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The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

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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THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (CANDLEMAS)

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m.
Sung by The Noble Singers

The Ordinary of the Mass

Robert Powell/David Thorne

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Hymn

OLD 120TH



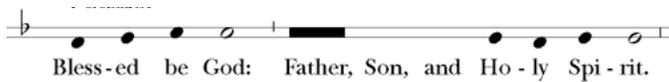
1. Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his tem - ple gate;
2. but, borne up - on the throne of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,
3. There Jo - seph at her side in rev - erent won - der stands;
4. O Light of all the earth, thy chil - dren wait for thee!

not with his an - gel host, not in his king - ly state;
watched by her du - teous love, in her fond arms at rest,
and, filled with ho - ly joy, old Si - meon in his hands
Come to thy tem - ples here, that we, from sin set free,

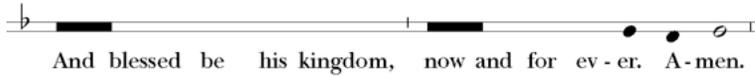
no shouts pro - claim him nigh, no crowds his com - ing wait;
thus to his Fa - ther's house he comes, the heaven - ly guest.
takes up the prom - ised child, the glo - ry of all lands.
be - fore thy Fa - ther's face may all pre - sent - ed be!

The Penitential Order

Celebrant



People



The Celebrant welcomes the People and introduces the celebration. Then, the Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Robert Powell
(b. 1932)

Sung by all.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

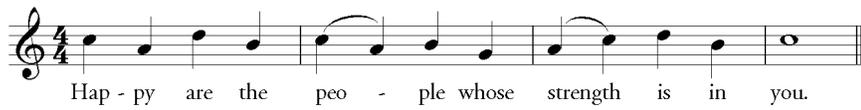
Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



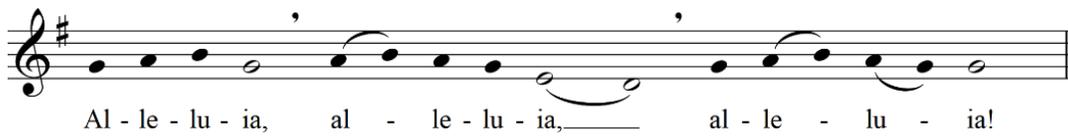
Happy are they who dwell in your house!
 They will always be praising you.
 Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. *Refrain*

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
 They will climb from height to height,
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation

Plainsong (*Mode VI*)

The People stand. The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



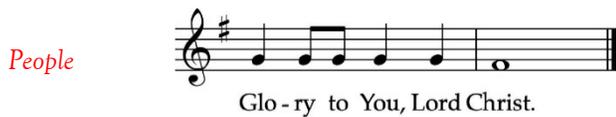
Cantor God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels,
 preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

The Holy Gospel

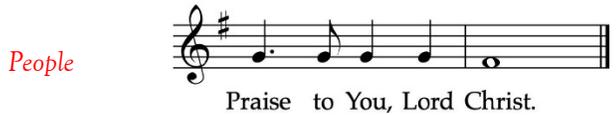
Luke 2:22-40

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.



At the end The Gospel of the Lord.



The Homily

Mo. Turner

The Nicene Creed

The People stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

People

The Greetings

Blessing of the Candles

Celebrant

Let us pray.

God our Father, source of all light, You have revealed to the aged Simeon Your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines forever, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

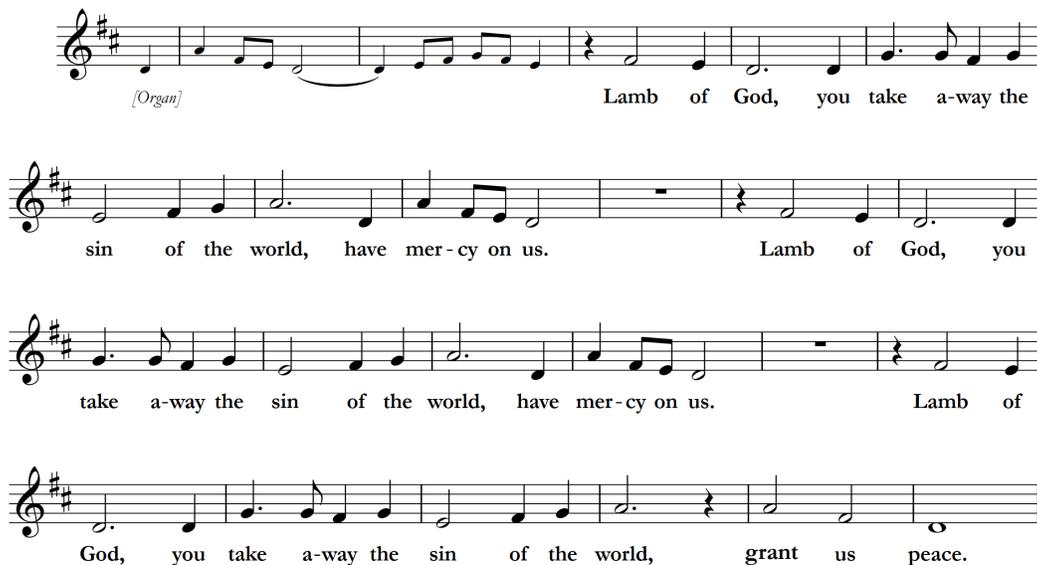

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People


There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei

David Thorne
(b. 1950)


[Organ] Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*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.*

Communion Anthem

Simon Lindley
(b. 1948)

Ave Maria gratia plena
Dominus tecum.
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.*

Luke 1:28, 42

After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1. Sing we of the bless - ed Moth - er Who re - ceived the an - gel's word,
 2. Sing we, too, of Mar - y's sor - rows, Of the sword that pierced her through,
 3. Sing a - gain the joys_ of Mar - y When she saw_ the ri - sen Lord,
 4. Sing the chief - est joy_ of Mar - y When on earth_ her work_ was done,

And o - be - dient to_ his sum - mons Bore in love_ the in - fant Lord;
 When be - neath the cross of Je - sus She his weight of suf - fer - ing knew,
 And in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, Wait - ed on_ his pro - mised word:
 And the Lord of all_ cre - a - tion Brought her to_ his heav - en - ly home:

Sing we of the joys_ of Mar - y At whose breast that child was fed
 Looked up - on her Son_ and Sav - iour Reign - ing high_ on Cal - vary's tree,
 From on high the blaz - ing glo - ry Of the Spi - rit's pre - sence came,
 Vir - gin Moth - er, Mar - y bless - ed, Raised on high_ and crowned with grace,

Who_ is Son of God_ e - ter - nal And the e - ver - last - ing Bread.
 Saw_ the price of man's re - demp - tion Paid to set_ the sin - ner free.
 Heavenly breath of God's own be - ing, Man - i - fest_ through wind and flame.
 May_ your Son, the world's re - deem - er, Grant us all_ to see his face.

Sing we of the blessed Mother – Words: George B. Tims (1910-1997), alt.
 Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991).

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room 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 *George Arents, Mrs. Margaret Adams Bromley, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and James S. Reilly, Jr.*, and pray for the repose of their souls.

Today's flowers are donated by Margaret White and William Benson in thanksgiving for their wedding here yesterday.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalm 104:31)

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PILGRIMS' COURSE 2025



*It's not the destination,
but the journey that matters*

The Pilgrims' Course explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes are open to all and, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community.

The subject of the week's class will be *The Trinity: The Church Community Reflects Our Belief in God as "Three in One."* A simple hot meal is available at 6:30pm, and the class runs from 7-8pm. Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join us on-line. To register please scan this code:



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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR
The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



On **October 26th** we launched **Neighbor to Neighbor**, a service program which provides coffee, tea, croissants, and fresh fruit to community members in need. The program serves guests **between 9am and 10am every Saturday**, with volunteers arriving at the cloisters of the church on 53rd Street around 8:30am. Please note there is a **signup form** for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

**11 a.m. Blessing of Candles, Procession,
and Solemn Eucharist***

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Gioia

4 p.m. The Blessing of Light and Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Brown

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

*Chamber Recital featuring Players from the Historical
Performance Program of the Juilliard School, NYC*

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 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

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday

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

Confessor: Fr. Morris

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

(Requiem)

Next Sunday: February 9,

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

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

February is Black History Month, and as part of its observance, Saint Thomas Church has invited Ms. Dianne Harris to give a talk today for the Sunday Theology Talk series. Ms. Harris, a native of Selma, Alabama, became a committed activist in the Civil Rights Movement at the age of 15. Participating in several pivotal marches, including what came to be known as “Bloody Sunday,” she was arrested twice for her courageous stand against racial injustice. Ms. Harris has been honored with numerous accolades, including the Congressional Foot Soldier Medal and Certificate. She is a passionate public speaker, and is frequently sought after by media outlets. She is also a Selma Historical Tour Guide. As Ms. Harris is unable to give her talk in person, she will speak to us remotely via Zoom in the 5th floor conference room.

Light refreshments will be provided. Please join us.

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Today, children and caretakers are invited for a Candlemas Family Feast at 10am in the Dining Room (2nd Floor). Sunday School (5-9) will continue the festivities and Faith Alive (10-14+) will meet in Andrew (3rd Floor) Hall at 10:10am. Sunday School and Faith Alive return to their normal gathering times next Sunday, February 9. The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am - 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our parish children's choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is accepting new choristers for the new year. We rehearse on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm with choristers selecting one rehearsal to attend each week. The choir sings weekly at the 9am Sung Eucharist on Sundays during the program year. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide - Meet Here" sign.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org.

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every second Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 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.

Franz Liszt: The Greater Organ and Piano Works: Saint Thomas Church Organist and Director of Music **Jeremy Filsell** brings the 2024-2025 Grand Organ Series to a close on Saturday, February 22 at 3 pm with a concert of works by Franz Liszt. He will feature on both the Miller-Scott Organ and Saint Thomas Church's Steinway D. For in-person or livestream tickets and for information about future concerts, please email us at concerts@saintthomaschurch.org or visit us online at www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts. Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make your donation with our team call [212-664-9360](tel:212-664-9360).

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