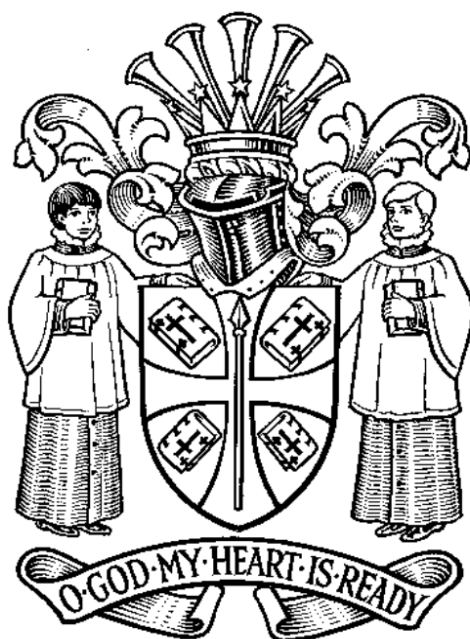


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SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 AT 11 A.M.
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE)

FESTAL EUCHARIST

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS
AND THE CHOIR OF SOMERVILLE COLLEGE, OXFORD, UK,
Will Dawes, Conductor



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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Bel' Amfitrit' altera

Orlandus Lassus
(1532-1594)

PRELUDE

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

THE GREETINGS

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

HYMN

CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, #690 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.
Music: Cum Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932).

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

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 faith. (Cf. *Titus 2:11-14*)

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.

GRACIOUS Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread
which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him;
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

Joshua 5:9-12

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

PSALM 32

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Parratt*)

BEATI QUORUM

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin :
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
For while I held my tongue : my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night : and my moisture is like the drought in summer.
I will acknowledge my sin unto thee : and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee,
in a time when thou mayest be found :
but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.
Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble :
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.



I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go :
and I will guide thee with mine eye.
Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding :
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.
Great plagues remain for the ungodly :
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.
Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.
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

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

The People stand.

HYMN

ST. HELENA



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure



of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -
up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -
of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -



tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come
ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -
nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were



for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy
ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for
but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would



with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Interlude/Conclusion



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rector

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 III)

The Celebrant says

LET us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

The People kneel.

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

GOD of compassion, thou has reconciled us in Jesus Christ who is our peace:
Enable us to live as Jesus lived, breaking down walls of hostility and healing enmity.
Give us grace to make peace with those from whom we are divided, that, forgiven and forgiving,
we may ever be one in Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth for ever,
one holy and undivided Trinity. **Amen.**

The People stand.



THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

WE are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2:19, 17

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

Johann Sebastian Bach

ET incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine et homo factus est.
Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est.

And he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

Nicene Creed from Mass in B minor, BWV 232

The People stand.

HYMN

ST. AGNES

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

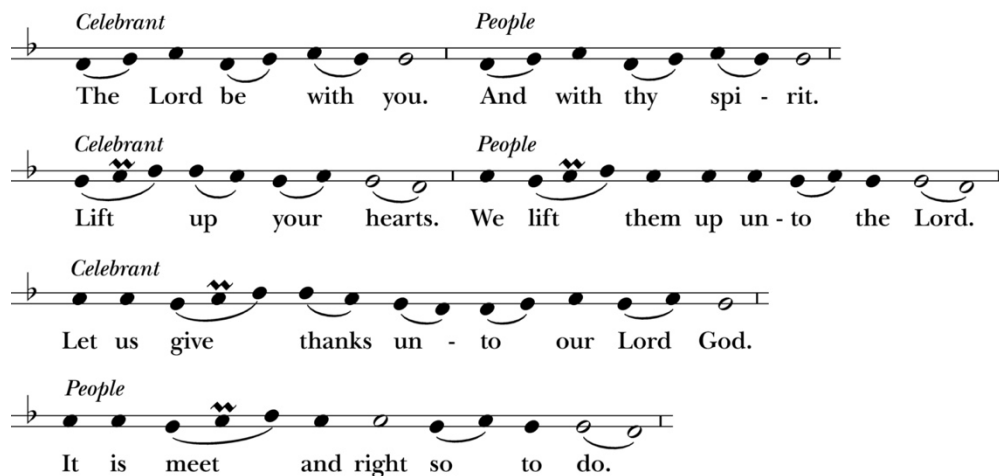


Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless, #343 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
Music: St. Agnes, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).



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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.

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.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

The People kneel or stand.

*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 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)*

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.

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 670

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.*



MOTET

William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)

AVE verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie,
O Jesu, fili Mariae,
miserere mei. Amen.

Hail the true body,
Born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
flowed blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.
O sweet, O gentle,
O Jesu, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362)

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 BLESSING OF THE SIMNEL CAKES

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says

O GOD, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour thy blessing upon these simnel cakes, that they may be to thy people joyful signs of the refreshment, nurture, and motherly care we receive from thee in thy Holy Church; and grant that whosoever shall partake of these cakes with thanksgiving may receive from thee health of body and protection of soul. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

WOODWORTH

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
2 con - flict, man - y a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist BWV 671

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Lady Chapel after the service.

Coffee hour following the 11am service today is sponsored by the Young Adults community at Saint Thomas Church and features homemade simnel cakes. The tradition of eating simnel cakes on the fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday) is ancient with roots in the Middle Ages and offers a delicious respite for people fasting during Lent. It was traditionally baked by people visiting their mothers and "mother church" and is decorated with 11 marzipan balls on top to represent the 11 apostles of Christ (excluding Judas). We hope you enjoy and we look forward to sharing this tradition with you!



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 and Elizabeth van Bokkelen Nichols,
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)

PARISH NOTICES



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.



HELP US SHARE EASTER JOY!

Please bring **chocolate Easter treats** and **new spring clothing for children** (sizes 2T-14) to the Parish House by **Sunday, April 6th**. We are filling Easter baskets for **St. Ann's Episcopal Church in the Bronx** and children staying at a **Safe Horizons** shelter for survivors of domestic abuse. Want to help assemble baskets? Join us on **Tuesday, April 8th, from 2-4 PM** in the Parish House. For more information, contact **Linda Morfi** at [212-757-7013](tel:212-757-7013) ext. 416 or Lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org. You may also make a donation online using the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!





PALM CROSSES

Please join us Thursday, April 10 between the hours of 10am and 3pm to help us make Palm crosses. The crosses will be sent to our parishioners who are house bound, our Easter Basket recipients, and our Neighbor to Neighbor friends. Don't worry if you have never made a Palm cross, we will show you how and don't worry if you can't spend the whole day with us. We will be making them in the Dining Room on the 2nd floor of the Parish House. A light lunch will be served. Any questions? Contact Femintz309@gmail.com.



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 *Parasite* (dir: Bong Joon Ho, 2019, R).

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



FASCINATOR SALE

The Daughters of the British Empire, King Edward VII Chapter, will be selling fascinators in the back of the Lady Chapel during coffee hour today after the 11am service. Please come and take a look – and perhaps choose a new Easter bonnet! Proceeds will benefit programs for senior citizens.



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.



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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 *"When Things Go Wrong: Confession and Healing."*

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.**



Children and Family Ministries: Next Sunday, April 6th, in place of Sunday School and Faith Alive at 10am, we will have rehearsals for the Palm Sunday readings in the 9am Mass on Sunday, April 13th. Today, 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. *Note: We will not meet Holy Week or Easter Week.*

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 Taizé 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.

Spring Theology Lecture

The Parish as Divine “Place”: The Healing of Body, Desire, and Society

Saturday April 5th, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley



Join The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley for the Spring Theology Lecture on Saturday, April 5, as she explores the **profound role of the parish as a sacred place of healing, community, and transformation**. Reflecting on the Anglican tradition's theology of place, she examines how lockdown challenged yet reinforced the significance of physical presence in worship, prayer, and acts of mercy. Through this lens, **Dr. Coakley considers how our embodied faith shapes both personal and societal renewal**. Don't miss this thought-provoking discussion on the parish as a vital witness to divine presence in the world.



Register today!

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Mo. Turner: "The Temple: Incense as Prayer"

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

A recital featuring organist Jerick Cavagnaro, Boston, MA

Monday – Tuesday, Thursday – Friday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday

12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and 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. Said Mass

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. Schultz

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. The Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue *(includes Shrine Prayers)*

12 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: April 6,

The Fifth Sunday in Lent: Passiontide begins

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 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 Fr. Moretz: "The Temple: Holy of Holies"

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

A chamber recital featuring players from the Historical

Performance program at The Juilliard School,

New York, NY

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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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