SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 AT 11 A.M. HOLY CROSS DAY

SOLEMN EUCHARIST SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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 ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Mass for four voices

William Byrd (1548-1611)

PRELUDE

Mors et Resurrectio from Triptique Gregorien

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant says

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee;

People because by thy holy cross, thou hast redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

People We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.

We preach Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

People By thy holy cross, thou hast redeemed the world.

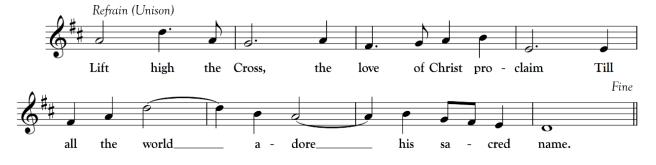
God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

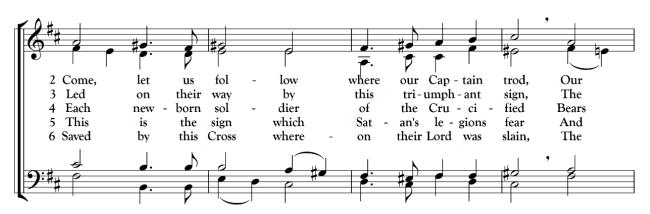
People We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee; by thy holy cross,

Thou hast redeemed the world.

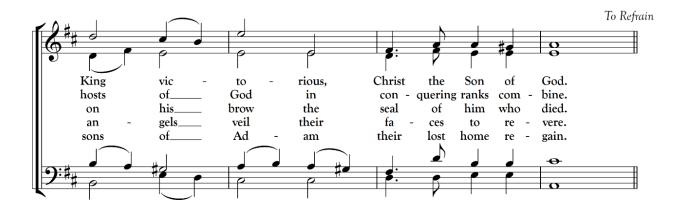
cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6

HYMN CRUCIFER









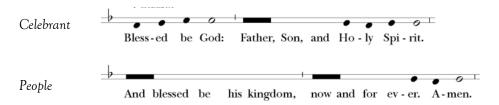
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou hast promised, draw us unto thee. *Refrain*

Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our souls from death and hell. Refrain

From farthest regions let them homage bring, And on his Cross adore their Savior King. *Refrain*

Lift high the cross, #641 from The New English Praise Hymnal — Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1012) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1912). Music: Crucifer, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER



The Celebrant says

GOD shows his love for us in that, while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Romans 5:8

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.



Celebrant and People

LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, A LMIGHT 1 000, A maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness. which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Glory be to God on high,

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

LORIA in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu

in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ. With the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Isaiah 45:21-25

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98:1-4 Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Erik Suter)

CANTATE DOMINO

O SING unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation:

his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel:

and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE Galatians 6:14-18

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The People stand.





Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, #160 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: William J. Sparrow-Simpson (1860-1952).

Music: Cross of Jesus, John Stainer (1840-1901).

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)



Cantor We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee: Because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.





THE HOLY GOSPEL John 12:31-36a

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

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

People

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



People

THE SERMON The Rector

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Special Form)

The intercessor says

Let us pray to Jesus, who opened wide his arms on the Cross for the redemption of the whole world.

The People kneel.

After each petition,

We adore thee O Christ, and we bless thee.

People Because by thy Holy Cross, thou hast redeemed the world.

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

ORD Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. Amen.

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

CHRIST is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The People offer one another a sign of peace.

The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence, and the People sit.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

MOTET AT THE OFFERTORY

attrib. King John IV of Portugal (1604-1656)

RUX fidelis, inter omnes arbor una nobilis: nulla silva talem profert, fronde, flore, germine. Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus sustinet. Amen.

Faithful cross, above all other,
One and only noble tree:
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be.
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
Sweetest weight is hung on thee! Amen.

Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)

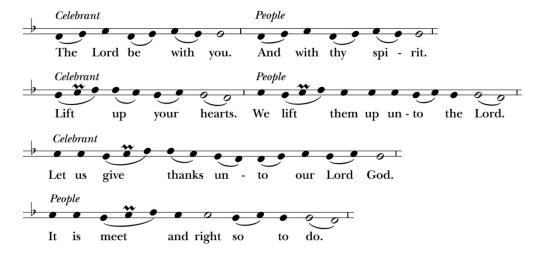


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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant continues

T is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

The People kneel or stand.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

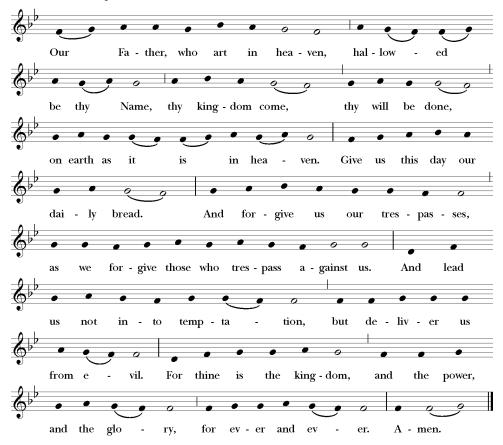


THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

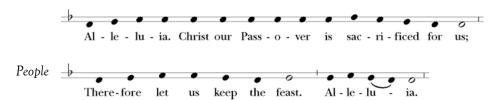
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those unable to receive Holy Communion in person)

BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar; I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.

Never permit me to be separated from thee!

O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

A Fancy

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

MOTET Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

SALVATOR mundi, salva nos, qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos, auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.

O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

From the Visitation of the Sick in the Book of Common Prayer

After Communion, silence is kept for a while.



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

CHRIST crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.



HYMN BRESLAU



We sing the praise of him who died, #471 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855), alt. Music: Breslau, melody from Lochamer Gesangbuch, ca. 1450; harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Incantation pour un jour Saint

Jean Langlais

Please join us for Coffee Hour at the back of the Lady Chapel 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 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)

Today's flowers are donated by Roger Adams Perry, III in honor of the marriage of Jennifer Bigelow Perry and William Daniel Oprea

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Preceded by brunch in the Parish House at 12:45 p.m.

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Christian Alejandro Almada, Rome, Italy

Monday - Friday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday - Ninian

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys music by Philip Moore, Stanford, and Ned Rorem

Wednesday - Hildegard of Bingen (Ember Day)

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Music by Philip Moore

Thursday - Edward Bouverie Pusey

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Music by Philip Moore, Candlyn, and Rosenthal

Saturday

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

Confessor: The Rector

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

<u>Next Sunday:</u> September 21, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

Sung by the Noble Singers followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

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 Mo. Lee-Pae

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Sebastian Thomson, Oxford, United Kingdom

PARISH NOTICES

Chorister for a Day: Find your voice. Find yourself. On Saturday, November 8, Saint Thomas Choir School will hold its annual Chorister for a Day. Open to boys in Grades 3-6, this day will be an opportunity to experience life in the choir school community with fun activities, choir rehearsal with the choristers, tours of the Church and School, and Evensong with the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. For more information contact Margaret White, Director of Admissions and Administration: admissions@choirschool.org

The Saint Thomas Choir School is home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Beginning in September 2025, the choristers (grades 4–8) will partner with Professional Children's School for their academic education, while continuing to live and train at STCS in a close-knit, music-centered environment. They sing five weekly services at Saint Thomas Church and perform in the Concerts at Saint Thomas series. If you know a boy who loves to sing and may thrive in this unique setting, please contact Margaret White at mwhite@choirschool.org

Children and Family Ministries: All CFM programming has returned! Please register your child for the 2025-2026 program year on the website. The Children's area (near the icon of Saint Thomas) is available for families during all services, with quiet activities for young children. The Nursery also continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9am-1pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd floor. To receive our Summer CFM newsletter, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org

Explore the Beauty and History of Saint Thomas Church each Sunday following the 11am service with a **guided tour.** These tours offer a unique opportunity to delve into the rich history, sacred art, and exquisite architectural details of our landmark building. To take part, please meet the Tour Guide at the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign on the south side of the Narthex. All are warmly welcome.

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

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers (ages 5-14+) have returned to sing in the 9am mass. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 415-515pm, and new singers are always welcome. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For more information, and to register your singer, contact Mrs. Lane at Jlane@Saintthomaschurch.org

Concerts at Saint Thomas kicks off the 2025-2026 season with a Grand Organ Series recital of Baroque organ music. On Saturday, September 27th at 3pm, Associate Organist Nicolas Haigh plays the music of Nicolaus Bruhns, Vincent Lübeck, and Johann Sebastian Bach on the Taylor & Boody Loening-Hancock Gallery Organ. This performance also marks the release of a new album by Nicolas Haigh of the complete works of Bruhns, which will be available for purchase following the performance. For tickets or more information about the performance, visit www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts.

You are cordially invited to the Holy Eucharist in the Korean language every second Sunday of the month, It is preceded by brunch at 12:45 pm in the month at 1:30 pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45 pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House. 매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30 에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45 에 2 층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

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

Friday Zoom Bible Study has resumed! We continue our study of the Epistle to the Hebrews. Contact Fr. Schultz with any questions and for the Zoom link: MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org

Saint Thomas Choir School invites you to

Chorister for a Day

Find your voice. Find yourself.

Is your son in grades 3–6 and curious about singing, music, or life in a close-knit community?

Join us on **Saturday, November 8** for Chorister for a Day at **Saint Thomas Choir School**—a unique opportunity for boys and their families to discover what it's like to be a Saint Thomas Chorister.

The day includes:

- Fun, interactive activities
- A choir rehearsal alongside current choristers
- Guided tours of the Church and Choir School
- Sing at Evensong alongside the world-renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

To register, email:

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