

# 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.

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE)

MARCH 30, 2025

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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

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



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

## 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*

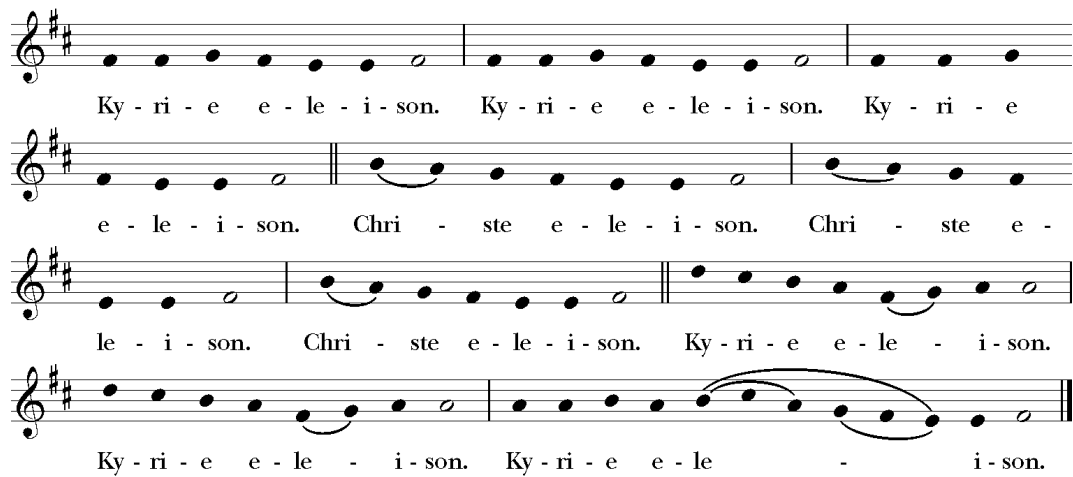
Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For 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.*

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

Joshua 5:9-12

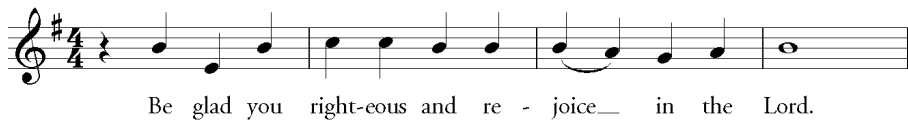
*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat.*



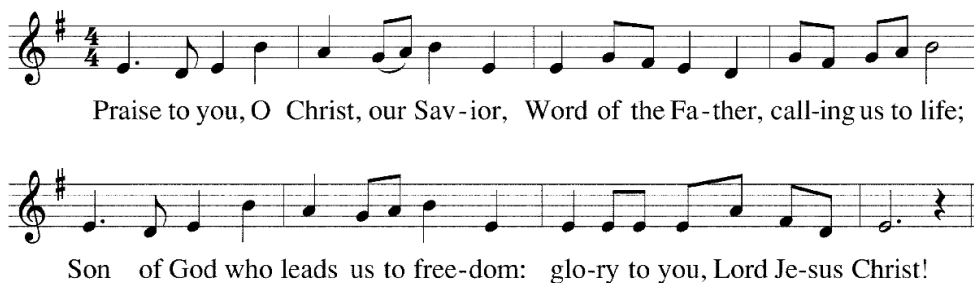
Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!  
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile! *Refrain*

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.  
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.  
Be glad you righteous and rejoice in the Lord;  
shout for joy all who are true of heart. *Refrain*

### Gospel Acclamation

Bernadette Farrell  
(b. 1957)

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



*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 15:1-3, 11b-32

*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*



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 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,  
In your mercy, hear us.

*People*

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.

*People*  
Oh Lord,  
**In your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for our neighborhoods, our schools, and our local community.  
Help us to seek the well-being of our neighbors with the same dedication we give to our own  
needs.

*People*  
Oh Lord,  
**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.

*People*  
Oh Lord,  
**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.

*People*  
Oh Lord,  
**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.

*People*  
Oh Lord,  
**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*

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

**The Greetings**

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

*The People stand.*

Offertory Hymn *Sung by all.*

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.

*Just as I am, without one plea*, #693 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871).  
Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).



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*Celebrant*                      *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*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:

**Sanctus & Benedictus** *Sung by all.*

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,

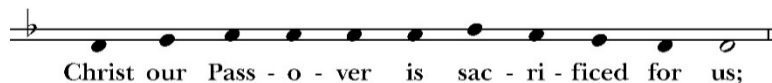
*Celebrant and People*

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.

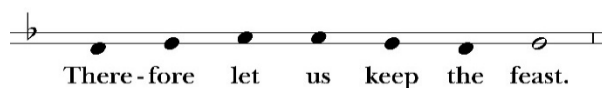
## The Breaking of the Bread

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

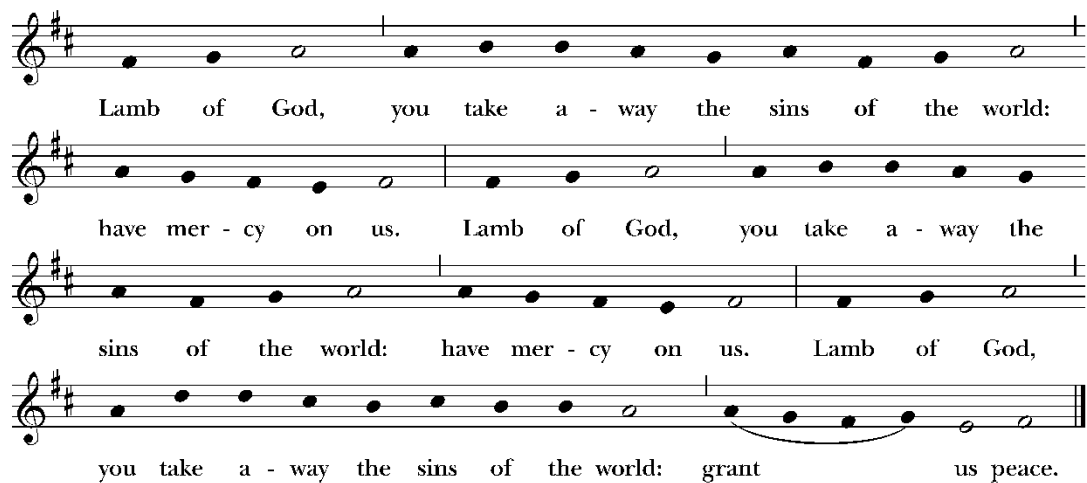
*Celebrant*



*People*



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

David Ogden  
(b. 1966)

Christ has no body now but yours.  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes with which he sees.  
Yours are the feet with which he walks.  
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands. Yours are the feet. Yours are the eyes.

*Attributed to St. Teresa of Avila*

*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.

### The Blessing of the Simnel Cakes

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour your blessing upon these simnel cakes, that they may be to your people joyful signs of the refreshment, nurture, and motherly care we receive from you in your Holy Church; and grant that all who partake of these cakes with thanksgiving may receive from you health of body and soul. Through Jesus 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

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).

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
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 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](http://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.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## 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](mailto:Lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org).

You may also make a donation online using the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: [Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org).



# Spring Theology Lecture

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## 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

### 11 a.m. Festal Eucharist\*

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

Sermon by Fr. Gioia

### 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 Jerrick 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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