

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 AT 4 P.M.
HOLY CROSS DAY

SOLEMN EVENSONG
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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*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

Jésus accepte la souffrance from La Nativité du Seigneur

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

HYMN

ST. MAGNUS

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,

1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

The head that once was crowned with thorns #483 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855).
Music: St. Magnus, melody *Divine Companion*, 1707; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.)



VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

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 118

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Jeffrey Smith)

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : because his mercy endureth for ever.
Let Israel now confess that he is gracious : and that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now confess : that his mercy endureth for ever.

Yea, let them now that fear the Lord confess : that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in trouble : and the Lord heard me at large.

The Lord is on my side : I will not fear what man doeth unto me.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me:

therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.

It is better to trust in the Lord : than to put any confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord : than to put any confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me round about : but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side :

but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns :

for in the Name of the Lord I will destroy them.

Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall : but the Lord was my help.

The Lord is my strength, and my song : and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous :

the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence :

the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live : and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me : but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open me the gates of righteousness : that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord : the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me : and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused : is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing : and it is marvellous in our eyes.



This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Help me now, O Lord : O Lord, send us now prosperity.
Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord :
 we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.
God is the Lord who hath shewed us light :
 bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.
Thou art my God, and I will thank thee : thou art my God, and I will praise thee.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth 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.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

VEXILLA REGIS PRODEUNT



1 The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go, the cross shines
2 Ful - filled is all that Da - vid told in true pro -
3 O tree of beau - ty, tree most fair, or - dained those
4 Blest tree, whose cho - sen branch - es bore the wealth that
5 O cross, our one re - li - ance, hail! Still may thy
6 To thee, e - ter - nal Three in One, let hom - age



1 forth in mys - tic glow where he through whom our flesh
2 phe - tic song of old; how God the na - tions' King
3 ho - ly limbs to bear gone is thy shame, each crim -
4 did the world re - store, the price which none but he
5 power with us a - vail to save us sin - ners from
6 meet by all be done; as by the cross thou dost



1 was made, in that same flesh our ran - som paid.
2 should be, for God is reign - ing from the tree.
3 soned bough pro - claims the King of glo - ry now.
4 could pay to spoil the spoil - er of his prey.
5 our sin, God's right - eous - ness for all to win.
6 re - store so rule and guide us ev - er - more.

The royal banners forward go, #162 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (c. 540 – c. 600).
Music: *Vexilla Regis prodeunt*, plainsong, Mode 1, Rome MS., 12th cent., acc. David Hurd.



MAGNIFICAT

Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

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

1 Peter 3:17-22

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells

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

ALmighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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

*John Blow
(1649-1708)*

SALVATOR mundi, salva nos,
qui per crucem et sanguinem
redemisti nos,
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur,
Deus noster.

*O Savior of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood
hast redeemed us;
save us, and help us,
we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

Antiphon from the Visitation of the Sick in the Book of Common Prayer

SERMON

The Rector

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



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HYMN

TOMTER



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and love up -
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the cross are
* 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the



1 wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
2 fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
3 on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
4 sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
5 wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



1 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
2 sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3 stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
4 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
5 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

In the cross of Christ I glory, #442 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: John Bowring (1792-1872).
Music: Tomter, Bruce Neswick (b. 1956). Copyright © 1983 Bruce Neswick.

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

Psalm Prelude Set II No. 3

Herbert Howells

Sing unto him a new song : play skilfully with a loud noise.
Psalm 33:3



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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
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)

Today's flowers are donated by Roger Adams Perry, III
in honor of the marriage of Jennifer Bigelow Perry and William Daniel Oprea

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:





WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Preceded by brunch in the Parish House at 12:45 p.m.

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Christian Alejandro Almada, Rome, Italy

Monday – Friday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday – Ninian

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

music by Philip Moore, Stanford, and Ned Rorem

Wednesday – Hildegard of Bingen (Ember Day)

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music by Philip Moore

Thursday – Edward Bouverie Pusey

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music by Philip Moore, Candlyn, and Rosenthal

Saturday

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

Confessor: The Rector

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: September 21, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Gioia

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

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PARISH NOTICES

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

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

Children and Family Ministries: All CFM programming has returned! Please register your child for the 2025-2026 program year on the website. 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

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

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

Concerts at Saint Thomas kicks off the 2025-2026 season with a Grand Organ Series recital of Baroque organ music. On Saturday, September 27th at 3pm, Associate Organist Nicolas Haigh plays the music of Nicolaus Bruhns, Vincent Lübeck, and Johann Sebastian Bach on the Taylor & Boody Loening-Hancock Gallery Organ. This performance also marks the release of a new album by Nicolas Haigh of the complete works of Bruhns, which will be available for purchase following the performance. For tickets or more information about the performance, visit 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

Friday Zoom Bible Study has resumed! We continue our study of the Epistle to the Hebrews. Contact Fr. Schultz with any questions and for the Zoom link: MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org