

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 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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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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PRELUDE

Air on Bristol

Malcom Archer
(b. 1952)

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

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

HYMN

CROSS OF JESUS

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free,
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth thou art,
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit, Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

From our fears and sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
Born to reign in us for ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
By thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glor - ious throne.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, #3 from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).
Music: *Cross of Jesus*, John Stainer (1840-1901).



VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Gerre Hancock

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 75

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Tredinnick)

CONFITEBIMUR TIBI

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks : yea, unto thee do we give thanks.
Thy Name also is so nigh : and that do thy wondrous works declare.

When I receive the congregation : I shall judge according unto right.

The earth is weak, and all the inhabitants thereof : I bear up the pillars of it.

I said unto the fools, Deal not so madly : and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.

Set not up your horn on high : and speak not with a stiff neck.

For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west : nor yet from the south.

And why? God is the Judge : he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red :

it is full mixed, and he poureth out of the same.

As for the dregs thereof : all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.

But I will talk of the God of Jacob : and praise him for ever.

All the horns of the ungodly also will I break : and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

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 76

NOTUS IN JUDAEA

Anglican Chant (Barnby)

IN Jewry is God known : his Name is great in Israel.

At Salem is his tabernacle : and his dwelling in Sion.

There brake he the arrows of the bow : the shield, the sword, and the battle.

Thou art of more honour and might : than the hills of the robbers.

The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep :

and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.

At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob : both the chariot and horse are fallen.

Thou, even thou art to be feared : and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

Thou didst cause thy judgement to be heard from heaven : the earth trembled, and was still;



When God arose to judgement : and to help all the meek upon earth.
The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise : and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.
Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all ye that are round about him :
bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
He shall refrain the spirit of princes : and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.
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 40:1-11

The People stand for the Office Hymn and 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.

(5) A - men.

O heavenly Word, eternal Light, #63 from *The Hymnal 1982* – 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 Small (b. 1932).

MAGNIFICAT

Mount St. Alban Service

David Hogan
(1949-1996)

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 1:1-25

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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David Hogan

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

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 Choir

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

R. 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.

R. 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

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 COLLECT FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

ALmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE 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 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

O Oriens

*Matthew Martin
(b. 1976)*

O COME, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine Advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel.

O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae:
veni, et illumine sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis.

O Dayspring, brightness of light everlasting,
and sun of righteousness:
come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness,
and the shadow of death.
Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel.

Great Advent Antiphon

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Luigi Gioia
Theologian in Residence



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HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

BRISTOL

1. Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior prom-ised long:
2. He comes, the pris-oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's bond-age held;
3. He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing soul to cure;
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come shall pro - claim;

let ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
the gates of brass be - fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
and with the trea - sures of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
and heaven's e - ter - nal arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes, #53 from *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised* — Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751).
Music: Bristol, from Thomas Ravenscroft's *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621.

THE BLESSING

The Rector says

MAY 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 among 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

Verbum supernum prodiens, Op. 54, No. 8

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series
featuring Maks Adach, Assistant Organist & Associate for Musical Studies*



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Mrs. Robert L. Dodge, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Dr. Lewis Rutherford Morris, and Harold V. Smith



The Saint Thomas Book & Gift Store will be open in the Narthex Sundays after the 11 a.m. service through December 22, 2024. Additional times are Sunday, December 22 after 4 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols, and Christmas Eve December 24 from 12 p.m. until after the 4 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols. Stop by and view our collection of Calendars, Mugs, Ornaments, Christmas cards, CDs, and books for Advent & Christmas.



Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received 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 Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. The deadline is Sunday, December 15.

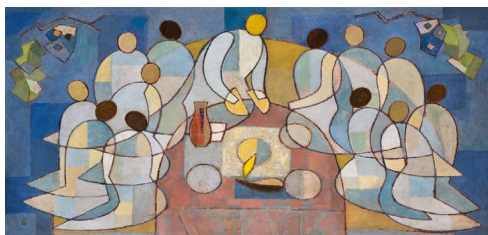


Christmas Candles in Memory of Loved Ones. During Christmastide, the time between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will light an eight-day candle for your loved one(s), and place it before the Crèche of Saint Thomas Church. Each candle will be affixed with the **name(s)** you submit. The suggested donation for each eight-day candle is \$25. All of these names will be added to the prayer list of that day, and a candle will be lit at Our Lady of Fifth Avenue.





NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR
The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



On October 26th we launched **Neighbor to Neighbor**, a service program which provides coffee, tea, croissants, and fresh fruit to community members in need. The program serves guests **between 9am and 10am every Saturday**, with volunteers arriving at the cloisters of the church on 53rd Street around 8:30am. Please note there is a **signup form** for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



ANNUAL APPEAL



We launched our 2025 Annual Appeal: *Weaving a Rich Tapestry* on October the 6th, which marked the close of our Bicentennial year. In his sermon, Father Turner preached: Remembrance; thanksgiving; new beginnings: ***It's what we have done this past year, and prepares us for the future. Remember – give thanks – look forward: It is the vision of Saint Thomas Church, to be a community of love and praise, and an oasis of prayer in the middle of New York, actively weaving a tapestry of divine proportions.***

As we look ahead to the next century, we need your help. Make a pledge today!



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

*Organ Recital featuring Maks Adach, Assistant Organist
& Associate for Musical Studies*

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. Evensong or 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: Fr. Schultz

4 p.m. The Blessing of the Crèche

A service for children and their families
sung by the Noble Singers

Next Sunday: December 15,
The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

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 Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Mo. Turner

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Right Reverend Sean Semple,
Bishop of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf



Christmas 2024

CONCERTS *at* SAINT THOMAS

December 10 & 12, 2024
TUESDAY & THURSDAY at 7:30 pm

G. F. HANDEL MESSIAH

The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

NEW YORK BAROQUE
INCORPORATED
EMILY DONATO, soprano
EMILY MARVOSH, contralto
RUFUS MÜLLER, tenor
DAVID SOAR, bass
JEREMY FILSELL, conductor

December 19 & 21, 2024
THURSDAY at 5:30 pm & SATURDAY at 12 pm

CHRISTMAS ON FIFTH AVENUE

The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

BRIDGET KIBBEY, harp
NICOLAS HAIGH, organ
JEREMY FILSELL, conductor

Purchase Tickets



PARISH NOTICES

Saint Thomas Church Angel Tree 2024: Please join us in helping children by participating in our annual Christmas Angel Tree. We provide gifts of toys and clothes for children of Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in the Bronx, children known to the EOP feeding program at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, and children staying with their mothers at a temporary shelter for survivors of domestic abuse. We ask that you take a tag hanging on our Angel Tree, then sign the book letting us know that gift is accounted for. Unwrapped gifts should be brought to Saint Thomas on or before December 15. Monetary donations also gratefully appreciated - we'll do the shopping! To ensure that the children beneficiaries remain anonymous, the tags are numbered. Thanks, you're an angel!

Children and Family Ministries: Our Annual Blessing of the Crèche - Nativity Story Service is this Saturday, December 14. We are distributing roles to children who wish to be involved so please contact Father Preston if you have questions or want to join! Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor) and Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor). The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9am-1pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The **Noble Singers**, our parish children's choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is always accepting new choristers. The choir has begun working on music for the Annual Blessing of the Crèche Service and rehearses weekly on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm. Choristers select one rehearsal to attend each week and sing weekly at the 9am Sung Eucharist on Sundays during the program year. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer, contact Rkellerman@saintthomaschurch.org.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am 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. *Note: There is no tour today, as our tour guides will be having their annual holiday gathering.*

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every second Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

Friday Zoom Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1pm via Zoom. We have embarked on the Book of the Glory (John 13-21) in which we will witness Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. Bring your Bible, your questions, and yourself as, together, we deepen our relationship with God through scripture. Contact Fr. Schultz with any questions and for the Zoom link: Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Margaret White: Mwhite@choirschool.org.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.