

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 AT 4 P.M.
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS
WITH THE CHOIR OF ST. MATTHEW'S, WESTMINSTER, UK



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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

Cantabile

César Franck
(1822-1890)

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 119:1-16

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant
(T. Tertius Noble and William J. Petretta)

BEATI IMMACULATI

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are they that keep his testimonies : and seek him with their whole heart.
For they who do no wickedness : walk in his ways.
Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.
O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep thy statutes!
So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all thy commandments.
I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart :
when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.
I will keep thy ceremonies : O forsake me not utterly.

IN QUO CORRIGET?

WEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after thy word.
With my whole heart have I sought thee :
O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.
Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against thee.
Blessed art thou, O Lord : O teach me thy statutes.
With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgements of thy mouth.
I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.
I will talk of thy commandments : and have respect unto thy ways.
My delight shall be in thy statutes : and I will not forget thy word.
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

Ecclisiastes 11,12

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

BLAENHAFREN

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,



Lord, whose love through humble service, #610 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984), alt. Copyright © 1961, Albert Bayly. Used by permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Blaenhafren*, Welsh melody.

MAGNIFICAT IN G

Francis Jackson
(1917-2022)

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

Matthew 22:34-46

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Gustav Holst
(1874-1934)

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 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

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.



- ℣. 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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)*

LIKE as the hart desireth the waterbrooks : so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night : while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Psalm 42:1-3



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SERMON

Fr. Mark Brown

HYMN

SIROË

1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor

on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and

an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, #546 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751).
Music: Siroë, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. *Melodia Sacra*, 1815.

THE BLESSING

The Rector says

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PSALM 150

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (George S. Talbot)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

O 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.

VOLUNTARY

Impromptu No. 2, Op. 78.ii

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
(1875-1912)



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

5:15 P.M. SUNDAY RECITAL SERIES

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for an Organ Recital
featuring Zac Schurman, New York, NY*

***Daylight Saving Time ends next Saturday night –
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!***



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
*Benjamin Cordoza Baron, James Ross Curran, Robert Erskine Douglas, William Harris Douglas,
John J. Hendershot, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Natalie Ives Metcalf, and Clarissa Martin Metzger*



WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Zac Schurman, Organ

New York, NY

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday 28th – Feast of Saints Simon and Jude

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

music by Mozart and Victoria

Wednesday 29th – James Hannington and Companions

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

music by Millington, Kelly, and Rorem

Thursday 30th –

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

music by Millington, Browne, and Whitlock

Friday 24th

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Saturday 25th

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

Confessor: Fr. Brown

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: November 2nd

All Saints' Sunday

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

Sung by the Noble Singers

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

followed by Coffee Hour at the back of the Lady Chapel

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Alison J. Turner

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by the Rev. Matthew Moretz

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Players from the Historical Performance Program

at The Juilliard School – New York, NY



PARISH NOTICES

Names for remembrance for **ALL SOULS**. November is the month when we remember the dead. If you wish to add a name to the list to be placed on the altar on Remembrance Sunday at 11am, please send the names (and dates if possible) to remembrance@saintthomaschurch.org. The names will also be read each Saturday at the 12 p.m. mass during November.

Chorister for a Day: Find your voice. Find yourself. On Saturday, November 8, Saint Thomas Choir School will hold its annual Chorister for a Day. Open to boys in Grades 3-6, this day will be an opportunity to experience life in the choir school community with fun activities, choir rehearsal with the choristers, tours of the Church and School, and Evensong with the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. For more information contact Margaret White, Director of Admissions and Administration: admissions@choirschool.org

The Saint Thomas Choir School is home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Since September 2025, the choristers (grades 4-8) has partnered with Professional Children's School for their academic education, while continuing to live and train at STCS in a close-knit, music-centered environment. They sing five weekly services at Saint Thomas Church and perform in the Concerts at Saint Thomas series. If you know a boy who loves to sing and may thrive in this unique setting, please contact Margaret White at mwhite@choirschool.org

Children and Family Ministries: Children and families are invited to CFM Bingo Night, Thursday, Oct. 30th from 5:15-6:15 p.m. on the 5th Floor. 10 a.m. Children's Formation is available for children Pre-K - High School from 10-10:45 a.m. following the 9 a.m. Mass. The Children's area (near the icon of Saint Thomas) is available for families during all services, with quiet activities for young children. The Nursery also continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd floor. To receive our Summer CFM newsletter, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org

Explore the Beauty and History of Saint Thomas Church each Sunday following the 11am service with a guided tour. These tours offer a unique opportunity to delve into the rich history, sacred art, and exquisite architectural details of our landmark building. To take part, please meet the Tour Guide at the "Tour Guide - Meet Here" sign on the south side of the Narthex. All are warmly welcome.

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

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers (ages 5-14+) have returned to sing in the 9 a.m. mass. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:15 - 5:15 p.m., and new singers are always welcome. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For more information, and to register your singer, contact Mrs. Lane at llane@saintthomaschurch.org

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents renowned organist Clive Driskill-Smith in *A Stroll through the English Countryside*, exploring the great wealth of works for organ by English composers spanning the centuries, from Gibbons to Bairstow, on November 22nd at 3 p.m. This Grand Organ Series recital will feature both the Taylor & Boody Loening-Hancock Gallery Organ, as well as the Dobson Miller-Scott Organ. Tickets are available online at www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts.

You are cordially invited to the Holy Eucharist in the Korean language every second Sunday of the month. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45 p.m. in the Dining Room of the Parish House. 매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30 에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45 에 2 층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3 p.m. 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 Taizé 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

Friday Bible study will resume on Friday, October 31 led by Father Mark Brown.

