

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025 AT 4 P.M.
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (SEPTUAGESIMA)

FESTAL 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

Andante moderato

Frank Bridge
(1879-1941)

INTROIT

Reginald Alwyn Surplice
(1906-1977)

O PRAISE the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.
Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

Psalm 148:1, 3; Psalm 150:6

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Francis Pott
(b. 1957)

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

- ℣. O Lord, open thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- ℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
- ℣. 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.
- ℣. Praise ye the Lord.
℟. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 6

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Wesley)

DOMINE, NE IN FURORE

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation : neither chasten me in thy displeasure.
Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak : O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.
My soul also is sore troubled : but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?
Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me for thy mercy's sake.
For in death no man remembereth thee : and who will give thee thanks in the pit?
I am weary of my groaning; every night wash I my bed : and water my couch with my tears.
My beauty is gone for very trouble : and worn away because of all mine enemies.
Away from me, all ye that work vanity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.
The Lord hath heard my petition : the Lord will receive my prayer.
All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed :
they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.
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

Wisdom 11:21-12:11

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



OFFICE HYMN

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of life and
2 We taste in you our liv - ing bread, and long to feast up -
3 For you our rest - less spi - rits yearn wher - e'er our chang - ing
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our mo - ments

our true light, we seek the peace your love im - parts,
on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain - head,
lot is cast; glad, when your pres - ence we dis - cern,
calm and bright; oh, chase the night of sin a - way,

and stand re - joic - ing in your sight.
our thirst - ing souls to quench and fill.
blest, when our faith can hold you fast.
shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, #650 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Att. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153);
tr. and para. Ray Palmer (1808-1887), alt. Music: *Jesu dulcis memoria*, plainsong, Mode 2.

MAGNIFICAT (COLLEGIUM MAGDALENAE OXONIENSE)

Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)

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

Galatians 4:8-20

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.



NUNC DIMITTIS (COLLEGIUM MAGDALENAE OXONIENSE)

Kenneth Leighton

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.*



- ℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
℟. And grant us thy salvation.
- ℣. O Lord, save the State.
℟. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- ℣. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
℟. 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

O GOD, the strength of all who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, give us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through 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.



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Kenneth Leighton

O GOD, enfold me in the sun,
Hard and bright
As shining as steel, and save me from
The night.

Send your saints to fight with me,
Side by side
Against this darkness in my heart
Of pride and fear and hate.

Send me Christ,
your Son,
Who was the greatest battle fought
And won.

A splendid sunburst then my shield,
And fierce
Bright sunbeams through the powerful dark
Will pierce.

Darkness and death before him must
Depart.
Light and life in triumph take
My heart.

Jacqueline Froom (1929-2018)



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SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Moretz
Vicar

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



HYMN

SALEM HARBOR

1 From God Christ's de - i - ty came forth, his man-hood from hu -
2 He joined with guests at wed - ding feast, yet in the wil - der -
3 The dis - so - lute he did not scorn, nor turn from those who
4 He did not dis - re - gard the sick; to sim - ple ones his
5 Who then, my Lord, com - pares with you? The Watch - er slept, the
1 man - i - ty; his priest - hood from Mel - chi - ze - dek, his
2 ness did fast; he taught with - in the tem - ple's gates; his
3 were in sin; he for the right - eous did re - joice but
4 word was given; and he de - scend - ed to the earth and
5 Great was small, the Pure bap - tized, the Life who died, the
1 roy - al - ty from Da - vid's tree: praised be his One - ness.
2 peo - ple saw him die at last: praised be his teach - ing.
3 bade the fall - en to come in: praised be his mer - cy.
4 his work done, went up to heaven: praised be his com - ing.
5 King a - based to hon - or all: praised be your glo - ry.

From God Christ's deity came forth, #443 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Ephrem of Edessa (4th cent.); tr. J. Howard Rhys (1917-2012); adapt. and alt. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984). Music: *Salem Harbor*, Ronald Arnatt (1930-2018).

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 (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

Fantasy on 'Hanover' (*from Six Fantasies on Hymn Tunes*, Op. 72)

Kenneth Leighton

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series
featuring an organ recital by Connor Fluharty, Princeton, NJ*



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 *George Arents, William Henry Hurlbut, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Arthur James Manice, and Rhoda D. Newman*, 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)



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 the week's class will be "*The History of the Church 2: Reformation, Anglicanism, and the Oxford Movement.*" 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:



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Organ Recital featuring Connor Fluharty, Princeton, NJ

Monday – Friday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Said Mass

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

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. Gioia

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: February 23,

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Choral Matins and 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 Fr. Gioia

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

**Songs and Arias from Ukraine, featuring Teryn
Kuzma, bandura and voice, and Olga Radovic, piano**



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.**



PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (5-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor) and Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor). 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”. In January, the **Zoom Bible Study Group** finished its exploration of the Gospel of John, an exploration begun in the spring of 2022. On Friday, February 21, the Study embarks 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Franz Liszt: The Greater Organ and Piano Works: Saint Thomas Church Organist and Director of Music **Jeremy Filsell** brings the 2024-2025 Grand Organ Series to a close on Saturday, February 22 at 3 pm with a concert of works by Franz Liszt. He will feature on both the Miller-Scott Organ and Saint Thomas Church’s Steinway D. For in-person or livestream tickets and for information about future concerts, please email us at concerts@saintthomaschurch.org or visit us online at www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts. Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make your donation with our team call [212-664-9360](tel:212-664-9360).