

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 AT 4 P.M.
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FESTAL EVENSONG
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR



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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

Fantasia super Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 695

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)

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 16

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Tone I¹)

CONSERVA ME, DOMINE

PRESERVE me, O God : for in thee have I put my trust.
O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord :

Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth : and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god : shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer :

neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup :

thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground : yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning : my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God always before me : for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced : my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell :

neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy :

and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.



FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

AD CENAM AGNI

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.

The Lamb's high banquet we await, #101 from *The New English Hymnal* — Words: 7th century Latin, tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866).
Music: *Ad cenam Agni*, plainsong, Mode viii.

MAGNIFICAT

The Short Service

Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

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

The Short Service

Orlando Gibbons

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

℣. 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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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

William Byrd

Resurrexi, et adhuc tecum sum. Alleluia.
Posuisti super me manum tuam. Alleluia.
Mirabilis facta est scientia tua. Alleluia.
Domine, probasti me, et cognovisti me;
tu cognovisti sessionem meam, et resurrectionem meam.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*I arose, and am still with Thee. Alleluia.
Thou hast laid Thine hand upon me. Alleluia.
Thy knowledge is become wonderful. Alleluia.
Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me;
Thou knowest my sitting down and my rising up.
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.*

Ps. 139:18, 5, 6, 1

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia
Theologian in Residence

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



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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 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.

VOLUNTARY

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625

Johann Sebastian Bach



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God's Love at the Heart of New York



Saint Thomas gives thanks for those who have given endowed funds to provide flowers to beautify the church in perpetuity. This week, we give thanks for the memory of *Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Munsell, and Timothy Rothermel*, and pray for the repose of their souls.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalm 104:31)

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Those who are members of the Order of Saint John and those who are volunteers with our Neighbor-to-Neighbor program will want to sign up to help package meals for hungry children in Africa, organized by Rise against Hunger. The event is also open to any parishioner who wishes to take part. The event will take place in the Choir School Gym on Saturday, May 17 from 11am and we hope to package 20,000 meals which will allow two whole classes of schoolchildren to have a hot meal every day for a whole year. We need at least 85 volunteers and the event will take around two hours. Please register by using this link:

<https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/435>



PILGRIMS' COURSE 2025



*It's not the destination,
but the journey that matters*

The Pilgrims' Course 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, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community.

The subject of this week's class will be "*They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread': The Eucharist at the Heart of Our Common Life.*" A simple hot meal is available at 6:30pm, and the class runs from 7-8pm.

Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join on-line. To register please scan this code:





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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



The Saint Thomas Social Outreach program **Neighbor to Neighbor** 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 knowing more about the program and getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday – Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Saturday

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

Next Sunday: May 4,
The Third Sunday of Easter

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 Fr. Moretz

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Mo. Lee Pae

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

A piano recital featuring Chenxing Huang, New York, NY

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (5-9), Faith Alive (10-14+), and Noble Singers (5-14+) return next Sunday, May 4th. The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am – 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact

Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

“Let Mutual Love Continue: An Exhortation to Inhabit the Community of Witness.” **The Zoom Bible Study Group** has embarked on its next course, diving into the Epistle to the Hebrews. Examining the Epistle’s structure, ecclesiology, and Christology, we’ll discover a vision of community that transcends time, space and circumstance, rooted by faith in the never-ending love of God. As the epistle’s author encourages us to remain faithful to Jesus in a time of oppression and fear, they help us to understand what it means to truly take our place in a community that witnesses to a reality of love that is both immanent and transcendent. The Study meets Fridays at 1pm on Zoom. Each session begins with prayer for the needs of the community, and continues with our engagement with scripture, ending at 2:15pm. Contact Fr. Schultz (Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org) to join.

The Noble Singers, our parish children’s choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is accepting new choristers for the new year. We rehearse on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm with choristers selecting one rehearsal to attend each week. The choir sings 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.

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.

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.

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 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.
Note: for the season of Lent, we will meet in the Lady Chapel at 3:30pm, to commence after the conclusion of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30-3:30, also in the Lady Chapel.

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.

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.



SAINT THOMAS CHOIR SCHOOL



The Opportunity of a Lifetime

*A Residential Program for Boys
in Grades 4-8 Who Love to Sing*

Saint Thomas Choir School is the home away from home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. At STCS, boys in grades 4-8 live in community with full-time staff, sharing in the many routines of daily life: family-style meals, afternoon sports and recreation, bedtime snacks and books. Residential staff nurture and guide the students, helping them grow into young men who exhibit poise, presence, and a profound sense of service, all while immersing themselves in a shared passion for music.

Beginning in September 2025, Saint Thomas Choir School will partner with Professional Children's School to offer an unparalleled, music-centered education in the heart of Manhattan. While continuing to live at STCS, the boy choristers will be formally enrolled at PCS, an institution with a longstanding tradition of academic excellence and a deep commitment to supporting the performing arts. An average day will include several hours at PCS for core academics, with remaining time based at STCS for studies in Latin, theology, and music theory, as well as weekly private music lessons, sports, and recreational activities.

If you know a boy who loves to sing and would thrive within this extraordinary musical and educational environment, please contact us at admissions@choirschool.org.



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