SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 AT 4 P.M. **THE PATRONAL FEAST**

SOLEMN EVENSONG

with the Admission of a Chorister, Head Chorister, and Deputy Head Chorister, Commemoration of those who died on 9/11, and special prayers for HM Queen Elizabeth II





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INTROIT

I was glad from the Winchester Antiphon Book

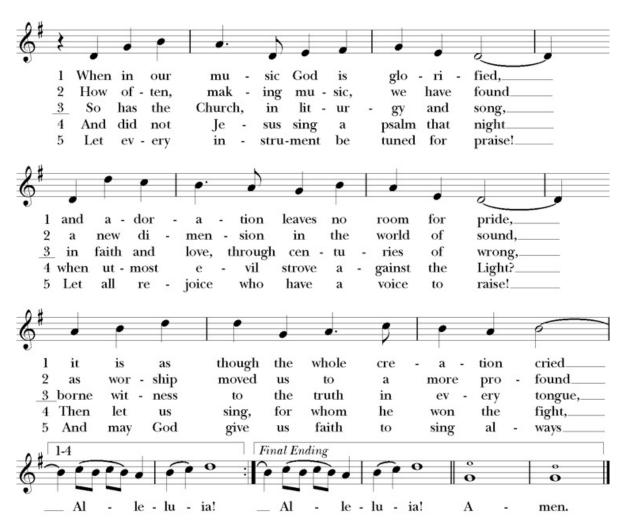
Reginald Almyn Surplice (1906-1977)

WAS glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Psalm 122:1, 6-7

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ENGELBERG



VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

Priest O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Priest O God, make speed to save us. Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

Priest Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

WELCOME The Rector

PSALM 27 Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Nares)

DOMINUS ILLUMINATIO

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear: the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid: and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle: yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head: above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness: I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O hide not thou thy face from me: nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord taketh me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord: and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

I should utterly have fainted: but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure: be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in 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 Isaiah 43:8-13

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

BRING forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God. Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

So ends the First Lesson.

THE ADMISSION OF HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD CHORISTERS

<u>The People remain seated.</u> The Choir and ministers stand. The Rector and Head of School stand at the top of the Chancel steps. The Director of Music presents the Choristers for admission to the Rector, saying

REVEREND Father, I present to you Francis Segger to be admitted as Head Chorister, and Constantin Lafourgade to be admitted as Deputy Head Chorister of this Church of Saint Thomas Church.

The Rector addresses those to be admitted

Do you desire to be admitted as Head Choristers of this Church?

Answer I do.

The Rector says

Do you promise to set a good example, show respect to those in authority, and encourage your fellow choristers to offer their best to God and to the Choir School?

Answer I do.

The Rector takes the hand of the Head Chorister and says

I admit you, Francis Segger, as Head Chorister of this Church in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Rector places the medal around his neck and says

Receive this medal as a badge of your office; may it remind you that what you sing with your lips you should believe in your heart, and practice and show forth in your life.

The Rector takes the hand of the Deputy Head Choristers and says

I admit you, Constantin Lafourgade, as Deputy Head Chorister of this Church in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Rector places the medal around his neck and says

Receive this medal as a badge of your office; may it remind you that what you sing with your lips you should believe in your heart, and practice and show forth in your life.

The Rector says this prayer

SING, rejoice and be glad; praise the Lord with a merry voice.

May God grant you grace so to worship and serve him on earth, that you may praise him eternally among the saints in heaven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Head and Deputy Head Chorister now bring the Probationer to be admitted to the Head of School.

THE ADMISSION OF A CHORISTER

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

REVEREND Father, I present to you Christian Goudge to be admitted a Chorister of this Church of Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue.

The Rector asks the boy to be admitted the following

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

Answer 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, Christian, 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.

The Head and Deputy Head Chorister then 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 as a Chorister of this Church.

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

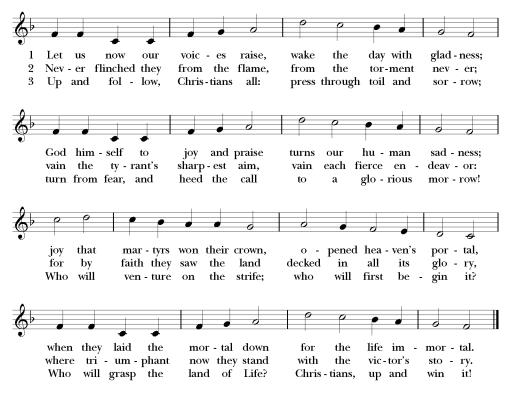
The Rector says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

A LMIGHTY 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 servant here present, and more especially for him who has now been admitted to a place in the Choir of this Church. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over him; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with him; and so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of thy holy word that, in the end, he 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 the Magnificat.



MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in C

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Y 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 John 14:1-7

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

ESUS said, Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house ${\cal J}$ are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

So ends the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in C

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

ORD, 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

Priest and people

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

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, 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.

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

EVERLIVING God, who didst strengthen thine apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in thy sight; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE SECOND COLLECT

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

L IGHTEN 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.*

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

The School Chaplain

The Prayers end with this Collect

ETERNAL God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities and especially the Saint Thomas Choir School, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find thee to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The People sit.

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Bob Chilcott
(b.1955)

A NGEL voices ever singing round Thy throne of light, angel harps, forever ringing, rest not day nor night; thousands only live to bless Thee and confess thee Lord of might.

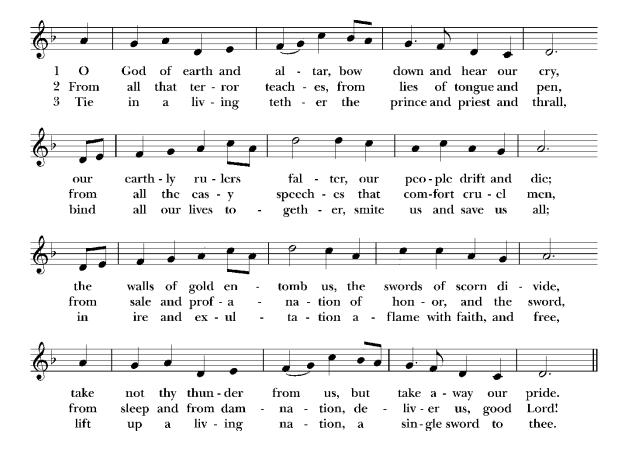
Yea, we know Thy love rejoices o'er each work of Thine; Thou didst ears and hands and voices for Thy praise combine; craftsman's art and music's measure for Thy pleasure didst design. Here, great God, today we offer of Thine own to Thee; and for Thine acceptance proffer, all unworthily, hearts and minds and hands and voices in our choicest melody.

Honor, glory, might, and merit Thine shall ever be, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity: of the best that Thou hast given earth and heaven render Thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

SERMON The Rector

HYMN KING'S LYNN



COMMEMORATION OF 9/11

At the memorial, the Rector says

BELOVED in Christ, let us remember this day those who died on the ground and in the air in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, those who died as innocent victims, and those who died in their brave, heroic and selfless attempts to rescue victims or prevent further tragedy.

Silence is kept.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

Let us pray.

WE pray thee, O Lord, that thou wilt keep in thy tender love the lives that we hold in blessed memory. Help us, who continue here, to serve thee with constancy, trusting in thy promises of eternal life; that hereafter we may be united with thy blessed children in the glory of thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The Rector says

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and whose words are inscribed in this memorial to those who lost their lives on 9/11

Silence is kept

LORD our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, by whom kings reign and princes decree justice: We remember before thee our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH, in thankfulness for the blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us by her reign; for the example she set of unwearied devotion to duty; for her steadfast courage; and for the love and loyalty borne to her by a great family of peoples in all parts of the world. And we beseech thee to give us grace that, having these thy mercies in remembrance, we may with one heart and one mind set forward the welfare of this land, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom of peace and goodwill among men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE LIVING

GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God; and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

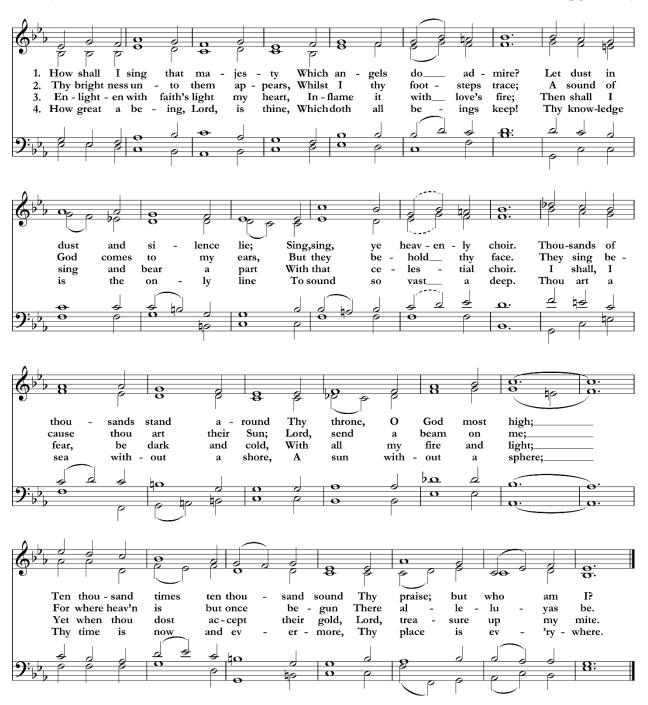
PRAYER FOR ALL THE DEPARTED

 $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{EST}}$ eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

HYMN COE FEN



THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

LAUDATE DOMINUM

PRAISE God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath: praise 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.

POSTLUDE

'Nimrod' from Enigma Variations, Op. 36

Sir Edward Elgar (1913-1976) arr. William H. Harris

PARISH NOTICES

The Treasures of Saint Thomas: a Community in Stone. Join us next week at 10:00am when the Reverend Matthew Moretz will conclude a series of three classes on the carved images which adorn the outside of our church. Using a variety of images, he will lead you through a careful theological reading of our dramatic carvings. As with the reredos and the stained glass, there is so very much to discover in this extraordinary iconographic scheme. 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' Gatherings. Sunday School is now on break for the Summer but will resume on Sunday, September 18. For more information on how to register your child(ren) for Sunday School or to receive our weekly newsletter with our Fall /Winter schedule, please contact: ChildrenandFamilies@SaintThomasChurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now on break for the summer. Rehearsals have begun and, we will resume singing the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 18. We look forward to welcoming new and returning singers in September! 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.

Friday Bible Study continues 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.



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The Saint Thomas Choir School is committed to training and educating talented musicians without regard to religious, economic, or social background. Generous financial aid is available to all successful applicants. Inquiries from interested families are sought throughout the year.

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