

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 AT 4 P.M.
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE)

FESTAL EVENSONG
WITH ADMISSION OF A NEW CHORISTER

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

LENTEN SERMON SERIES ON THE BEATITUDES
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled."

The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes, Bishop of Newark

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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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Ave Regina Caelorum
(from The Book of Our Lady)

David Adkins
(b. 1958)

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

William Prendergast
(1868-1933)

TURN thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.
God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Psalm 51:9, 10; John 4:23

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

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 Priest says these Sentences of the Scriptures

HIDE thy face from my sins,
and blot out all mine iniquities. (*Psalm 51:9*)

O Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger,
lest thou bring me to nothing. (*Jeremiah 10:24; Psalm 6:1*)

Repent ye; for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. (*Matthew 3:2*)

The Priest says

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the

great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

The People kneel.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Priest and People

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and pronounces the Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

*Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)*

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

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

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 101

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Buck*)

MISERICORDIAM ET JUDICIUM

MY SONG shall be of mercy and judgement : unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.
O let me have understanding : in the way of godliness.
When wilt thou come unto me : I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.
I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness :
there shall no such cleave unto me.
A froward heart shall depart from me : I will not know a wicked person.

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour : him will I destroy.
Whoso hath also a proud look and high stomach : I will not suffer him.
Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land : that they may dwell with me.
Whoso leadeth a godly life : he shall be my servant.
There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house : he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land :
that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.
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.

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 2:1-9

ADMISSION OF A CHORISTER

The Choir and Ministers stand; The People remain seated.

The Head of School presents the Probationer for admission to the Rector, saying

Reverend Father, I present to you William Park, to be admitted as a Chorister of this Church of Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue.

The Rector asks the Probationer to be admitted the following

Do you desire to be admitted a Chorister of this Church?

The Probationer answers

I do.

Taking the Probationer's hand, the Rector says

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I admit you, William, as a Chorister of this Church. **Amen.**

The Director of Music vests the new Chorister with a surplice and then hands to the Rector a Hymnal.

The Rector hands the Hymnal to the newly admitted Chorister, saying

Remember always that what you sing with your lips, you should believe in your heart, and what you believe in your heart, you should practice in your life. **Amen.**

The Head and Deputy Head Chorister take the newly admitted Chorister to his place in the Choir stalls and say,

Pursuant to a decree of the Venerable Rector and Vestry of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, we install you, William, as a Chorister of this Church.

The Head and Deputy Head Chorister take their places in the Choir stalls.

The Rector says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who makes us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable unto thee: We offer our prayers to thee for thy servants here present, and more especially for he who has now been admitted to a place in the Choir of this Church. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy holy word that, in the end, they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People remain standing for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

ECCE TEMPUS IDONEUM



1. Now is the heal - ing time de - creed For sins of heart and word and deed,
2. Who, al - ways mer - ci - ful and good, Has borne so long our way - ward mood,
3. There - fore with fast - ing and with prayer, Our sec - ret sor - row we de - clare,
4. Cleanse us, O Lord, from ev - ery stain, Help us the gifts of grace to gain,
5. We pray thee, ho - ly Tri - ni - ty, One God, unchang - in U - ni - ty,



When we in hum - ble fear re - cord The wrong that we have done the Lord:
Nor cut us off un - spar - ing - ly In our so great in - i - qui - ty.
With all good striv - ing seek his face, And low - ly heart - ed plead for grace.
Till with the an - gels, link'd in love, Joy - ful we tread thy courts a - bove.
That we from this our ab - sti - nence May reap the fruits of pen - i - tence.



(5.) A - men.

MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in E-flat Major

Charles Wood
(1866-1926)

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.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:16-21

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in E-flat Major

Charles Wood

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People

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.

THE PRAYERS

Sung by the Officiant and Choir

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

℟. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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. Amen.*

℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
℟. And grant us thy salvation.

℣. O Lord, save the State.
℟. And mercifully bear us when we call upon thee.

℣. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
℟. And make thy chosen people joyful.

℣. O Lord, save thy people.
℟. And bless thine inheritance.

℣. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
℟. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

℣. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
℟. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

GRACIOUS Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

ALmighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR PEACE

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 both 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 FOURTH 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 AT THE OFFERTORY

*Gerald Finzi
(1901-1956)*

Lo, the full, final Sacrifice on which all figures fix't their eyes.
The ransomed Isaac, and his ram; The Manna, and the Paschal Lamb.
Jesu Master, just and true! Our Food, and faithful Shepherd too!
O let that love which thus makes thee mix with our low Mortality,
Lift our lean Souls, and set us up convictors of thine own full cup,
Cohairs of Saints. That so all may drink the same wine; and the same way.
Nor change the Pasture, but the Place to feed of Thee in thine own Face.
O dear Memorial of that Death which lives still, and allows us breath!
Rich, Royal food! Bountiful Bread! Whose use denies us to the dead!
Live ever Bread of loves, and be my life, my soul, my surer self to me.
Help Lord, my Faith, my Hope increase; and fill my portion in thy peace.
Give love for life; nor let my days grow, but in new powers to thy name and praise.
Rise, Royal Sion! rise and sing thy soul's kind shepherd, thy heart's King.
Stretch all thy powers; call if you can harps of heaven to hands of man.
This sovereign subject sits above the best ambition of thy love.
Lo the Bread of Life, this day's triumphant Text provokes thy praise.
The living and life-giving bread, to the great twelve distributed
When Life, himself, at point to die of love, was his own Legacy.
O soft self-wounding Pelican! Whose breast weeps Balm for wounded man.
All this way bend thy benign flood to'a bleeding Heart that gasps for blood.
That blood, whose least drops sovereign be to wash my worlds of sins from me.

Come love! Come Lord! and that long day for which I languish, come away.
 When this dry soul those eyes shall see, and drink the unseal'd source of thee.
 When Glory's sun faith's shades shall chase, and for thy veil give me thy Face. Amen.

Richard Crashaw (c. 1613-1649)

SERMON

*The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes,
 Bishop of Newark*

The People stand.

HYMN

AMERICAN MELODY

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed

whole; There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, You can
 3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged For Je - sus is your friend, And

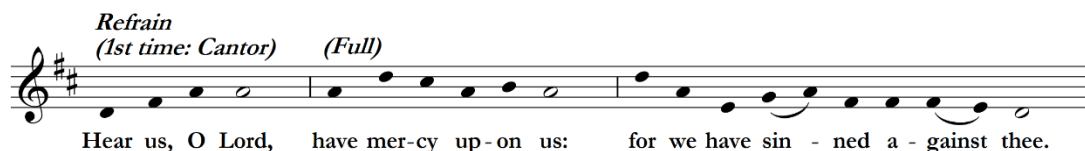
1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. **D.C.**
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

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SOLEMN BLESSING

CHRIST give you grace to grow in holiness,
 to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
 and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
 and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Cantor sings the refrain, then the People join in singing the Refrain.



H*EAR us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.*

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Refrain

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation,
Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Refrain

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Refrain

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Refrain

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us,
we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Refrain

Immediately following this service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series
featuring an Organ Recital by Daniel Ficcari, New York, NY

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. Please go to our website (www.sainthomaschurch.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 Sunday, April 2.**



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Margaret Crane Hurlbut, James S. Reilly, Jr., and Mrs. Edwin H. Weatherbee

**HOLY WEEK POSTCARD NOW AVAILABLE WITH THE FULL SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP
AND CONCERTS. PLEASE SEE AN USHER UPON EXITING.**

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday – Tuesday, Thursday – Saturday
12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday
12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and
Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Friday
8 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place between the
8 a.m. and Noon services on Friday mornings during Lent.*

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer
In the Resurrection Chapel

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist for the Eve of
The Annunciation of Our Lord *
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

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

Next Sunday: March 26, Fifth Sunday in Lent
Passiontide begins

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass
sung by the Noble Singers
especially suitable for Children and Families
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
Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The
Beatitudes: “Blessed are the merciful, for they
will receive mercy.”
Sermon by The Rev. Zachary Thompson,
Vicar, St. James’ Madison Avenue

PARISH NOTICES

The Pilgrims' Course continues Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish House. A hot meal is provided from 6:30 p.m. This annual educational and fellowship series 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 particularly suited to those who wish to be baptized, confirmed, or become members. Each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. This week's topic will be "An Introduction to the Sacramental Life of the Church: Baptism and Confirmation." To discover more about topics, schedule, and to register, please visit: www.saintthomaschurch.org/rector/the-pilgrims-course

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11 a.m. 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 Sunday following the 11 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street. New in stock: Fr. Luigi Gioia books, "Saint Benedict's Wisdom", "Say it to God: In Search of Prayer: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018", "Touched by God: The way to contemplative prayer", and many books for Lent and Easter, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1 p.m. 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.

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.

Concerts at Saint Thomas welcomes the Choir of New College Oxford on tour with a 2-Concert event. On **Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.**, the choir presents a program featuring the music of Howells, Elgar, and Bairstow. This is a ticketed event. [Visit our website](#) to secure your in-person or livestream ticket.

And on **Saturday, April 1 at 3 p.m.** the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys joins forces with the Choir of New College Oxford for an afternoon of choral masterpieces for Holy Week. Tickets for this concert are free with a suggested donation of \$20 per ticket. [Reserve your in-person or livestream ticket](#) for this exciting choral event.

Children and Families: Join us after the 9 a.m. Mass as we continue our LENTEN JOURNEY in the third floor Sunday School room. During that time the older children, (age 9+) are invited to meet with Fr. Schultz for a Bible study during Lent. **Sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of programs and activities for 2023: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, sings at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays during the program year. 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.

Easter Giving Opportunity: With Easter and the season of renewal comes our annual Easter Basket project for St. Ann's Episcopal Church and Safe Horizon's Shelter, which serves survivors of domestic abuse. There are a number of ways you can help! You can drop off Easter candy and small gifts for Easter Baskets in reception during regular business hours; and/or donate an Easter outfit using our online giving portal or by contacting Linda Morfi at lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org or 212-757-7013 ext: 416. The deadline for gifts is Palm Sunday, April 2. Baskets will be assembled and delivered during Holy Week, and we welcome your assistance with the fun job and filling the baskets and preparing them for the children!

For the first part of this year, 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.

