

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 AT 4 P.M.
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Psalms Prelude No. 2, Set II

Herbert Howells

*"Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee,
but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the night to Thee are both alike."*

(1892-1983)

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Thomas Tomkins

(1572-1656)

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 97

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Walter Parratt)

DOMINUS REGNAVIT

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof :
yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
Clouds and darkness are round about him :
righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.
There shall go a fire before him : and burn up his enemies on every side.
His lightnings gave shine unto the world : the earth saw it, and was afraid.
The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord :
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens have declared his righteousness : and all the people have seen his glory.
Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods :
worship him, all ye gods.
Sion heard of it, and rejoiced :
and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.
For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth : thou art exalted far above all gods.
O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil :
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.
There is sprung up a light for the righteous : and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.
Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous : and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.
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

Daniel 6



The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

BROMLEY

1 O blest Cre - a - tor, source of light, you gave the
2 You joined the morn and eve - ning ray; you found it
3 Lest we, be - set by doubt and strife, for - get your
4 E - te - rnal Fa - ther, help us rise and strive to
*5 De - fend us, Fa - ther, through the night, and with your

1 day with splen - dor bright, when on the new and
2 good and called it 'day.' But now the threat - ening
3 bless - ed gift of life, and an - guished and in
4 gain the heaven - ly prize; for you a - lone can
5 Son, and Spi - rit bright— the Tri - ni - ty whom

1 liv - ing earth you brought all things to glo - rious birth.
2 dark - ness nears— we pray you, Fa - ther, calm our fears.
3 mind dis - tressed, be crushed by guilt, by sin op - pressed.
4 make us strong to turn from sin and cease from wrong.
5 we a - dore— be with us now and ev - er - more.

O blest Creator, source of light, #28 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930), alt. Copyright © 1982, Anne LeCroy.
Music: Bromley, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).



MAGNIFICAT IN B MINOR

Hugh Blair
(1864-1932)

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 13:1-9,18-23

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN B MINOR

Hugh Blair

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.

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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.

MOTET AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Charles Wood
(1866-1926)*

HAIL, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of holies – Jesus Christ our Lord!

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest;
The lights of evening round us shine;
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine!

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

Greek, 3rd century, translated John Keble (1792-1866)



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SERMON

Fr. Luigi Gioia



HYMN

ST. CLEMENT

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, #24 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893).
Music: St. Clement, Rev. Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904).

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

Improvisation on "St Clement"

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

(trans. Peter Stoltzfus Berton)

5:15 P.M. SUNDAY RECITAL SERIES

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for an Organ Recital
featuring Jonghee Yoon, Greenville, NC*



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
*The Ralph Mead Hyde Family, Zach Carr, Marjorie Carr, The Reverend John Wesley Brown, Linda Griffith Vorsanger,
John A. Warden, and Margaret Crane Hurlbut.*
May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalm 104:31)



WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series
Jonghee Yoon, Organ - Greenville, NC

Monday 17th November – Friday 21st November

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday 18th – *Hilda of Whitby*
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
Followed by a short, said Mass
Sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Rose, Wood, and Rorem

Wednesday 19th – *Elizabeth of Hungary*
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
Followed by a short, said Mass
Sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Rose, Stanford, and Bairstow

Thursday 20th – *Edmund, King and Martyr*
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
Followed by a short, said Mass
Sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Rose, Howells, and Wesley

Friday 21st
3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Saturday 22nd

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

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

3 p.m. Concert: Grand Organ Series II
A Stroll through the English Countryside
Clive Driskill-Smith, organ

Next Sunday: November 23rd **Pentecost 24**

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 Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano,
Bishop of Long Island

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series
Iain Quinn, Organ – Tallahassee, FL

PARISH NOTICES

We continue to pray for all our loved ones who have died at the Saturday 12 p.m. service. Names will continue to be remembered as follows:

November 22: N-S

November 29: T-Z

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: 10am Children's Formation is available for children Pre-K - High School from 10-10:45 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 11 a.m. 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 10 a.m. 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+) sing in the 9am 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 Baintow, 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. <https://mailchi.mp/saintthomaschurch/korean>

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 occurs at 1 p.m. on Zoom, currently focusing on the book of Ecclesiastes. To receive the zoom link, contact Fr. Brown at mbrown@saintthomaschurch.org

Celebrate our organ tradition with Nicolas Haigh's latest release, featuring Nicolaus Bruhns: The Complete Organ Works and Vicent Lübeck: Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, recorded on the Saint Thomas Church Taylor & Boody Organ. Find it at: <https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/product-category/cds/>

The Book & Gift Store is open for shopping in the Narthex after the 11 a.m. Sunday services on November 9 through December 21. Additional hours will be on December 21 and 24, before and after the 4 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols services.

The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program **Neighbor to Neighbor** provides coffee, tea, water, muffins, fresh fruit, yogurt and hot oatmeal to neighbors in need. The program serves guests between 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. every Saturday, with volunteers arriving at the Parish House on 53rd Street around 8:15 a.m. Please note that there is a sign-up form for interested volunteers. If you are interested in knowing more about the program and getting involved, please register to be on the mailing list for this group using the QR code:



