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*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 Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

SOLEMN EVENSONG — 3 p.m.
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

PRELUDE

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Georg Böhm
(1661-1733)

At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Thomas Tallis
(c. 1505-1585)

<i>Priest</i>	O Lord, open thou our lips.
<i>Choir</i>	And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
<i>Priest</i>	O God, make speed to save us.
<i>Choir</i>	O Lord, make haste to help us.
<i>Priest</i>	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
<i>Choir</i>	as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
<i>Priest</i>	Praise ye the Lord.
<i>Choir</i>	The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 135:1-14

Sung by the Choir.

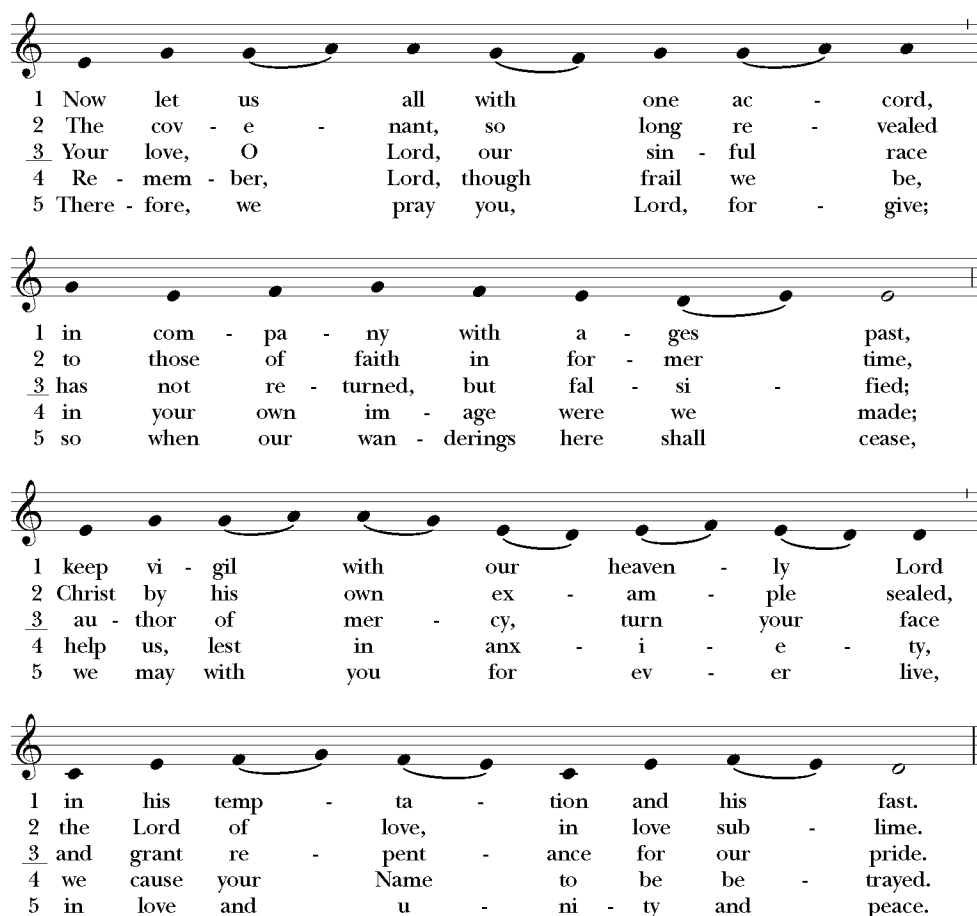
Plainsong (Tone VII⁵)

O PRAISE the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord:
praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;
2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord: in the courts of the house of our God.
3 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
4 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself: and Israel for his own possession.
5 For I know that the Lord is great: and that our Lord is above all gods.
6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth:
and in the sea, and in all deep places.
7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world: and sendeth forth lightnings
with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.
8 He smote the first-born of Egypt: both of man and beast.
9 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt:
upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.
10 He smote divers nations: and slew mighty kings;
11 Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan: and all the kingdoms of Canaan;
12 And gave their land to be an heritage: even an heritage unto Israel his people.
13 Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever: so doth thy memorial, O Lord,
from one generation to another.
14 For the Lord will avenge his people: and be gracious unto his servants.
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 People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

EX MORE DOCTI MYSTICO



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord,
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be,
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give;

1 in com - pa - ny with a - ges past,
 2 to those of faith in for - mer time,
 3 has not re - turned, but fal - si - fied;
 4 in your own im - age were we made;
 5 so when our wan - derings here shall cease,

1 keep vi - gil with our heaven - ly Lord
 2 Christ by his own ex - am - ple sealed,
 3 au - thor of mer - cy, turn your face
 4 help us, lest in anx - i - e - ty,
 5 we may with you for ev - er live,

1 in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
 2 the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
 3 and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
 4 we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
 5 in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

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MAGNIFICAT

The Short Service

Robert Ramsey
 (c. 1595-1644)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
 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 People sit.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy catholic Church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Priest Let us pray.
Choir Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, which 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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Priest O Lord, save the State;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Priest Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Priest O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE SECOND COLLECT

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE THIRD COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The People sit.

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

Robert Parsons
(d. 1572)

PECCANTEM me quotidie
et non penitentem,
Timor mortis conturbat me.
Quia in inferno nulla est redemptio.
Miserere mei, Deus, et salva me.

*I who sin every day
and am not penitent,
the fear of death troubles me:
For in hell there is no redemption.
Have mercy upon me, O God, and save me.*

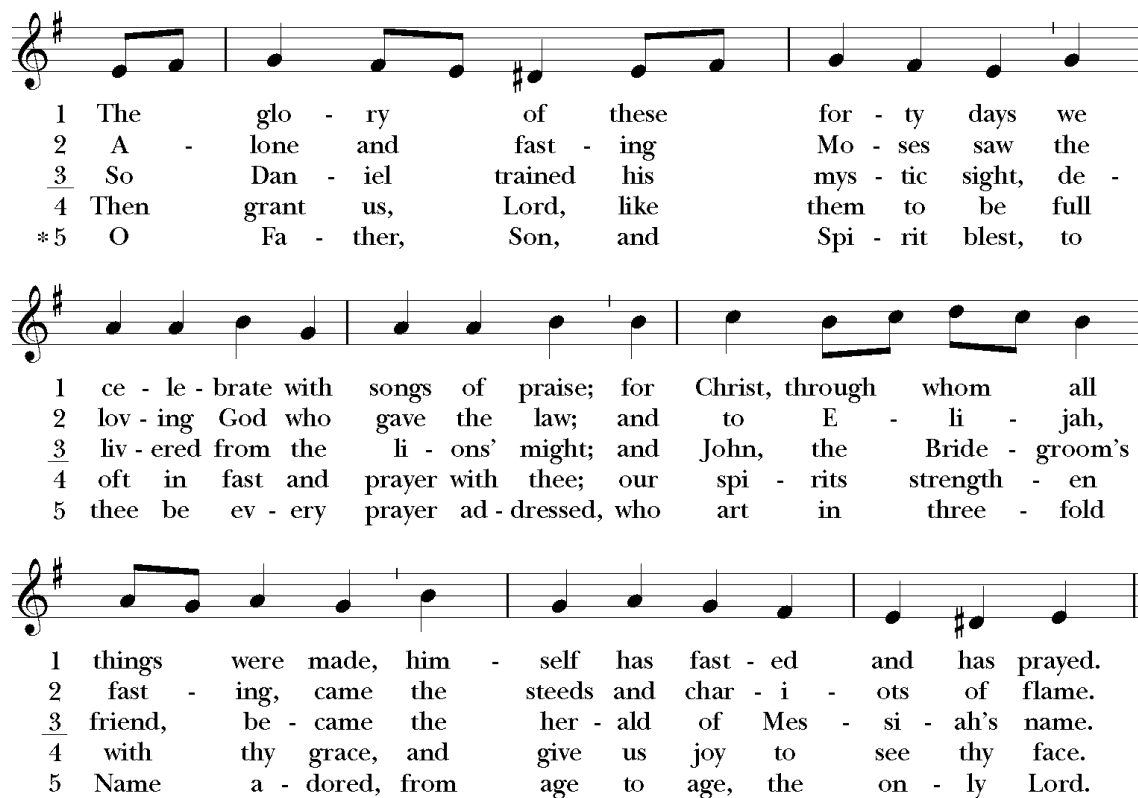
7th Respond at Matins for the Dead

SERMON

The Rev. Alison Turner
Associate for Children and Family Ministry
Lenten Sermon Series – ‘Dreams and Visions’
I: Jacob’s Ladder

HYMN

ERHALT UNS, HERR



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to

1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold

1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

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Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*; melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE BLESSING

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in fis-moll, BuxWV 146

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education series on the **Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians** continues this Sunday at 10 am. We continue our study of chapters 2 and 3 of the Greek and English texts of this challenging New Testament book. [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families' Gatherings

Faith Alive (for ages 11+) will meet today at 9:30 a.m. over Zoom. All families are welcome to join **Sunday Zoom!** at 10:15 a.m. today. Throughout Lent, we will focus on new ways of praying. Today's theme is **Love Life, Love Lent**. If you know a family that would like to receive our regular newsletter or to obtain login information for either the Sunday Zoom! or Faith Alive, contact **Mother Turner** at ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Pilgrims' Course 2021 resumes this Tuesday, February 23. The course is a comprehensive introduction to the Christian faith as received and understood by the Episcopal Church. The course is taught by the Rector and Fr. Cheng over Zoom, and meets most Tuesdays until May. This week's topic is: **The Holy Bible: "The Word of the Lord"**. Please [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.

On Saturday, March 6, at 3 p.m., *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents Organist and Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell, playing [Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ II](#) on the Miller-Scott Organ. This is the second concert in this FREE series of 9 concerts that will be presented from the church via livestream. [Ticket packages](#) for *Concerts at Saint Thomas'* 2021 digital concert presentations are available for both the **Beethoven 32@32 Series** (Recitals VI-VIII) and **Marcel Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ Series** (Recitals II-VI). Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make your donation with our team, email concerts@saintthomaschurch.org or call 212-664-9360. For more information about our 2021 offerings, visit www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts.

We are pleased to announce that The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boy's newest CD, entitled **'The Music of Gerre Hancock'** is now available to our valued Parishioners and Friends of Music. We are offering this special pre-release of our newest CD for \$15 each plus shipping and taxes, where applicable, or take advantage of our discount pricing of two for \$25.00 or three for \$30. Order yours today by emailing Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org and be sure to include the following: full name, address, phone number, CD order request. We will call you at the phone number provided to process your payment.

The Bookstore and Gift Shop is selling an inscribed Saint Thomas Church, 3-Ply Face Mask for \$8 plus shipping and taxes, where applicable. The mask may be purchased by sending an email to the Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org. Please be sure to include your full name, address, telephone number and mask request. We will contact you at the number provided to process your payment.

Friday Lenten Book Study. During the season of Lent, this 1:30 p.m. class on Fridays over Zoom will study Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*. The class runs for about an hour. For more information, contact Fr. Bennett at RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org.

SERVICES THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

The Church is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Face masks, hand sanitization, health screening, and 6 ft. distancing required for entry.

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Holy Eucharist (Contact details are mandatory to attend Mass)

Monday – Saturday at 12 p.m.

In-person, live audio stream and then on-demand.

Please send your requests for prayers via the website [click here](#) or emailed to: prayer@saintthomaschurch.org

✠ FESTAL EUCHARIST FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS

Wednesday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: The Rector

(This service will be video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

✠ COMPLINE WITH REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Friday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

(This service will be video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

✠ LENTEN RETREAT

led by Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM

Saturday, February 27

10:00 am - Meditation I

11:00 am - Meditation II

12:00 pm - Shrine Prayers and Eucharist

2:00 pm - Meditation III

3:00 pm - Meditation IV

4:00 pm - Meditation V

This retreat will be livestreamed. If you have any questions, please contact SrPromise@SaintThomasChurch.org

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: The Rector

(need to wear a mask; chairs will be placed at an appropriate distance)

Young Adult Group Compline:

Monday evenings (email YoungAdults@SaintThomasChurch.org for more information)

Evening Prayer and Meditation with Sister Promise SSM

Thursday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Platform

(Contact Sr. Promise: SrPromise@SaintThomasChurch.org for details)

✠ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

The Second Sunday in Lent

(NOTE: all service are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Preacher: The Rector

3 p.m. Festal Evensong

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Lenten Sermon Series – 'Dreams and Visions'

II: Isaiah's Call

Preacher: Sr. Promise

ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Matthew Moretz, *Associate Rector
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The Reverend Alison J. Turner,
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The Reverend Dr. Patrick S. Cheng,
Theologian in Residence
The Reverend Ryan Bennett, *Assistant Priest*
The Reverend Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM, *Deacon*

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