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in the  
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025 AT 4 P.M.  
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Bereceuse in A

Alec Rowley  
(1892-1958)

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Sir William H. Harris  
(1883-1973)

*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 144

*Sung by the Choir*

Plainsong (Tone I<sup>2</sup>)

BENEDICTUS DOMINUS

**B**LESSED be the Lord my strength : who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight;  
My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust :  
who subdueth my people that is under me.

Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him :

or the son of man, that thou so regardest him?

Man is like a thing of nought : his time passeth away like a shadow.

Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down : touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

Cast forth thy lightning, and tear them : shoot out thine arrows, and consume them.

Send down thine hand from above :

deliver me, and take me out of the great waters, from the hand of strange children;

Whose mouth talketh of vanity : and their right hand is a right hand of wickedness.

I will sing a new song unto thee, O God : and sing praises unto thee upon a ten-stringed lute.

Thou hast given victory unto kings :

and hast delivered David thy servant from the peril of the sword.

Save me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children :

whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity.

That our sons may grow up as the young plants :

and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple.

That our garners may be full and plenteous with all manner of store :

that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets.

That our oxen may be strong to labour, that there be no decay :

no leading into captivity, and no complaining in our streets.

Happy are the people that are in such a case :

yea, blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God.



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

Nehemiah 6:1-16

*The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.*

OFFICE HYMN

GENERAL SEMINARY

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;  
2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;  
3 Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.  
and in the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise thee.

Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;  
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;  
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.  
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.  
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

*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.

MAGNIFICAT IN E

Charles Macpherson  
(1870-1927)

**M**Y 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

John 15:12-27

*The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.*

NUNC DIMITTIS IN E

Charles Macpherson

**L**ORD, 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

L ord we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

L IGTEN 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

Sir William H. Harris  
(1883-1973)

**B**EHOLD now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord;  
ye that by night stand in the courts of our God.  
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.  
The Lord that made heaven and earth, give thee blessing out of Sion.

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SERMON

Fr. Luigi Gioia  
*Theologian in Residence*

HYMN

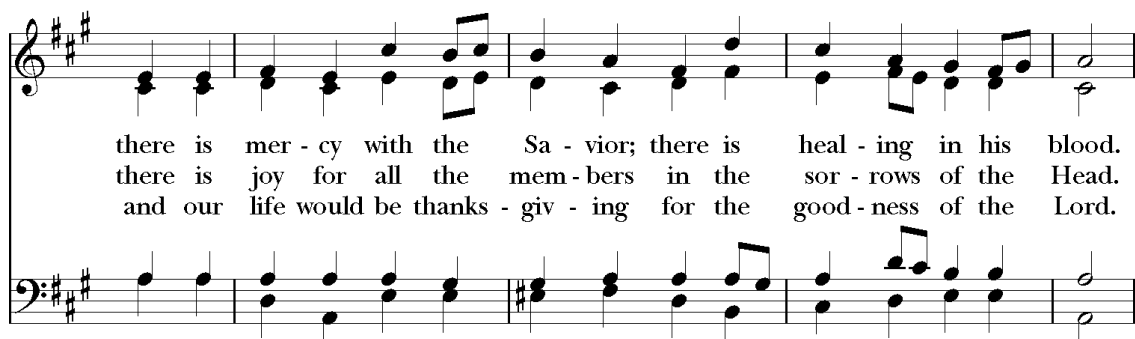
BEECHER

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;  
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;





*There's a wideness in God's mercy*, #470 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863).  
Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882).

### 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.**

VOLUNTARY

Impromptu No. 1

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor  
(1875-1912)

### 5:15 P.M. SUNDAY RECITAL SERIES

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for a Chamber Recital  
featuring Olga Radović, piano and Michelle Zarco, flute, New York, NY*



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:  
Benjamin Cordoza Baron, James Ross Curran, Robert Erskine Douglas, William Harris Douglas,  
John J. Hendershot, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Natalie Ives Metcalf, and Clarissa Martin Metzger

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PILGRIMS' II COURSE FALL 2024



*Want to know more about the Christian Faith? Want to be baptized or confirmed?  
Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church?*

The **Follow-Up to the Pilgrims' course** starts this week!

**October 29:** *"Do Christians Have to Become Holy?"* (Fr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence)

**November 5:** *"What is Grace?"* (Fr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence)

**November 12:** *"Divine Design: a guided exploration of Saint Thomas Church and of the liturgical  
signification of its architecture"* (Fr. Carl Turner, Rector)

**November 26:** *"Unpacking the Sunday High Mass: A step-by-step explanation of what happens and why"*  
(Fr. Carl Turner, Rector)

The talks take place at 6:30 pm in the Parish House. You can register using the **QR code** below:



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR  
The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



On October 26<sup>th</sup> we launched **Neighbor to Neighbor**, a service program which 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 getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



ANNUAL APPEAL



We launched our 2025 Annual Appeal: *Weaving a Rich Tapestry* on October the 6<sup>th</sup>, which marked the close of our Bicentennial year. In his sermon, Father Turner preached: Remembrance; thanksgiving; new beginnings: ***It's what we have done this past year, and prepares us for the future. Remember – give thanks – look forward: It is the vision of Saint Thomas Church, to be a community of love and praise, and an oasis of prayer in the middle of New York, actively weaving a tapestry of divine proportions.***

As we look ahead to the next century, we need your help. Make a pledge today!



## WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

<p><b><u>Today</u></b></p> <p><b>4 p.m. Festal Evensong*</b>  <i>sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir</i>          Sermon by the Fr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence</p> <p><b>5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series</b>  <i>Olga Radovic, piano and Michelle Zarco, flute</i></p> <p><b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p><b>12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*</b>  <b>12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>7:30 p.m. Antonio Vivaldi: Nature and Divinity*</b>  <i>sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys</i>  <i>with New York Baroque Incorporated, violinist Aisslinn Nosky, and conductor Richard Tanner</i>          Program features:          Vivaldi's <i>The Four Seasons</i> and <i>Gloria RV 589</i></p> <p><b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel</b>  <i>Confessor: Fr. Brown</i></p> <p><b>12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*</b>  <b>12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*</b></p> <p><b><u>Next Sunday: October 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p><b>7:45 a.m. Said Mass</b></p> <p><b>9 a.m. Sung Mass</b>  <i>Sung by the Noble Singers</i>  <i>followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House</i></p> <p><b>11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*</b>  <i>sung by the Choir of Men and Boys</i>          Sermon by the Rector</p> <p><b>1:30pm Korean Holy Eucharist</b>          한국어 감사성찬례</p> <p><b>4 p.m. Festal Evensong*</b>  <i>sung by the Choir of Men and Boys</i>          Sermon by Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom</p> <p><b>5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series</b>  <i>Raphael Vogl, organ</i></p>
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### ALL SOULS' DAY NAMES FOR REMEMBRANCE

On All Souls' Day and on Remembrance Sunday, and on all the Saturdays in November, we remember the names of departed loved ones. Fr. Schultz is continuing to collate a master list that includes the names and the dates of death of parishioners and loved ones. If you wish to have someone added to the list, please send us their full name, with the name they were known as in brackets, and the date of death. If you do not have the exact date of death, the month and year would be helpful. Send names to: [Remembrance@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Remembrance@saintthomaschurch.org).

# PARISH NOTICES

Names for remembrance for **ALL SOULS**. November is the month when we remember the dead. If you wish to add a name to the list to be placed on the altar on Remembrance Sunday at 11am, please send the names (and dates if possible) to [remembrance@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:remembrance@saintthomaschurch.org). The names will also be read each Saturday at the 12pm mass during November.

**Chorister for a Day:** Find your voice. Find yourself. On Saturday, November 8, Saint Thomas Choir School will hold its annual Chorister for a Day. Open to boys in Grades 3-6, this day will be an opportunity to experience life in the choir school community with fun activities, choir rehearsal with the choristers, tours of the Church and School, and Evensong with the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. For more information contact Margaret White, Director of Admissions and Administration: [admissions@choirschool.org](mailto:admissions@choirschool.org)

The Saint Thomas Choir School is home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Beginning in September 2025, the choristers (grades 4-8) will partner 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](mailto:mwhite@choirschool.org)

**Children and Family Ministries:** All CFM programming has returned with 10am Children's Formation for Pre-K - High School from 10-1045 following the 9am 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 9am-1pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd floor. To receive our Summer CFM newsletter, contact [childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org)

Explore the Beauty and History of Saint Thomas Church each Sunday following the 11am 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 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: [lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org)

**The Noble Singers**, our children's parish choir for singers (ages 5-14+) have returned to sing in the 9am mass. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 415-515pm, 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](mailto:llane@saintthomaschurch.org)

**Concerts at Saint Thomas** presents the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys in their 2025-2026 season debut with Antonio Vivaldi: Nature and Divinity. Violinist Aisslinn Nosky leads period instrument ensemble New York Baroque Incorporated in the beloved Four Seasons concerti, while Director of Music Richard Tanner conducts the choir in the ever-popular Gloria in D Major. For tickets or more information about the performance, visit [www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts](http://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 pm in the month at 1:30 pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45 pm 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.

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](mailto:pleepae@SaintThomasChurch.org)

The Nominating Committee of the Vestry is now soliciting suggestions from parishioners for Vestry candidates, and will meet to review them. Please understand that not all those suggested will be put on the ballot. The Nominating Committee is tasked with selecting candidates who best meet the current and future needs of the Vestry. If your suggestion does not make it onto the ballot this year, please don't be discouraged or take it as a rejection for the future. Once the Nominating Committee has assembled a ballot, candidates will be notified. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Gregory Zaffiro, Warden and Chairman; Kenneth Koen; Kazie Metzger Harvey; Jay Sterling; and Anne Kelly Treantafeles. Please send your suggestions to [wardens@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:wardens@saintthomaschurch.org) by Oct 5th.

