SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023 AT 4 P.M. THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SOLEMN EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

LENTEN SERMON SERIES ON THE BEATITUDES "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." The Rev. John Beddingfield, Rector, Church of the Holy Trinity, NYC

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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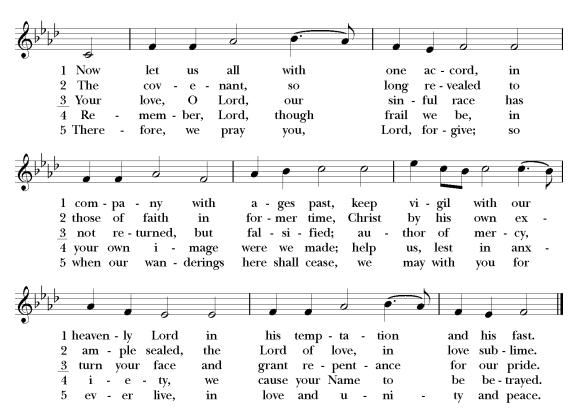
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Prelude and Fugue on 'O Traurigkeit, O Hezeleid'

Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)

HYMN BOURBON



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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

EARLY 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 GENERAL CONFESSION

People and Priest

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

A LMIGHTY 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

Martin How (1931-2022)

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 ve the Lord.
- R. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People sit.

WELCOME

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;

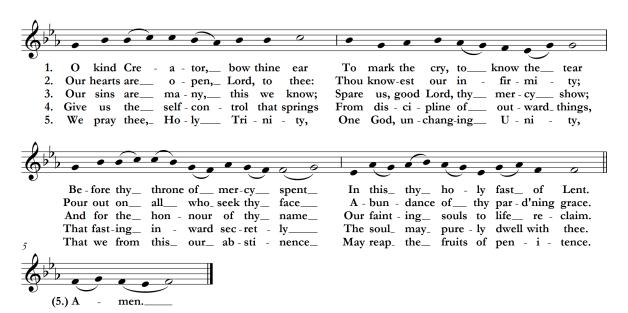
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:1-3

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

AUDI, BENIGNE CONDITOR



MAGNIFICAT Collegium Regale Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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.

SECOND LESSON John 11:21-27

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS Collegium Regale Herbert Howells

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Officiant and Choir

√. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

K. 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.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

A LMIGHTY 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

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

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.*

The People sit.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

OVELY tear of lovely eye, why dost thou me so woe?

Sorrowful tear of sorrowful eye, thou breakest my heart in two.

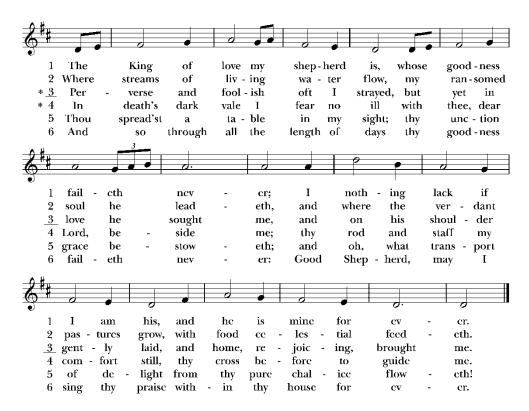
Thou grieves sore, thy sorrow is more than mankind's mouth may tell; thou singst of sorrow, mankind to borrow, out of the pit of hell.

Thy mother sees what woe is to thee, and earnestly cries out; to her thou speak, her sorrow to east; sweet pleading won thy heart.

Thy heart is rent, thy body bent upon the rood tree; the weather is passed, the devil defeated, Christ, through the might of thee.

SERMON

HYMN ST. COLUMBA



Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. Hymnal 1982.

SOLEMN BLESSING

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. Amen.

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen**.

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

The People join in the Refrain.



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

VOLUNTARY Toccata (1958)

Nancy Plummer Faxon
(1914-2005)

Immediately following this service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series featuring a Chamber Piano Recital by Luis López from the Canary Islands.

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Lucy Chauncey, Mrs. And Mr. William Andrews Clark, and Margaret Crane Hurlbut

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

Evensong will be followed by a piano recital by Luis Lopez Ramos, Canary Islands

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

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Said Mass

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

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

Thursday – Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop 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 will take place between the 8 a.m. and Noon services on Friday mornings throughout Lent.

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: Fr. Schultz*

Next Sunday: March 12, Third Sunday in Lent

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. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Fr. Moretz

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 meek, for they will
inherit the earth."

Sermon by The Rev. Kate Malin, Rector, Christ's Church, Rye

Evensong will be followed by an organ recital by Andrew Scanlon, Boston, MA

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 "The History of the Church 1: From House Church to Established Religion." 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 53_{rd} 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 & 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.

On Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m., Concerts at Saint Thomas presents concert organist Olivier Latry for an evening of Wagner transcriptions, paired with Widor's Symphony for Organ, No. 5. 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, call 212-664-9360 or email concerts@saintthomaschurch.org.

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.

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.





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.