to man below, our foes press on from every side, thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend for evermore, blest one in Three; O grant us life that shall not end in our true native land with thee. Amen.

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

MEDITATION

The People may sit or kneel during this extended period of prayer and devotion.

SILENCE

ORGAN MEDITATION

Pange Lingua from Le Tombeau de Duruflé

David Briggs (b. 1962)

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

The Minister says

Let us pray.

The People kneel. This response is used

Lord, hear us,

People Lord, graciously hear us.

After a collect, the devotions end with

Blessed, Praised, and Hallowed be Jesus Christ on his Throne of Glory.

People And in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.



TANTUM ERGO Mélanie Bonis (1858-1937)

TANTUM ergo sacramentum Veneremur cernui, Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Genitori genitoque Laus et jubilatio, Salus honor virtus quoque Sit et benedictio. Precedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen. Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing to the Father and the Son, honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing, who from both with both is One. Amen.

Thomas Aquinas

The Officiant sings

Thou gavest them bread from heaven. Alleluia. People Containing within itself all sweetness. Alleluia.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

OD our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Officiant blesses the People with the Blessed Sacrament.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

The People repeat each line after the Officiant

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.



Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints. Blessed be God in the hearts of his faithful people.

The Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle. The People stand when the bell rings.

PSALM 117 Sung by the Choir Jeffrey Smith
(b. 1960)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

Antiphon Let us adore for ever the Most Holy Sacrament.

PRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. 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.

Antiphon Let us adore for ever the Most Holy Sacrament.

VOLUNTARY Alleluyas Simon Preston (1938-2022)

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Said Mass Sermon by Fr. Gioia

12 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy of Ash Wednesday* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rector

5:30 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy of Ash Wednesday* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rector

* indicates livestreamed.

Imposition of ashes will be available at all services, and in between all the liturgies in the nave.

Confessions:	Lady Chapel	Resurrection Chapel
9:30-10:30 am	The Rector	Fr. Moretz
10:30-11:30 am	Mo. Turner	Fr. Schultz
3-4 pm	Fr. Schultz	Mo. Lee-Pae
4-5 pm	Fr. Gioia	The Rector

20 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.

We are on hiatus this week for Shrove Tuesday.

The subject of next week's class will be "The Holy Bible: 'The Word of the Lord.'"

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

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

A chamber recital featuring Benjamin Howard, Baritone and Gentleman of the Choir

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 - Ash Wednesday* Schedule in the box 2 pages above

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Friday

12 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 9, The First 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. Litany and Solemn Eucharist* sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by The Rector

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by Fr. Gonzales-Grissom

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

An organ recital featuring Eugene Lavery, Waco, TX



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, Lucy Chauncey, Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews Clark, and Margaret Crane Hurlbut, 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.org. 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.



PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Our Annual Pre-Lent Family Feast is today at 10 am in the Dining Room (2nd Floor) followed by fellowship in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor) until 10:40 am. Sunday School and Faith Alive return the following week, March 9th. CFM Families please join us for our CFM Lenten Movie Night on Friday, March 7th at 5:30 pm, following Noble Singers Rehearsal, in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor). Feel free to invite friends! 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.

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 <u>Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org.</u>

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 오후1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후12:45에 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.

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.