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THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (TR.)

**SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION**  
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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*God's Love at the Heart of New York*

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PRELUDE

VI. Les anges from La Nativité du Seigneur

Olivier Messiaen  
(1908-1992)

*L'armée céleste louait Dieu et disait: Gloire à Dieu au plus haut des cieux!*  
[A multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest.]  
*Luke 2:13-14*

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Sasha Johnson Manning  
(b. 1963)

*The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.*

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

*The People sit.*

WELCOME

PSALM 34

*Sung by the Choir*

Anglican Chant (George C. Martin)

BENEDICAM DOMINO

I WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord : his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.  
O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.  
I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.  
They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.  
Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.  
The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.  
O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.  
O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.  
The lions do lack, and suffer hunger :  
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.  
Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days?  
Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.  
Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.  
The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.  
The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil :  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.  
The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart :  
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.  
Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.



He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.  
But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.  
The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants :  
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.  
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.

PSALM 150

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (George S. Talbot)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

**O** PRAISE God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let every thing that hath breath : 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.

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 10:4-21

*The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.*

OFFICE HYMN

CAELITES PLAUDANT




1 Christ, the fair glo - ry of the ho - ly an - gels,  
2 Send thine arch - an - gel Mi - chael to our suc - cor;  
3 Send thine arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el, the might - y;  
4 Send from the hea - vens Ra - phael thine arch - an - gel,  
5 May the blest mo - ther of our God and Sa - vior,  
6 Fa - ther Al - might - y, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit,



1 ma - ker of all things, ru - ler of all  
2 peace - ma - ker bless - ed, may he ban - ish  
3 her - ald of hea - ven, may he, from us  
4 health - bring - er bless - ed, aid - ing ev - ery  
5 may the ce - les - tial com - pa - ny of  
6 God ev - er bless - ed, hear our thank - ful



1 na - tions, grant of thy mer - cy un - to us thy  
2 from us striv - ing and hat - red, so that for the  
3 mor - tals, drive ev - ery e - vil, watch - ing o'er the  
4 suf - ferer, that, in thy ser - vice, he may wise - ly  
5 an - gels, may the as - sem - bly of the saints in  
6 prais - es; thine is the glo - ry which from all cre -



1 ser - vants steps up to hea - ven.  
2 peace - ful all things may pros - per.  
3 tem - ples where thou art wor - shiped.  
4 guide us, heal - ing and bless - ing.  
5 hea - ven help us to praise thee.  
6 a - tion ev - er a - scend - eth.

*Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels*, #282 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Rabanus Maurus (776-856); ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Caelites plaudant*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1728; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). Harmonization, Copyright © Oxford University Press. Used by permission.

MAGNIFICAT

*The Gloucester Service*

Herbert Howells  
(1892-1983)

**M**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

Revelation 5

*The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

*The Gloucester Service*

Herbert Howells

**L**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

**I** BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,  
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.

R. 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.



- ℣. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
℟. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*
- ℣. O Lord, save thy people.  
℟. *And bless thine inheritance.*
- ℣. Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
℟. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*
- ℣. O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
℟. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

○ EVERLASTING, God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order:  
Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven,  
so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth;  
through 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

*Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)*

FOR he shall give his angels charge over thee,  
to keep thee in all thy ways.  
They shall bear thee up in their hands,  
lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

*Psalm 91:11-12*





A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

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## BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### EXPOSITION

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

### HYMN

### PICARDY



1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
he will give to all the faith - ful  
that the powers of hell may va - nish  
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
his own self for heaven - ly food.  
as the dark - ness clears a way.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*, #324 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885).  
Music: Picardy, French Carol, 17<sup>th</sup> cent; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860.



O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

Sir Edward Elgar  
(1857-1934)

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

O 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

Andante from Sonata VI

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

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.**

*The People remain kneeling for the following hymn*



TANTUM ERGO

Maurice Duruflé  
(1902-1986)

**T**ANTUM 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.  
Procedenti 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.*

*Saint Thomas Aquinas (d. 1274)*

*The Officiant sings*

Thou gavest them bread from heaven. Alleluia.

*People* **Containing within itself all sweetness. Alleluia.**

COLLECT

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments,  
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

*The Officiant blesses the people with the Blessed Sacrament.*

THE DIVINE PRAISES

*The people repeat each line after the Officiant*

**B**LESSED 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 Choir immediately sings this psalm as 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.

**O** PRAISE the Lord all ye nations : praise him all ye peoples.  
For his merciful kindness is evermore and more towards us :  
and the truth of the Lord endureth 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.

*Antiphon* Let us adore for ever the Most Holy Sacrament.

VOLUNTARY

Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>

Percy Whitlock  
(1903-1946)



*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 James Massey, Ida Spear O'Neill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Frances Wasson Scoville Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Nydia Mason 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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## 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:*





## WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Today

**4 p.m. Solemn Evensong & Benediction\***

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers\***

**12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist\***

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\***

*Followed by a short, said Mass*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

*music by Byrd, Noble, & Rorem*

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Thérèse of Lisieux**

**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\***

*Followed by a short, said Mass*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

*music by Byrd, Palestrina, Lassus, & Bairstow*

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\***

*Followed by a short, said Mass*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

*music by Byrd*

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer**

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Francis of Assisi**

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

*Confessor: Fr. Gioia*

**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers\***

**12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist\***

### Next Sunday: October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church**

**7:45 a.m. Said Mass**

**9 a.m. Sung Mass**

*Sung by the Noble Singers*

*followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

**11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist\***

**with the installation of choristers and the Head and Deputy Head Choristers.**

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

*Sermon by the Rector*

**4 p.m. Solemn Evensong & Te Deum in Procession\***

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

*Sermon by the Rector*