

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023 AT 11 A.M.
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR

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

Missa Ancor che col partire

Philippe de Monte
(c. 1521-1603)

PRELUDE

Largo *from* Trio Sonata in C, BWV 529

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

THE GREETINGS

HYMN

MICHAEL

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

1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
4 Dai - ly doth the al might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

trust re - new, me through change and chance he
tray our trust, though with care and toil we
pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth

known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
more from his store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

IF we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us;
but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins,
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8, 9

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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.**

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA 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.

*Glory be to God on high,
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.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (*Tone VIII'*)

TE DECET HYMNUS

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion : and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Thou that hearest the prayer : unto thee shall all flesh come.
My misdeeds prevail against me : O be thou merciful unto our sins.
Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee : he shall dwell in thy court,
and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation :
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.
Who stilleth the raging of the sea : and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens :
thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof :
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.
They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn,
that they shall laugh and sing.
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

Romans 8:1-11

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

The People stand.

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
 3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
 4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
 5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VT)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
Choir My sheep hear my voice, saith the Lord.
 I know them, and they follow me. (*John 10:27*)
People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

People Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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.

I 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 (FORM IV)

The Deacon says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel. After each petition

Deacon Lord, in thy mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

LORD, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully,
grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

WE are the body of Christ. In the one spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Sung by the Choir

*William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)*

VENI Sancte Spiritus
et emitte coelitus
lucis tuae radium.
Veni pater pauperum,
veni dator munerum,
veni lumen cordium.
Consolator optime,
dulcis hospes animae,
dulce refrigerium.
In labore requies,
in aestu temperies,
in fletu solatium.

O lux beatissima,
reple cordis intima
tuorum fidelium.
Sine tuo numine
nihil est in homine,
nihil est innoxium.
Lava quod est sordidum,
riga quod est aridum,
sana quod est saucium.
Flecte quod est rigidum,
fove quod est frigidum,
rege quod est devium.

Da tuis fidelibus
in te confidentibus
sacrum septenarium.
Da virtutis meritum,
da salutis exitum,
da perenne gaudium.
Amen. Alleluia.

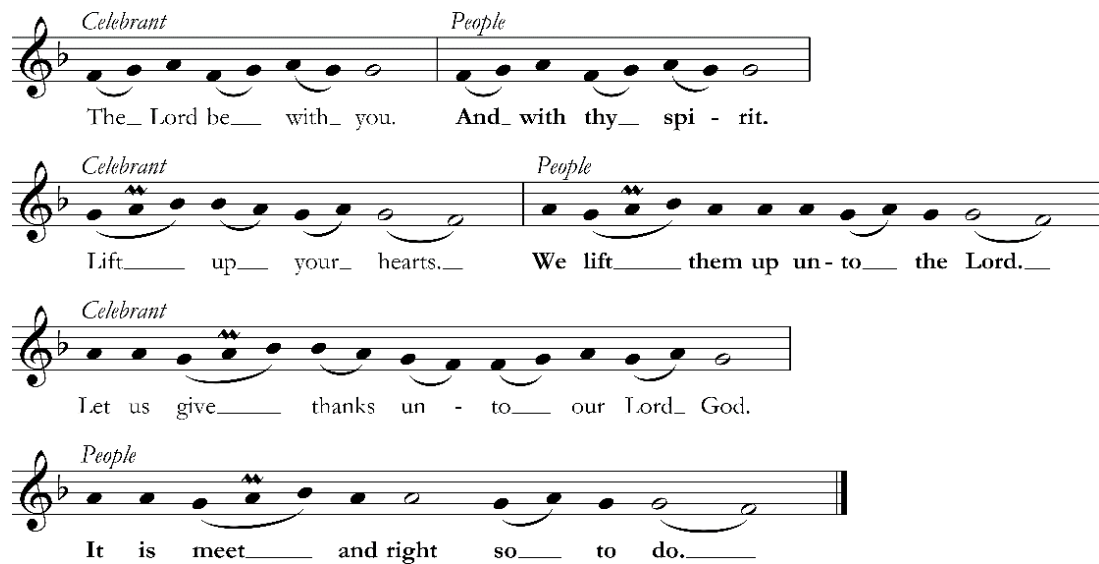
*Come, Holy Spirit,
and send down from heaven
the ray of your light.
Come, father of the poor,
come, giver of gifts,
come, light of the heart.
Best consoler,
sweet host of the soul,
sweet refresher.
Rest in work,
cooling in heat,
comfort in crying.*

*O most blessed light,
fill the innermost hearts
of your faithful.
Without your power
nothing is in man,
nothing innocent.
Clean what is dirty,
water what is dry,
heal what is wounded.
Bend what is rigid,
heat what is cold,
lead what has gone astray.*

*Grant to your faithful
who trust in you,
your sevenfold holy gift.
Grant us the reward of virtue,
grant us final salvation,
grant us eternal joy.
Amen. Alleluia.*

Sequence to the Holy Spirit, attributed to Stephen Langton (c. 1160-1228) and to Pope Innocent III (died 1216)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

IT 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.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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, and in 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

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. Then is said

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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)*

I 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.*

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

*Lodovico Grossi da Viadana
(c. 1560-1627)*

EXSULTATE just in Domino : rectos decet collaudatio.
Confitemini Domino in cithara : in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi.
Cantate ei canticum novum : bene psallite ei in vociferatione.

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous : for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
Praise the Lord with harp : sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.
Sing unto the Lord a new song : sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.*

Psalm 33:1-3

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

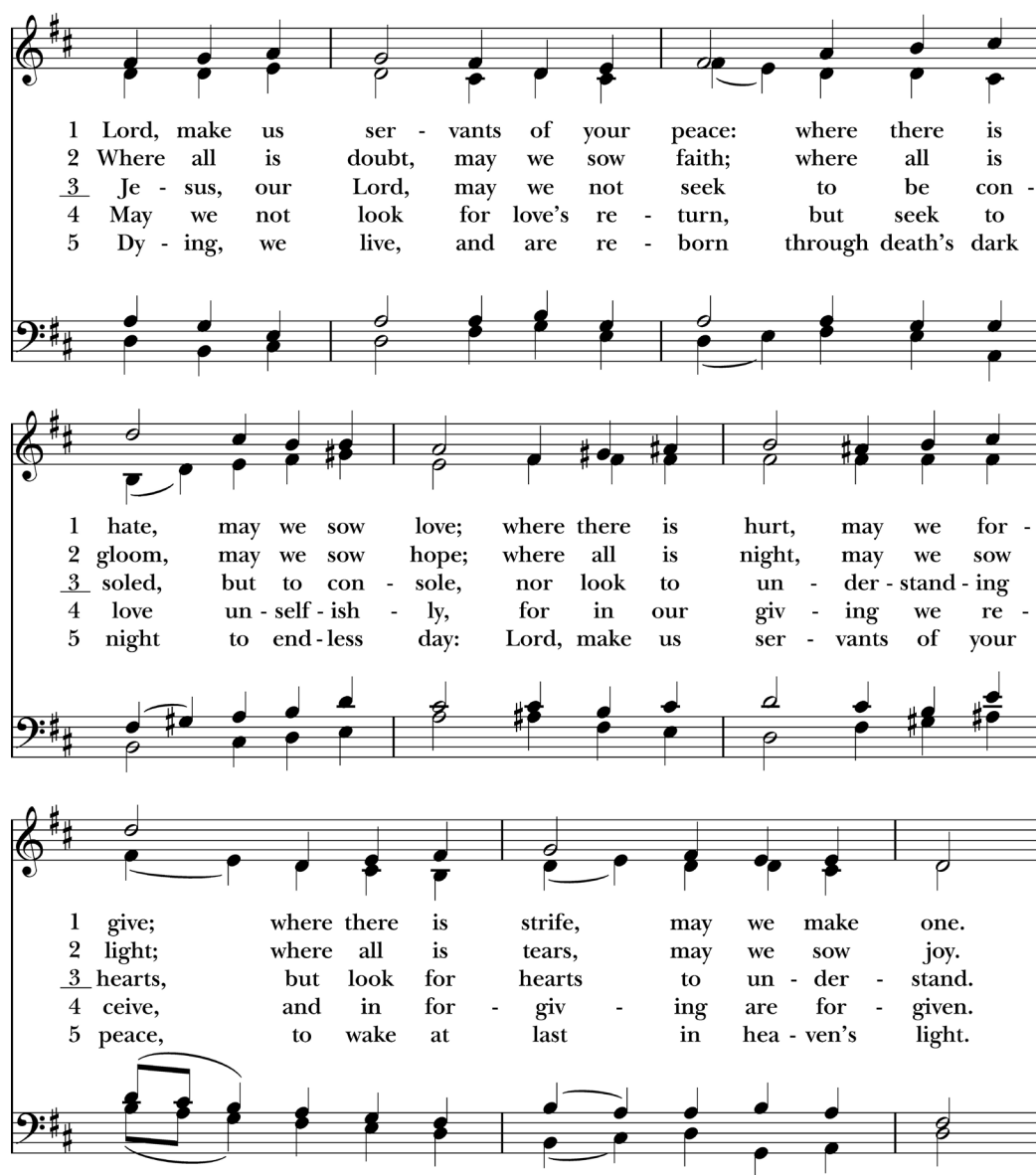
Celebrant and People

ALmighty 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 People stand. The Celebrant says

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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you
always. **Amen.**



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Praeludium [e-Moll]

Nicolaus Bruhns
 (1665-1697)

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex after the service.



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Natalie Ives Metcalf, Helene B. Reilly, and James S. Reilly, Jr.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

The Holy Eucharist has been relocated to the Resurrection Chapel while the Chantry floor is being repaired.

Saturday

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

Confessor: Bishop Andrew St. John

Next Sunday: July 23, Pentecost 8

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

SUMMER FEASTS 2023

5:30 p.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST

with the Gentlemen of the Choir

followed by cheese, wine, and soft drinks

Tuesday, July 25 – St. James the Apostle

Tuesday, August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 24 – St. Bartholomew the Apostle

Friday, September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PARISH NOTICES

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11 am 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.

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is open Sundays following the 11am Mass until 1:30pm. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street. In stock: "Mary Magdalene: A Visual History", by Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Coronation Bibles from the King's Printer, Limited Edition, and many more books, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

The Theology Program at Saint Thomas Church offers sound Christian teaching presented with intellectual vigor; teaching that is grounded in Holy Scripture, mediated by the catholic tradition that is the inheritance of Anglicanism, and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. **Sundays at 10am** on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House and via Zoom. The talks are given by our Theologian in Residence, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia. For information, please register with Fr. Gioia: lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families: Nursery and Sunday School are now on recess until September 17, however throughout the Summer children continue to be welcome at Saint Thomas Church! Welcome activity packs and Sunday Papers are now available for children in the Narthex. In addition, 9am and 11am services will be streamed into the Nursery which is available for the sole use of babies and toddlers. Families using the Nursery are welcome to return to the Church at any time, especially for Communion or a Blessing. Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter and details of Children and Family plans for the Fall: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School is accepting applications from boys currently in grades 2-5 for admission to the 2023-2024 academic year. The school exists to nurture and educate the approximately 30 boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented boys come from Michigan to Texas, and Massachusetts to Virginia, and even Manhattan. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Ruth Cobb, rcobb@choirschool.org.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1pm. Fr. Schultz leads a series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Join us as we continue our exploration of the Book of Signs (John 1:18 through chapter 12). For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org. Note: Bible Study will be on hiatus until August 11.

We are pleased to announce that the **Saint Thomas Girl Chorister Course** will return to Saint Thomas Church and Choir School **July 22-30, 2023**. This year's Guest Director, Jared Johnson of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia, SC, will lead the choristers in 5 services throughout the week and we will premiere a new piece specially commissioned for the course from our Composer-in-Residence Jessica French.

The Course is an intensive choral experience for girl choristers ages 12-18 at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York City. Throughout the course, choristers and staff live at Saint Thomas Choir School and take part in choral rehearsals and services, music history and theory classes, private vocal coaching, and outings to various sites around the city.

If you would like to provide scholarship support for a girl to attend the course this summer, please visit <https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/Give/one-time-donation> and select "Girls Chorister Course" from the drop-down menu. Please contact Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell at rkellerman@saintthomaschurch.org with questions or for more information regarding the Course.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now on summer break. We will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 14 and our first Sunday back will be Sunday, September 17 at the 9am Sung Mass. Watch for news about our September Choir Camp event and other special events such as our Preschool Music Circle. We welcome new singers at any time! No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Throughout the summer, we continue our **2023 Annual Appeal: Invitation, Community, Discipleship**. You can make a pledge via the QR code below to be taken to the website or email giving@saintthomaschurch.org. Every pledge makes a difference.



BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND



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God's Love in the
Heart of New York

Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Saint Thomas Church October 12 – 15, 2023

Thursday, October 12

5:30 p.m. Celebratory Eucharist to
commemorate the first service in 1823

Friday, October 13

7:30 p.m. Bicentennial Concert with
Choir and Orchestra (*Free Admission*)



Saturday, October 14

6:00 p.m. Bicentennial Gala
at the University Club

Sunday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Festal Eucharist with the
Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev.
Michael Curry

4:00 p.m. Evensong with the Sub-Dean
of Chapel Royal, The Rev. Canon Paul
Wright

BICENTENNIAL GALA

A milestone occasion, celebrating Saint Thomas Church's two-hundred-year history. The evening will serve as an opportunity to share the inspiring story of Saint Thomas Church, reflecting on its rich history, and looking to the future.



Saint Thomas Choir School

in the heart of New York City



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Do you know a boy who loves to sing?

Saint Thomas Choir School nurtures and educates the treble choristers of the renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Boys in grades 3–8 from across the country sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school during the academic year, thriving in a community that shares a passion for music. Singing in a professional choir, the boys grow into young men with poise, presence, and a deep sense of serving the community. Graduates of the choir school are prepared for a rewarding journey through adolescence and beyond, regardless of their professional goals. To learn more, visit www.choirschool.org or contact Ruth Cobb at admissions@choirschool.org or 212.247.3311, ext. 541.

Give him the opportunity of a lifetime.