

# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK

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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.

# SUNG EUCHARIST Sung by the Noble Singers

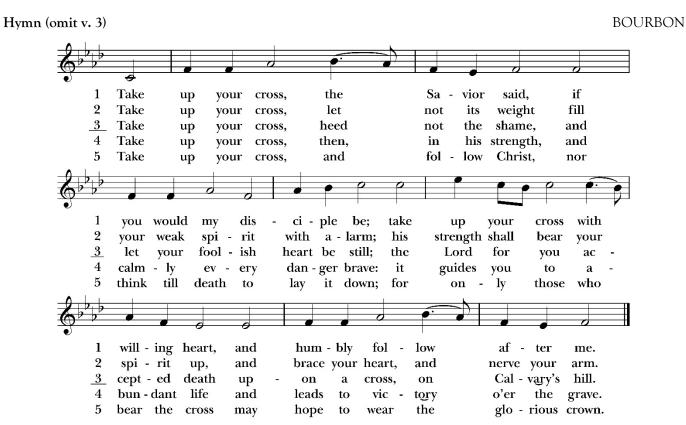
Optional Liturgical Guide:

+ = 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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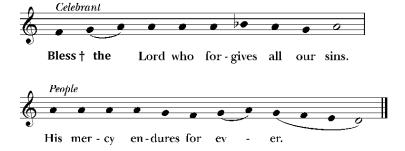
The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.



Take up your cross, the Savior said, #675 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt.

Music: Bourbon, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

#### 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

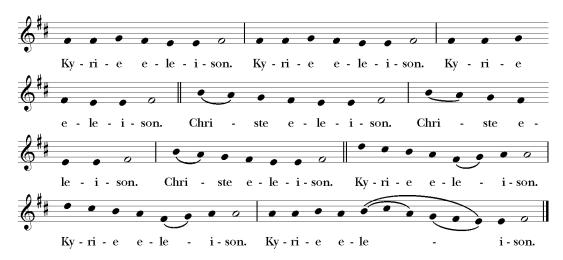
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

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 Celebrant And also with you.

Let us pray.

## Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through 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 Isaiah 43:16-21

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 AUS TIEFER NOT

The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. *Refrain* 

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. *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

John 12:1-8

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

₩ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

People



At the end The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Homily Fr. Schultz

#### The Nicene Creed

The People stand. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

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)

Following this silence, we will offer our prayers to God, responding together with, "In your mercy, hear us."

# 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.

#### 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.

O 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.

O Lord,

People 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.

O 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.

O 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.

O 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.

O 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 Iesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace. (*Ephesians 2:13-14*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Greetings

The People stand.



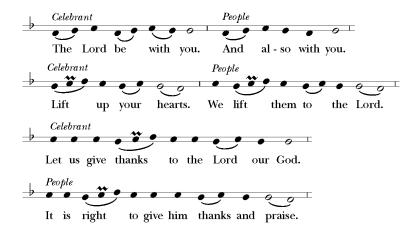


Praise to the Holiest in the height, #445 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt.

Music: Gerontius, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).



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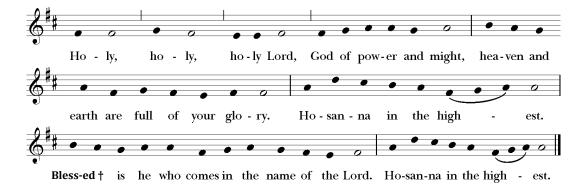
#### The Celebrant sings the Preface

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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.



# 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

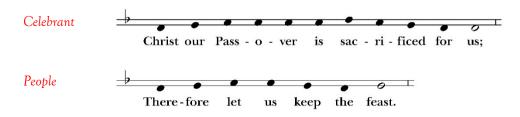
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### Celebrant and People

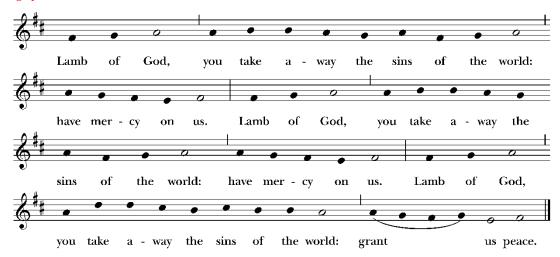
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

## Communion Anthem

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5:8, 4:9

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.

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

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn ROCKINGHAM



When I survey the wondrous cross, #474 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Rockingham, from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

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, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Munsell, Beth Pearce Nelson, Elizabeth van Bokkelen Nichols, Eliza J. Watson and John J. Watson, and pray for the repose of their souls.

# PARISH NOTICES

#### عن 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 **TOMORROW**, Monday, April 7.

# **80** PALM CROSSES

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

# MONSTROSITY! LENTEN MOVIE NIGHTS

Our final session is this Friday! 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 final film is *There Will Be Blood* (dir: Paul Thomas Anderson, 2007, R). You must register to attend! Contact Fr. Schultz (Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org) for the registration link.

# **£**0 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 ext. 416 or Lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org. You may also make a donation online using the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



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#### LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITY: RELIEVING MEDICAL DEBT

Medical Debt Forgiveness Campaign: Once again Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue reflects on our history of compassion and service to New York City. One tradition dating back to just after the Civil War 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. As Easter calls us to new life in the resurrection, we invite you to extend your generosity to those with medical debt. For every dollar contributed, we can absolve over \$100 of medical debt, profoundly impacting not just individuals but entire families, bringing peace of mind and well-being.

You may participate in this campaign by scanning the QR code below.

For inquiries, contact Parishioner Erich Erving at <a href="mailto:Erich@shoestringpressny.com">Erich@shoestringpressny.com</a>. 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.



**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 "Mission and Ministry: Vocation, Ordination, and the Mission of the Church." 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. (Note: No classes on April 15 or 22 due to Holy Week and Easter week; those who wish to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, that service will be on Saturday, April 19, at 5:30pm.)

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.



Children and Family Ministries: Today, in place of School and Faith Alive Sunday we will have rehearsals for the Palm Sunday readings in the Mass on Sunday, April The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am - 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

"Let Mutual Love Continue: An Exhortation to Inhabit the Community of Witness." The Zoom Bible Study Group has embarked on its next course, diving into the Epistle to the Hebrews. Examining the Epistle's structure, ecclesiology, and Christology, we'll discover a vision of community that transcends time, space and circumstance, rooted by faith in the never-ending love of God. As the epistle's author encourages us to remain faithful to Jesus in a time of oppression and fear, they help us to understand what it means to truly take our place in a community that witnesses to a reality of love that is both immanent and transcendent. The Study meets Fridays at 1pm on Zoom. Each session begins with prayer for the needs of the community, and continues with our engagement with scripture, ending at 2:15pm. Contact Fr. Schultz (Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org) to join. Note: We will not meet Holy Week or Easter Week.

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. Note: There will be no tour offered on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

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 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: <a href="Mwhite@choirschool.org">Mwhite@choirschool.org</a>.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taizé Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org. Note: for the season of Lent, we will meet in the Lady Chapel at 3:30pm, to commence after the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30-3:30. We will not meet the Friday of Holy Week or Easter Week, April 18 and 25.

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

# WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

#### Today

# 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

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. Said Mass

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**Thursday** 

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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: April 13, Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Solemn Eucharist of the Passion\*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

# 4 p.m. Solemn Evensong\*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew McGowan, Dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University

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