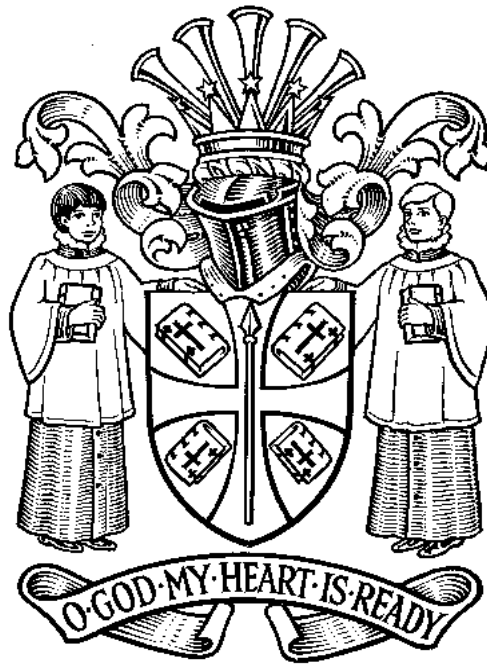


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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 AT 4 P.M.
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Rorate Caeli

Melissa Dunphy
(b. 1980)

INTROIT

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

PREPARE ye the way of the Lord: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:
the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed: the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:3-5

At the entry of the Choir and Ministers, the People stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HELMSLEY

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

Please remain standing as the Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

℣. O Lord, open thou our lips.

℟. *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

℣. 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.*

℣. Praise ye the Lord.

℟. *The Lord's Name be praised.*

WELCOME

The People sit.

PSALM 11

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Hom*)

IN DOMINO CONFIDO

IN the Lord put I my trust : how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?
For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver :
that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.
For the foundations will be cast down : and what hath the righteous done?
The Lord is in his holy temple : the Lord's seat is in heaven.
His eyes consider the poor : and his eye-lids try the children of men.
The Lord alloweth the righteous :
but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, doth his soul abhor.
Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest :
this shall be their portion to drink.
For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness : his countenance will behold the thing that is just.
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.

PSALM 28

Anglican Chant (*Atkins, Bairston*)

AD TE, DOMINE

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord my strength : think no scorn of me; lest, if thou make as though
thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit.
Hear the voice of my humble petitions, when I cry unto thee :
when I hold up my hands towards the mercy-seat of thy holy temple.
O pluck me not away, neither destroy me, with the ungodly and wicked doers :
which speak friendly to their neighbours, but imagine mischief in their hearts.
Reward them according to their deeds : and according to the wickedness of their own inventions.
Recompense them after the work of their hands : pay them that they have deserved.
For they regard not in their mind the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands :
therefore shall he break them down, and not build them up.
Praised be the Lord : for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.
The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped :
therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.
The Lord is my strength : and he is the wholesome defence of his Anointed.
O save thy people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance : feed them, and set them up 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 stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

VERBUM SUPERNUM PRODIENS

1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light,
 2 pour light up - on us from a - bove,
 3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh,
 4 O let us not, for e - vil past,
 *5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,
 1 be - got - ten of the Fa - ther's might,
 2 and fire our hearts with ar - dent love,
 3 the se - crets of our hearts to try,
 4 be driv - en from thy face at last,
 5 and God the Spi - rit, ev - er One,
 1 who in these lat - ter days wast born,
 2 that, as we hear thy truth to - day,
 3 to rec - om - pense each hid - den sin,
 4 but with thy saints for ev - er - more,
 5 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be
 1 for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
 2 all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
 3 and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
 4 be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
 5 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymnal 1982* Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Verbum supernum prodiens*, plainsong, Mode 2, Nevers MS., 13th cent.; acc. Howard Don Smith (b. 1932) Copyright ©1984, Howard Don Smith. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

MAGNIFICAT

Sarasota Service

Daniel Moe
 (1926-2012)

MAGNIFICAT. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
 For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant,
 And from this day all generations will call me blessed.
 The Almighty has done great things for me: Holy is his name. Magnificat.
 He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
 He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit,
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty handed.
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he remembered his promise of mercy,
 The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. Magnificat.

The People sit.

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sarasota Service

Daniel Moe

LORD, you have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised.
 For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior;
 Whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
 A light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. 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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Sung by the 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, which art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come;
 thy will be done,
 in earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive them that 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

MERCIFUL God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE SECOND 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 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.*

MOTET

Sung by the Choir

James Kennerley
(b. 1984)

ADAM lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took.
As clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple, the apple taken been,
Ne had never our ladie abeen heav'ne queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen Deo Gratias!

15th Century English

SERMON

The Rev. Alison J. Turner
Associate for Children & Family Ministry and School Chaplain

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

THE BLESSING

CHRIST the Sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness
 from before your path: and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you
 and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE ADVENT PROSE

The People join in singing the antiphon after each verse.

Antiphon



BE not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee. *Antiphon*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away:
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *Antiphon*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen:
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *Antiphon*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud
thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *Antiphon*

VOLUNTARY

Veni Emmanuel
No. 5 of *Six Fantasies Hymn Tunes*, Op. 72

Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)

*Immediately following this service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series
featuring organist, **Amelie Held**, of New York City*



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Arthur Trumbull Hill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Hamilton Kissam, and Linda Griffith Vorsanger

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Said Mass

In the Chantry Chapel

Note: There will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday or Thursday due to the Messiah concerts.

Friday

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday

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

Next Sunday: December 11, The Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete

9 a.m. Sung Mass

*especially suitable for Children and Families
followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Schultz

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Gioia
*Followed by an organ recital by Maks Adach,
Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist*

PARISH NOTICES

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. Tours generally last an hour and 15 minutes. 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 following the 11 am Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street where you will find a wide selection of books for Advent & Christmas, Advent Calendars, Christmas cards, Choir Boy Ornaments, and CDs.

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.

Angel Tree 2022: It's time for the Saint Thomas community to open our hearts to the children of Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in the Bronx and to children staying with their mothers in a temporary shelter for survivors of domestic abuse. To make a monetary donation to this initiative, which is so vital to these children and their families, or for more details, visit our website or contact Linda Morfi: lmorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Theology at Saint Thomas: Join us **Sunday, December 4 at 10 a.m.** when the **Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia**, our new Associate for Adult Education and Formation, will join Fr. Moretz for an introductory interview for his new ministry. This will be a great way to welcome and to meet our newest priest. You are welcome to join us in person on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House or on Zoom using the link provided in our E-news.

Children and Families: Join us throughout **Advent** as we gather to learn more about this special season of waiting and preparing for Jesus. **Sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of Advent and Christmas outreach, services and activities, including our Blessing of The Creche service, December 17 at 4 p.m. Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Concerts at Saint Thomas is pleased to announce that an annual tradition returns on Tuesday, December 6 and Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. ET as **New York Baroque Incorporated** joins the **Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys** and soloists for 2 performances of Handel's *Messiah*. On Thursday, December 15, another holiday favorite returns as the **Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir**, along with harpist Bridget Kibbey, present *Christmas on Fifth Avenue*, an hour long concert in celebration of the Christmas Season. Please [visit our website](#) for tickets and more information. 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.

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 for the Fall Term, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

We have launched 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.



