# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 AT 11 A.M.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (SEXAGESIMA)

# CHORAL MATINS AND FESTAL EUCHARIST

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*through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.*

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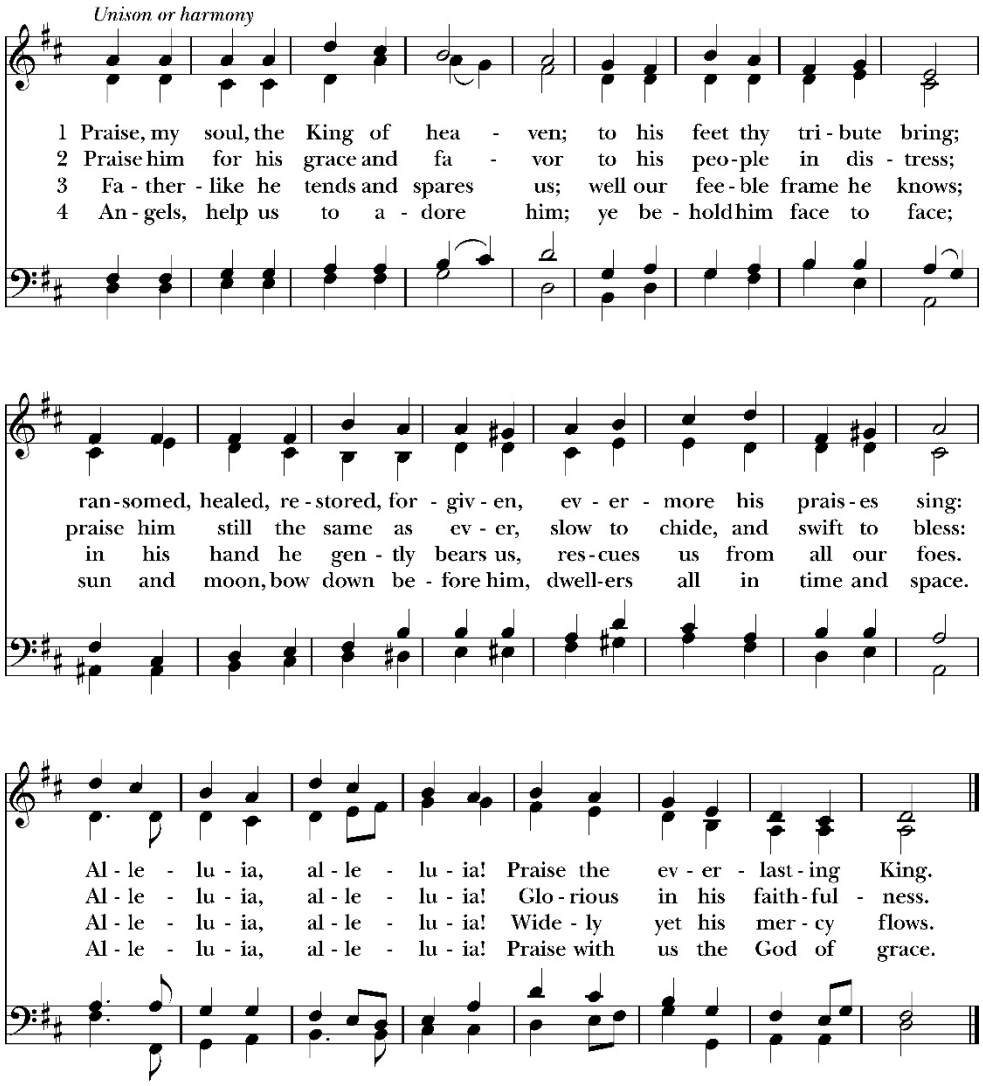
**THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS** Mass of Smoke and Light *Daniel Castellanos* (b. 1995)

**PRELUDE** Canzonetta, Op. 78, No. 2 *William Mathias* (1934-1992)

**THE GREETINGS**

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

**HYMN** LAUDA ANIMA




***Praise, my soul, the King of heaven***, #410 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971). Descant by permission of Novello and Company, Limited.

# The Order for Morning Prayer

*The Priest says these Sentences of the Scriptures*

THE sacrifices of God are a broken spirit : a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalm 51:17*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *Luke 15:18-19*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *John 1:8-9*

*The Priest says*

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

*The People kneel.*

## The General Confession

*People and Priest*

ALMIGHTY **and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and pronounces the Absolution*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

**VERSICLES AND RESPONSES** *Philip Moore* (b. 1943)

℣. O Lord, open thou our lips.
℟. *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

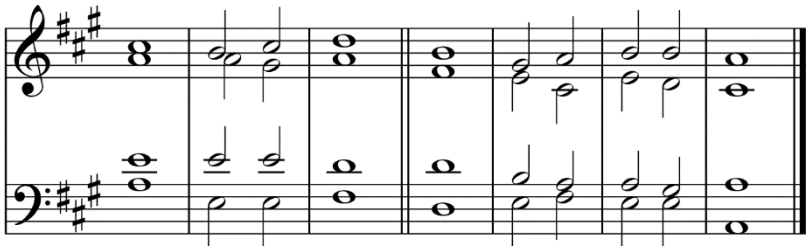
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

℣. 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.*

**VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO** *Psalm 95* Anglican Chant (*Monk*)

*The Choir and People sing*



1. **O come let us / sing un-to the /Lord:**
   **Let us heartily rejoice in the / strength of / our sal- / vation.**
2. **Let us come before his / presence • with / thanksgiving:**
   **And show ourselves / glad in / him with / psalms.**
3. **For the Lord is a / Great – / God:**
   **And a great / King a- • bove / all – / Gods.**
4. **In his hand are all the / corners • of the / earth:**
   **And the strength of the / hills is / his – / also.**
5. **The sea is / his and • he / made it:**
   **And his / hands pre- / par'd the • dry / land.**
6. **O come let us worship and / fall – / down:**
   **And / kneel be-fore the / Lord our / Maker.**
7. **For he is the / Lord our / God:**
   **And we are the people of his / pasture • and the / sheep of • his / hand.**
8. **O worship the Lord in the / beauty • of / holiness:**
   **Let the / whole earth / stand in / awe of him.**
9. **For he cometh, ' for he cometh to / judge the / earth:**
   **And with righteousness to judge the <u>world</u> and the / peo-ples / with his / truth.**
   **Glory be to the Father and / to the / Son;**
   **And / to the / Ho-ly / Ghost.**
   **As it was in the beginning is <u>now</u> and / ev-er / shall be:**
   **World without / end – ' / A – / men.**

*The People sit.*

**PSALM 37:1-9, 40-41** *Sung by the Choir* Anglican Chant (*Goss, Day*)

NOLI AEMULARI

FRET not thyself because of the ungodly :
neither be thou envious against the evil-doers.
For they shall soon be cut down like the grass : and be withered even as the green herb.
Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good : dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
Delight thou in the Lord : and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.
Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him : and he shall bring it to pass.
He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light : and thy just dealing as the noon-day.
Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him :
but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper,
against the man that doeth after evil counsels.
Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure : fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
Wicked doers shall be rooted out : and they that patiently abide the Lord,
those shall inherit the land.
But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord :
who is also their strength in the time of trouble.
And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them : he shall deliver them from the ungodly,
and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.
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 FIRST LESSON** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

*The Lector* Here endeth the First Lesson.

*The People stand.*

**FESTIVAL TE DEUM** *Benjamin Britten* (1913-1976)

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,
holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty: of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles: praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets: praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs: praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee;
the Father: of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true: and only son;
also the Holy Ghost: the comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting son: of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come: to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints: in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.
Govern them: and lift them up for ever.
Day by day: we magnify thee;
and we worship thy name: ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

*The People sit.*

**THE SECOND LESSON** Luke 6:27-38

*The Lector concludes* Here endeth the Second Lesson.

*The People stand.*

**JUBILATE DEO** *Matthew Martin* (b. 1976)

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth
from generation to generation.
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**

℣. 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.*

*The Choir sings*

**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, show 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 LORD**, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth:
Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,
the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE COLLECT FOR PEACE**

**O GOD,** who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**THE COLLECT FOR GRACE**

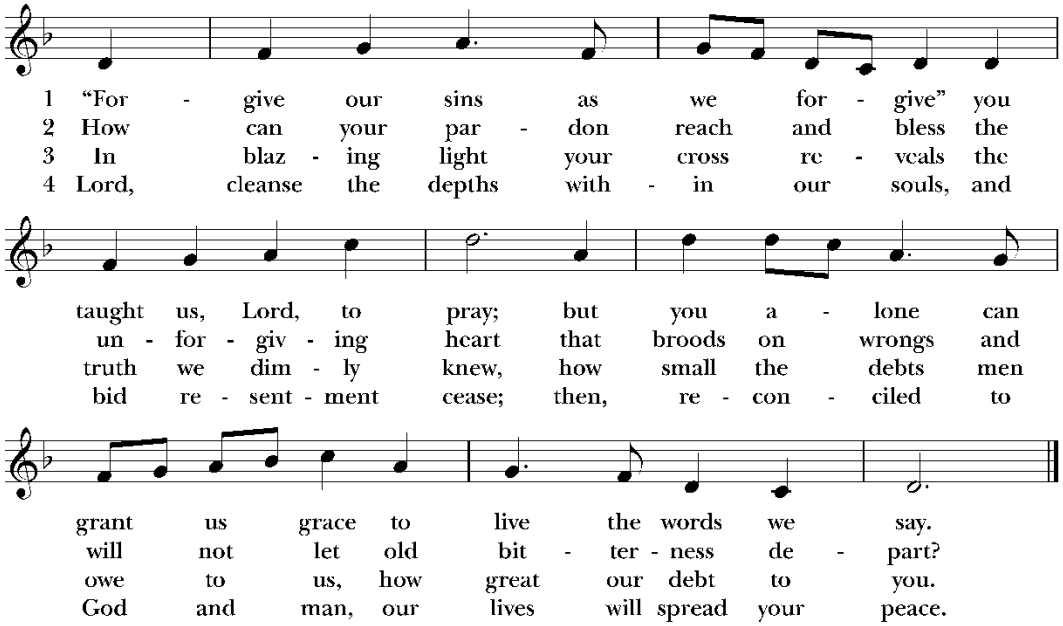
O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The People sit.*

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Alison J. Turner
*Associate for Children and Family Ministry, and School Chaplain*

*A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.*

**HYMN** DETROIT




***"Forgive our sins as we forgive"***, #674 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (1905-1987). By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Detroit*, from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

**THE PEACE**

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed are the peacemakers:
They shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY** *Sung by the Choir* *John Gavin Scott* (1956-2015)

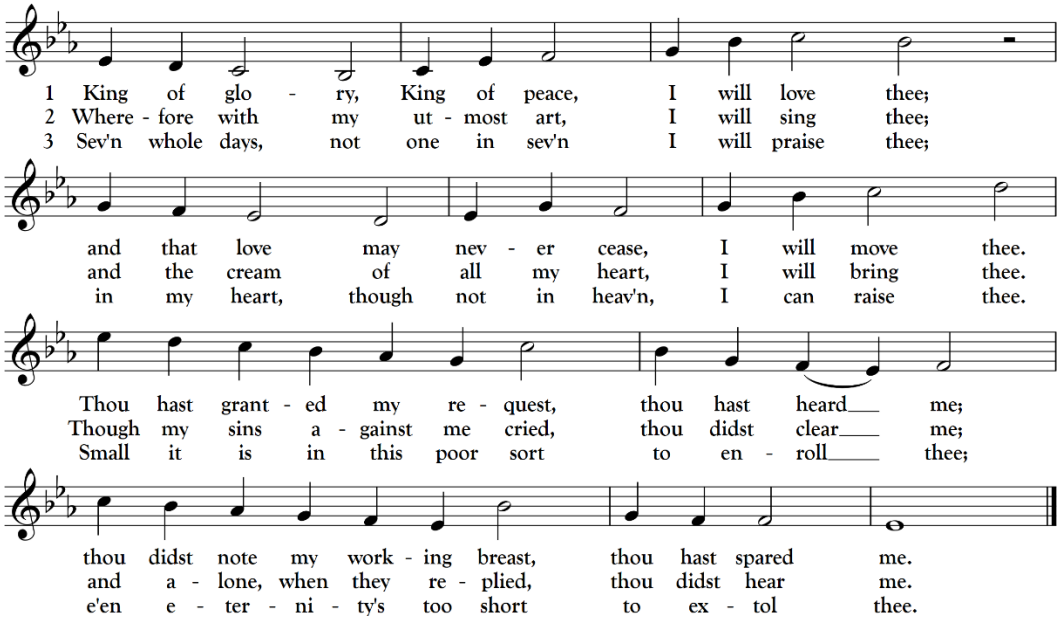
BEHOLD, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine anointed.
For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.

*Psalm 84:9-10*

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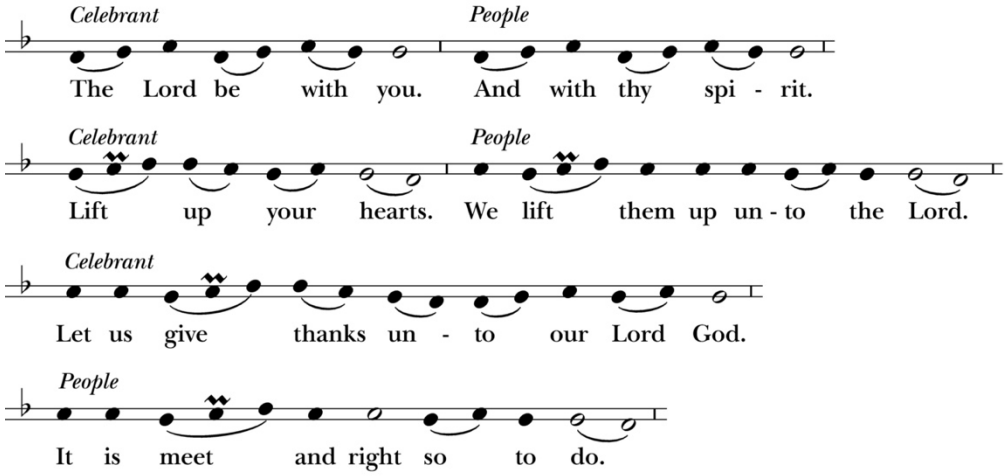
*The People stand.*

**HYMN** GENERAL SEMINARY




***King of glory, King of peace***, #382 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: George Herbert (1593-1633).
Music: *General Seminary*, David Charles Walker (b. 1938). Copyright © 1976, David Charles Walker.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING




*The Celebrant continues*

IT is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Sung by the Choir*

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,*
*Lord God of Hosts.*
*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*
*Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh*
*in the name of the Lord.*
*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The People kneel or stand.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes*

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*The People respond* **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant says*

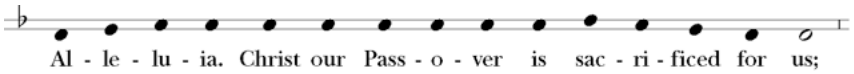
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

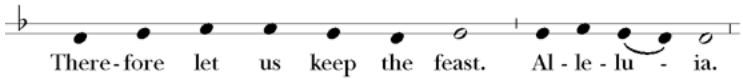
**OUR Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy Name,**
**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**
**on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread.**
**And forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said*




*People*




## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

**BEHOLD** the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*People* **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,**
**but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.*

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**I BELIEVE** in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul,
that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.*
*The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.*
*You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*

**MIDDLE VOLUNTARY** 'Chorale' *William Mathias*

**AGNUS DEI** *Sung by the Choir*

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,*
*have mercy on us.*
*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,*
*grant us peace*

*After Communion, silence is kept for a while.*

**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel and silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*
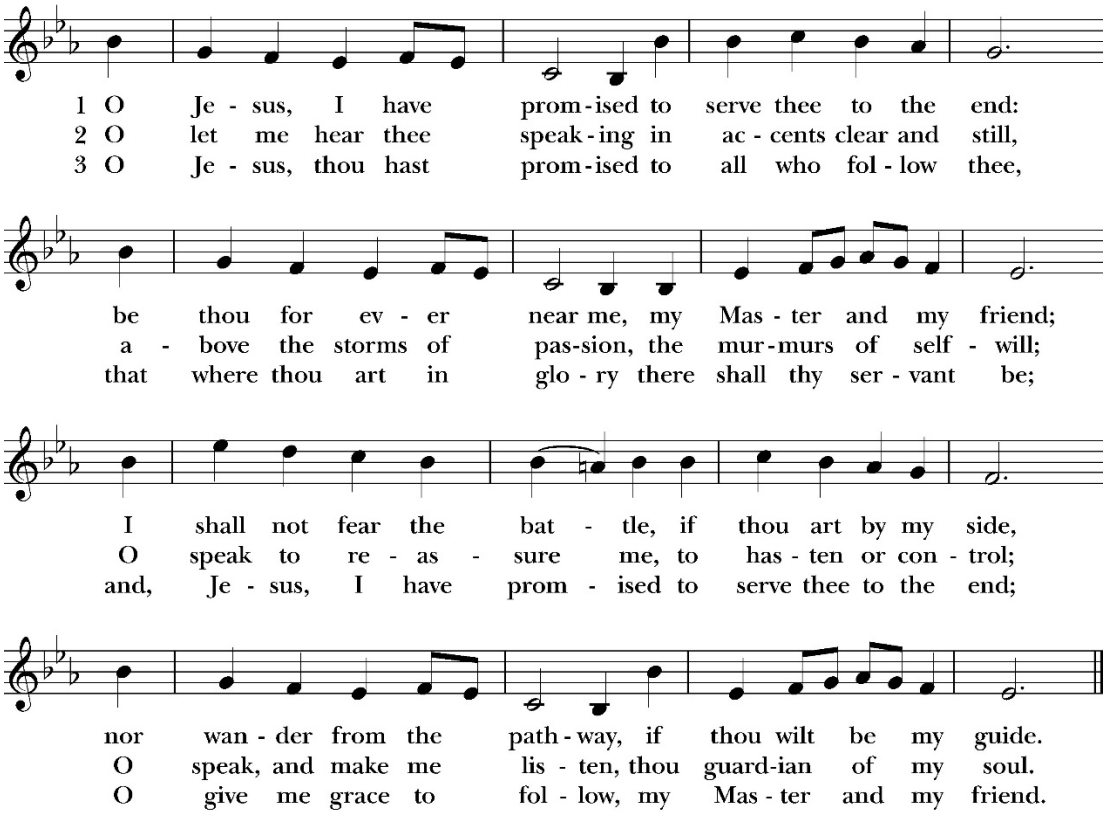
**ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee**
**for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food**
**of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**
**and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;**
**and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,**
**the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope,**
**of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,**
**so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,**
**and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;**
**through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,**
**be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

*The Celebrant 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**.

**HYMN** NYLAND




***O Jesus, I have promised***, #655 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt
Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948).

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Go in the light and peace of Christ.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY** Toccata Giocosa, Op. 36 No. 2 *William Mathias*

## Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex after the service.

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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, Sarah Remsen Burnham, and Margaret Crane Hurlbut*, 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)*

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## 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 Christian Exodus: An Introduction to Lent and Holy Week."*
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:

## 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.

**Today**
**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*

**Monday – Friday**
**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers***
**12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist***

**Tuesday**
**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong***
Followed by a short, said Mass
*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

**Wednesday**
**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong***
Followed by a short, said Mass
*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

**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**
**11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. The Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue** *(includes Shrine Prayers)*

**12 p.m. Holy Eucharist***
*(Saturday Mass of Our Lady)*

**Next Sunday: March 2,**
**The Last 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. Festal Eucharist***
*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*
Sermon by Fr. Schultz

**4 p.m. Festal Evensong and Benediction***
*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

**5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:**
*A chamber recital featuring Benjamin Howard, Baritone and Gentleman of the Choir*

# 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." **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.

**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 오후1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후12:45에 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.