SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK

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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 16, 2025

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



Optional Liturgical Guide:

† = Make the sign of the Cross from head to heart, then shoulder to shoulder

★ at Gospel Acclamation = Make small Crosses on forehead, lips, and heart

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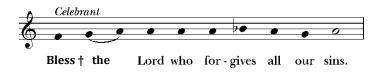
The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Hymn (omit verses 2 and 3)

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The Penitential Order





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.

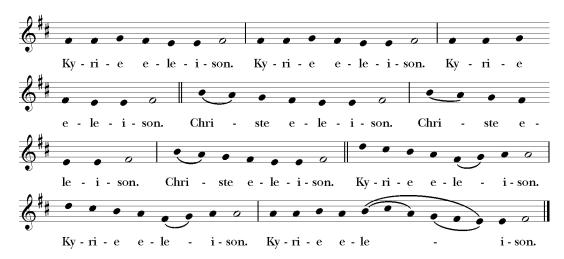
Celebrant and People

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.

Kyrie Sung by all.



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.

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

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27 AUS TIEFER NOT

The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



Show me your way O Lord;

lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. Refrain

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

Oh tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation

Bernadette Farrell
(b. 1957)

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



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Choir

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; You are the Word who leads us into light; You are the Word who brings us through the desert: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

All repeat the refrain.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People



At the end The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Homily Fr. Moretz

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,

and his kingdom will have no end.

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, 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 tof the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Special Form)

The Leader says

As we observe this Lenten season, let us pause for a moment of silent reflection, opening our hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Following this silence, we will offer our prayers to God, responding together with, "In your mercy, hear us."

Silence is kept, then the Intercessor continues

God, we pray for our siblings around the world. May all those who bear your name follow your example. Where we are wrong, correct us. When we walk in love, affirm us. And give us courage to follow you without reservation.

Oh Lord,

People In your mercy, hear us.

We pray for this country and those in positions of public trust and responsibility, that you would give them courage to stand for truth and justice for all. And grant us insight to see where we are responsible to care for others.

Oh Lord,

People In your mercy, hear us.

We pray for our neighborhoods, our schools, and our local community.

You have called us to be a blessing to those around us. Help us to seek the well-being of our neighbors with the same dedication we give to our own needs.

Oh Lord,

People In your mercy, hear us.

God, You who are neither surprised nor ashamed of our neediness, help us to see where we have caused pain to others or ourselves, and bring peace and deliverance to those who are suffering.

Oh Lord,

People In your mercy, hear us.

Creator God, help us care for the earth and all its creatures.

Guide us to live responsibly and protect your Creation for future generations.

Oh Lord,

People In your mercy, hear us.

Eternal God, we place into your care those who have died† in the hope of the Resurrection. In this Lenten season, help us to remember that in death, life is not ended, but changed.

Oh Lord,

People In your mercy, hear us.

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Greetings

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The People stand.

Offertory Hymn Sung by all.

UNDE ET MEMORES





And now, O Father, mindful of the love, #338 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt.

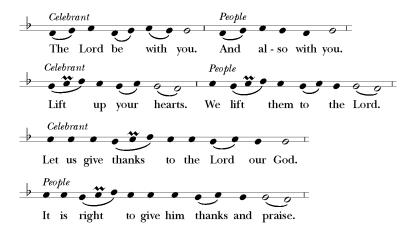
Music: Unde et memores, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).



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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

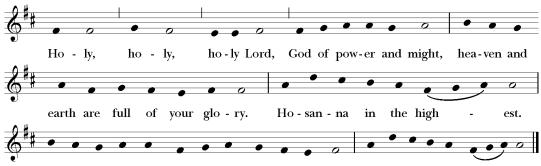


The Celebrant sings the Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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

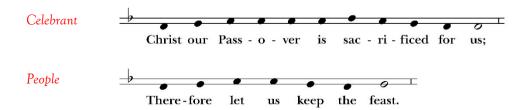
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

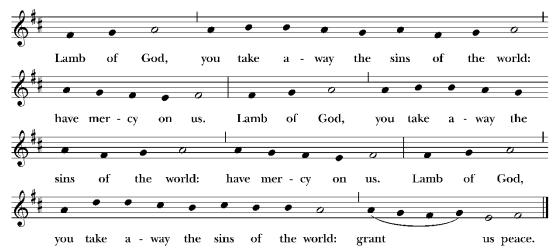
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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



Agnus Dei Sung by all.



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.

Anthem Carol McClure
(b. 1955)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where I find doubt and despair, where I find sadness and hate,
let me shine with your faith and hope, let me shine with your joy and love.

Let me seek to love with compassion. Let me seek to give and forgive,
as you gave for me in your death, God's gift of love so that I might live.

St. Francis of Assisi (c. 1181-1226)

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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

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

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

Hymn (omit v. 2)

MIT FREUDEN ZART



Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, #598 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.

Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547,
and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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 Margaret Crane Hurlbut, James S. Reilly, Jr., and Mrs. Edwin H. Weatherbee, and pray for the repose of their souls.

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

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.

The subject of this week's class will be "An Introduction to the Sacramental Life of the Church: Baptism and Confirmation." A simple hot meal is available at 6:30pm, and the class runs from 7-8pm. Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join on-line. To register please scan this code:



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

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

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

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

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

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

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

Monday - Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers* 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday

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

Tuesday - Eve of Saint Joseph 5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong* Followed by a short, said Mass sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Wednesday - Saint Joseph 5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday - Cuthbert
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
Followed by a short, said Mass
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

12:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer In the Lady Chapel

Saturday

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

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: March 23, The Third Sunday in Lent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

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

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

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

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

An Organ Recital featuring Colin Andrews, Bloomington, IN

LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITY: RELIEVING MEDICAL DEBT

At Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue, we are reflecting on our history of compassion and service to New York City. One tradition dating back to the just after the Civil War era is the church's participation in the Easter Parade, where members carried flowers used in the Easter service to St. Luke's Hospital located at 54th Street.

This was a small way Saint Thomas Church showed caring for the sick and suffering of New York.

During Lent this year, Saint Thomas is raising money to address modern challenges facing those who are sick.

Partnering with Undue Medical Debt, we aim to raise funds to forgive medical debt, following the example of Christ's healing ministry. Every dollar donated can relieve over a hundred dollars of debt, offering tangible relief to those in need.

Starting Ash Wednesday individuals may participate in this campaign by scanning the QR code below. For inquiries, contact Parishioner Erich Erving at erich@shoestringpressny.com. Let's join together in this act of compassion, honoring Saint Thomas's legacy and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those burdened by medical expenses.



EASTER FLOWERS

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

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

Deadline for submission is Monday, April 7.

MONSTROSITY! LENTEN MOVIE NIGHTS

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

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

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

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

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (5-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor) and Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor). The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am – 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

"Let Mutual Love Continue: An Exhortation to Inhabit the Community of Witness." The Zoom Bible Study Group has embarked on its next course, diving into the Epistle to the Hebrews. Examining the Epistle's structure, ecclesiology, and Christology, we'll discover a vision of community that transcends time, space and circumstance, rooted by faith in the never-ending love of God. As the epistle's author encourages us to remain faithful to Jesus in a time of oppression and fear, they help us to understand what it means to truly take our place in a community that witnesses to a reality of love that is both immanent and transcendent. The Study meets Fridays at 1pm on Zoom. Each session begins with prayer for the needs of the community, and continues with our engagement with scripture, ending at 2:15pm. Contact Fr. Schultz (Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org) to join.

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

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

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Margaret White: Mwhite@choirschool.org.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org. Note: for the season of Lent, we will meet in the Lady Chapel at 3:30pm, to commence after the conclusion of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30-3:30, also in the Lady Chapel.

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

매달 둘째 주일 오후1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

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

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