

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 AT 3 P.M.

EASTER DAY
SOLEMN EVENSONG & PROCESSION
WITH ADMISSION OF CHORISTERS

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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**BEFORE THE SERVICE AT 2:15 P.M.
AN EASTERTIDE PRELUDE TO CHORAL EVENSONG**

PRELUDES

Maks Adach

Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist

Alleluyas

Simon Preston
(1938-2022)

Agnus Dei (1965)

Frank Martin
(1890-1974)

Impromptu No. 2, Op. 78, No. 2

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
(1875-1912)

At Easter-tide (*from Six Occasional Preludes*)

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

Mors et Resurrectio (*from Trois Paraphrases Grégoriens*, Op. 5, No. 2)

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

Cantilène (*from Symphonie No. 3*)

Louis Vierne
(1844-1937)

Joie et Clarté des corps glorieux (*from Les Corps Glorieux*)

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)





ORDER OF SERVICE

The People stand at the entry of the Choir.

INTROIT

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

ALLELUIA, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

VERSIDES AND RESPONSES

James Buonemani
(b. 1956)

- 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.

PSALM 66:1-11

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Ashfield)

JUBILATE DEO

OBE joyful in God, all ye lands : sing praises unto the honour of his Name,
make his praise to be glorious.
Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works :
through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.
For all the world shall worship thee : sing of thee, and praise thy Name.
O come hither, and behold the works of God :
how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.
He turned the sea into dry land : so that they went through the water on foot;
there did we rejoice thereof.
He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people :
and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.
O praise our God, ye people : and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holdeth our soul in life : and suffereth not our feet to slip.
For thou, O God, hast proved us : thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
Thou broughtest us into the snare : and laidest trouble upon our loins.
Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads : we went through fire and water,
and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
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

Ezekiel 37:1-14



ADMISSION OF NEW CHORISTERS

The Choir and Ministers stand; the People remain seated.

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

Reverend Father, I present to you Jacob, Jayden, and Lorenzo
to be admitted as Choristers of this Church of Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue.

The Rector asks the Boys to be admitted the following

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

The Boys answer

I do.

Taking each Probationer's hand in turn, the Rector says

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I admit you, N.,
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. **Amen.**

*When all have been admitted, the Head and Deputy Head Chorister take each newly admitted Chorister,
in turn, 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, N., as a Chorister of this Church.

When all have been installed, the Head and Deputy Head Chorister take their places in the Choir stalls.

The Rector says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

ALmighty 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 servants here present,
and more especially for them who have now been admitted to a place in the Choir of this Church.
Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in
the knowledge and obedience of thy holy word that, in the end, they 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 Magnificat.



OFFICE HYMN

AD CENAM AGNI PROVIDI

Verses 1 & 8 are sung by all; verses 2, 4, and 6 by lower voices, and verses 3, 5, and 7 by upper voices.

1. The Lamb's high ban - quet_ we a - wait In snow - white robes of_ roy - al state,
2. Up - on the_ al - tar_ of the Cross His Bo - dy_ has re - deem'd our loss,
3. That Pas - chal eve_ God's arm was bared, The de - va - stat - ing_ an - gel spared;
4. Now Christ our_ Pass - ov - er is slain, The Lamb of_ God that knows no stain,
5. O thou from whom hell's mon arch flies, O great, O_ ve - ry_ Sac - ri - fice,
And now, the_ Red Sea's_ chan - nel past,
And tast - ing_ of his_ pre - cious Blood,
By strength of_ hand our_ hosts went free
And he, the_ true un - leav - en'd Bread,
Thy cap - tive_ peo - ple_ are set free,
To_ Christ our_ Prince we_ sing at last. (A - men.)
Our_ life_ is_ hid with_ Christ in God.
From Pha - roah's ruth - less_ ty - ran - ny.
Is_ tru - ly_ our ob - la - tion made.
And_ end - less_ life re - stor'd in thee.

6. For Christ, arising from the dead,
From conquer'd hell victorious sped,
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,
And Paradise for man regains.

7. Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in us thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Pascal victory.

8. To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And Spirit blest, eternally. Amen.

At the Lamb's high banquet we await, from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: Latin, probably 7th century;
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866). Music: *Ad cenam Agni providi*, plainsong, mode viii.

MAGNIFICAT

Service in C

Brian Kelly
(b. 1934)

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 24:13-35

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Service in C

Brian Kelly

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

Officiant and People

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 Officiant and 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, 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

ALmighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *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.*

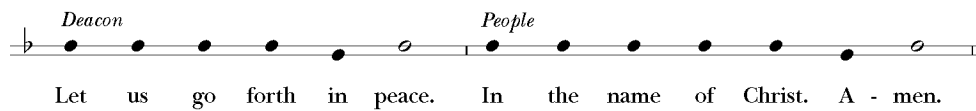
THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

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 stand.

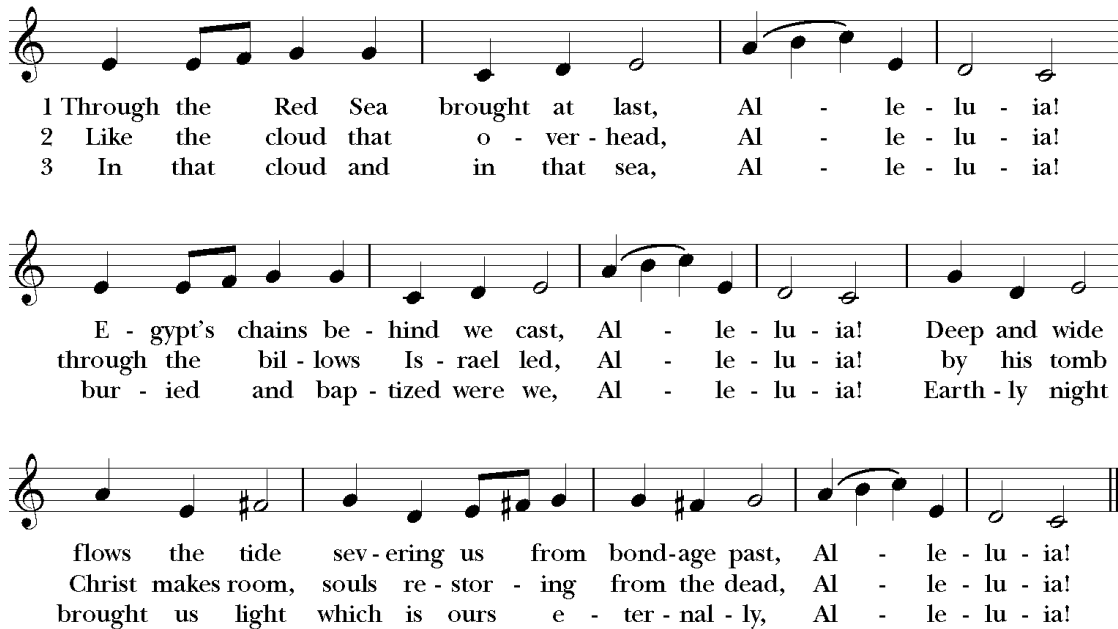


THE PROCESSION



HYMN

STRAF MICH NICHT



Through the Red Sea brought at last, #187 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Ronald A. Knox (1888-1957). By permission of Burns & Oates.
Music: *Straf mich nicht*, melody from *Hundert Arien*, 1694; harm. Alastair Cassels-Brown (b. 1927). Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.

AT THE FONT

- ℣. Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia.
℟. And become the first-fruits of them that slept. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

ALmighty God, who by our baptism into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ dost turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.



ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. Charles Wood
(1866-1926)

THIS joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number:

Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver:

G. R Woodward (1848-1934)

HYMN

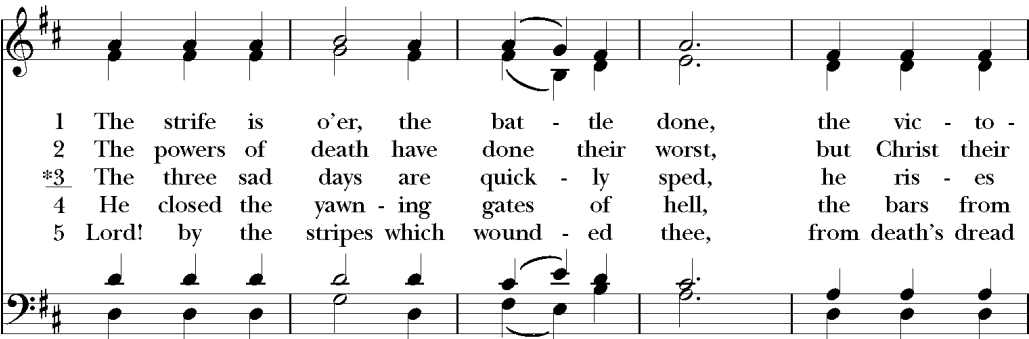
VICTORY

Antiphon (at the beginning)

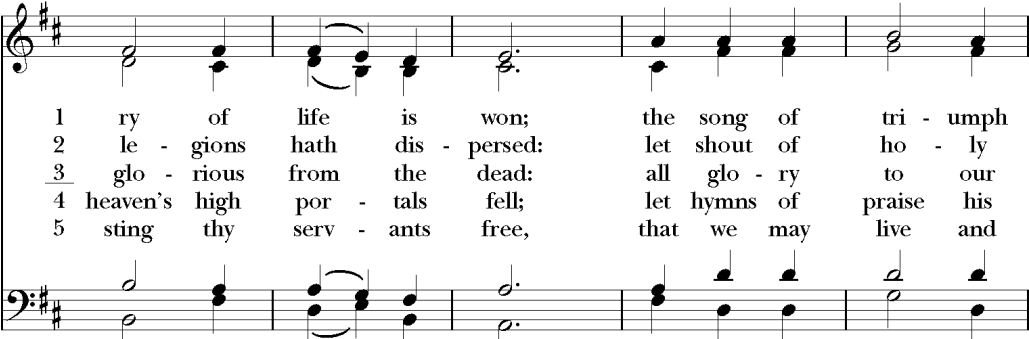


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread



1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and



1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, #208 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.
Music: Victory, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FIFTH AVENUE

∞. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
℞. For the Lord hath risen indeed! Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the resurrection of thy son our Lord Jesus Christ,
hast vouchsafed to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech thee,
that through the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Diego Ortiz
(c. 1510-1570)

REGINA coeli laetare, Alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia.
Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
For He whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia.
[Now] has risen, as He said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

Anonymous Medieval



HYMN

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:
loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing
led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain, #200 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: *Gaudemus pariter*, melody from *Medieval [German or] Bohemian Carol Melody*, 1544; harm. *Songs of Syon*, 1904.

AT THE EASTER GARDEN

V. The Lord is risen from the tomb. Alleluia.
R. Who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

ALmighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

ANTHEM

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

SING alleluia forth in duteous praise,
ye citizens of heaven, o sweetly raise an endless alleluia.

Ye powers who stand before the eternal light,
let all your choirs re-echo to the height an endless alleluia.



Then let the holy city raise the strain,
and with glad songs resounding wake again an endless alleluia.
Ye who have fought and joined the starry throng,
ye victors, now take up the eternal song, an endless alleluia.

Your song of triumph shall forever ring,
the hymns which tell the honor of your king, an endless alleluia.

Such song is rest and food and deep delight to saints forgiven,
let them all unite in endless alleluia.

Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing our praise for evermore;
to thee we bring an endless alleluia.

Anonymous 8th century, tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893)

HYMN

ST. ALBINUS



1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -
2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus
3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O
liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry
sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us
giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

Jesus lives! thy terrors now, #194 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Christian Furchtegott Gellert (1715-1769);
tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: St. Albinus, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876).



THE EASTERTIDE BLESSING

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Laudes (2016)

Francis Pott
(b. 1957)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

The Church is open for Private Prayer and Visits

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions)

Monday – Saturday at 12 p.m.

Live audio stream and then on-demand.

The Daily Eucharist

Monday – Saturday at 12:05 p.m.

Live audio stream and then on-demand.

The Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue

Saturday 11:30am – 12 p.m.

This recitation of the Rosary is offered on the first Saturday of each month at 11:30 a.m. prior to the noon time service of Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist at Our Lady of Fifth Avenue and online as an audio livestream.

Please send your requests for prayers via the website [click here](#) or emailed to: prayer@saintthomaschurch.org

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: Fr. Luigi Gioia

THE LAMB'S HIGH BANQUET WE AWAIT, IN SNOW WHITE ROBES OF ROYAL STATE, AND NOW, THE RED SEA'S CHANNEL PAST, TO CHRIST OUR PRINCE WE SING AT LAST. + UPON THE ALTAR OF THE CROSS HIS BODY HATH REDEEMED OUR LOSS, AND TASTING OF HIS ROSATE BLOOD, OUR LIFE IS HID WITH HIM IN GOD +
 OUR OWN UNLEAVENED BREAD SINCERE + THAT PASCHAL EVE GOD'S ARM WAS BARED, THE DEVASTATING ANGLE SPAR'D; BY STRENGTH OF HAND OUR HOSTS WENT FREE, FROM PHAROH'S RUTHLESS TYRANNY + NOW CHRIST OUR PASCHAL LAMB IS SLAIN, THE LAMB OF GOD THAT KNOWS NO STAIN, THE TRUE ORATION OFFERED HERE, FROM CONQUERED HELL VICTORIOUS SPED, AND THURSTS THE TYRANT DOWN TO CHAINS, AND PARADICE FOR MAN REGAINS. + O THOU, FROM WHOM HELL'S MONARCH FLIES, O GREAT, O VERY SACRIFICE, THY CAPTIVE PEOPLE ARE SET FREE, AND ENDLESS LIFE RESTORED IN THEE. FOR CHRIST ARISING FROM THE DEAD, FROM CONQUERED HELL VICTORIOUS SPED, AND THURSTS THE TYRANT DOWN TO CHAINS, AND PARADICE FOR MAN REGAINS. +
 AMEN. ALLELUIA! TO THEE WHO, DEAD, AGAIN DOST LIVE, ALL GLORY, LORD, THY PEOPLE GIVE, ALL GLORY, AS IS EVER MEET, TO FATHER AND TO PARACLETE.

