

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the
CITY OF NEW YORK

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

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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THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m. Sung by the Noble Singers

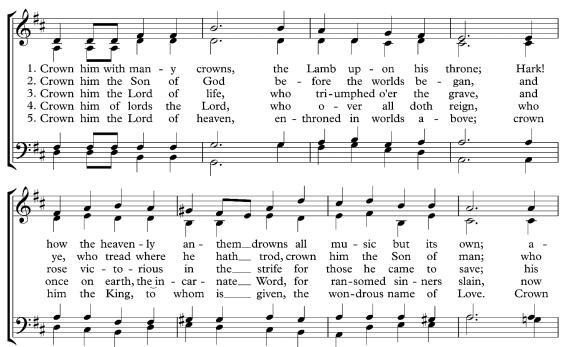
The Ordinary of the Mass

Robert Powell/Stephen Buzard

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

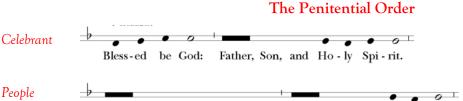
Hymn (omit v. 3)

DIADEMATA





Crown him with many crowns, #494 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894). Music: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Descant, Copyright © 1970, Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.



The Celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the celebration. Then, the Celebrant says

his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

And blessed be

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Sung by all.



The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People Celebrant And also with you.

lebrant Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93 SINE NOMINE

The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.



The Lord is king; he has put on splendid apparel;

the Lord has put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

He has made the whole world so sure

that it cannot be moved;

ever since the world began, your throne has been established;

you are from everlasting. Refrain

The waters have lifted up O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;

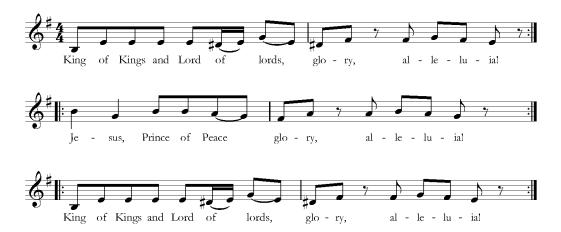
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure,

and holiness adorns your house O Lord, forever and forevermore. Refrain

The People stand and sing with the Choir.



The Holy Gospel

John 18:33-37

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

People

Glo-ry to You, Lord Christ.

At the end The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Homily Mo. Turner

The Nicene Creed

The People stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Special Form)

In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, on behalf of the Church and the world.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to be our King who rules with justice and mercy. Thank you for his glorious and gentle rule. Help us to trust Him as King and love Him as Savior and Brother.

Lord, in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

You are pleased to make the Church the Body of which Christ Jesus is the head. Fill the Church with your Spirit, so that through its words and deeds,

many are delivered from evil and are transferred into the Kingdom of your beloved Son.

Lord, in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Make this congregation your treasured possession. Form us in the image of Jesus. Use us to proclaim his love and draw others to his Cross,

until the whole world adores Him as King, Savior, and God.

Lord, in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Unite the suffering of your persecuted people to the Passion of Christ.

Bless all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Comfort them with your loving embrace.

Lord, in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Bend the hearts of our leaders to your ways. Let the rulers of this and every land govern the world in justice, peace, and mercy. Make war to cease in all the world. Break the bow, shatter the spear, and turn our swords to plowshares.

Lord, in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

This day we remember those who have gone before us who have died under your Lordship and care. Ruler of all things, the living and the dead, grant to them peace as they rest and glory everlasting in the world to come.

Lord, in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant introduces the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Greetings

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Anthem

Sung by the Noble Singers

STUTTGART arr. Parker Ramsay (b. 1991)

God, my King, Thy might confessing, ever will I bless Thy Name; Day by day Thy throne addressing, still will I Thy praise proclaim.

Honor great our God befitteth; who His majesty can reach? Age to age His works transmitteth, age to age His power shall teach.

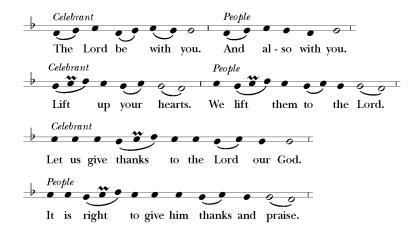
Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love, God is good to all creation; all His works His goodness prove.

All Thy works, O Lord, shall bless Thee; thee shall all Thy saints adore: King supreme shall they confess Thee, and proclaim Thy sovereign power.

Richard Mant (1776-1848)



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The Celebrant says the Preface

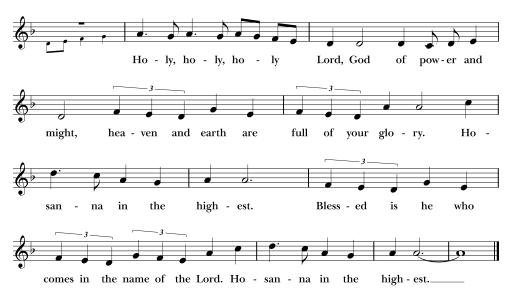
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus Sung by all.

Robert Powell



The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas our patron, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

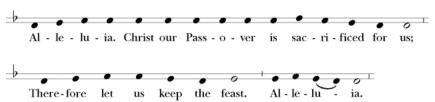
Celebrant and People

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.

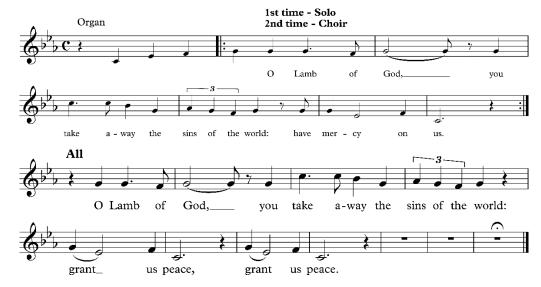
The Breaking of the Bread

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



Agnus Dei Stephen Buzard
(b. 1989)



The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

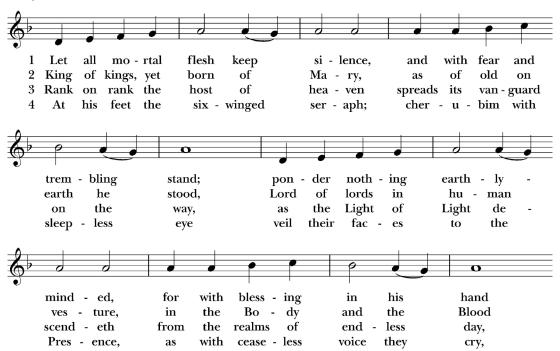
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

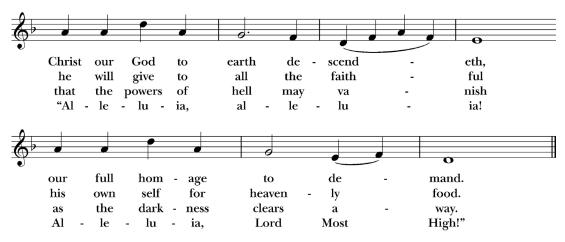
People Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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.

Communion Hymn PICARDY





Let all mortal flesh keep silence, #324 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885).

Music: Picardy, French Carol, 17th cent; melody from Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, 1860.

After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

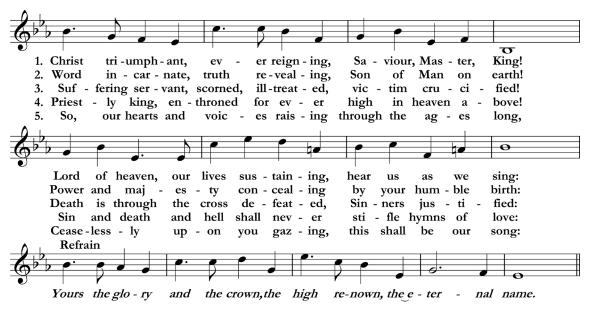
The Celebrant says

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn GUITING POWER



Christ triumphant, ever reigning, #398 from Common Praise — Words: Michael Saward (1932-2015).
Music: Guiting Power, John Barnard (b. 1948).

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Helen Green Battle, Arthur Trumbull Hill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Linda Griffith Vorsanger





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** concludes this week with the Rector! **November 26:** "Unpacking the Sunday High Mass: A step-by-step explanation of what happens and why"

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



The Saint Thomas Book & Gift Store will be open in the Narthex Sundays after the 11 a.m. service through December 22, 2024. Additional times are Sunday, December 22 after 4 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols, and Christmas Eve December 24 from 12 p.m. until after the 4 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols. Stop by and view our collection of Calendars, Mugs, Ornaments, Christmas cards, CDs, and books for Advent & Christmas.

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Christmas Candles in Memory of Loved Ones: During Christmastide, the time between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will light an eight-day candle for your loved one(s), and place it before the Crèche of Saint Thomas Church. Each candle will be affixed with the name(s) you submit. The suggested donation for each eight-day candle is \$25. All of these names will be added to the prayer list during Christmastide.

Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist.

The deadline is Sunday, December 15.

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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



On October 26th 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 6th, 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 THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Mo. Turner

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 Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday - THANKSGIVING DAY

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Saturday

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

Confessor: Bishop St. John

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

Next Sunday: December 1
The First Sunday of Advent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

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 The Reverend Andrew C. Mead, Rector Emeritus

4 p.m. The Advent Procession*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Our Annual Blessing of the Créche - Nativity Story Service is Saturday, December 14. We are distributing roles to children who wish to be involved so please contact Father Preston if you have questions or want to join! Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor) and Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor). The Nursery 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 CFM newsletter contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The **Noble Singers**, our parish children's choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now accepting new choristers. The choir has begun working on music for the Annual Blessing of the Créche Service and rehearses weekly on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm. Choristers select one rehearsal to attend each week and sing 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.

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. Note: We will not meet on Friday, November 29.

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.

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. Friday Zoom Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1pm via Zoom. We have embarked on the Book of the Glory (John 13-21) in which we will witness Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. Bring your Bible, your questions, and yourself as, together, we deepen our relationship with God through scripture. Contact Fr. Schultz with any questions and for the Zoom link: Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org. Note: We will not meet on Friday, November 29.

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. Note: there will be no class today, November 24.

Please support **Ecumenical Outreach Project's** New Clothing Drive by donating men's new winter socks (sizes L, XL, and XXL) as well as new men's briefs and undershirts (sizes L, XL, and XXL). Donations may be brought to Reception. Items may also be ordered through Amazon and delivered directly to Saint Thomas Church. Please include 'Attn: Reception' in the mailing address field. For more information, please contact Frances Mintz: Femintz309@gmail.com.

This Thanksgiving season, our community outreach program, Neighbor to Neighbor, hopes to bring the warmth of the holiday spirit to our homeless community. We're planning to include pies in our Saturday, November 30th meal offering, and would be grateful for your support. If you're able, please consider donating a pie (pumpkin or any other favorite, homemade or store-bought). Pies can be dropped off at the Parish House on Friday, November 29th, between 1-5 p.m. Just ask for Frances when you arrive. Thank you for helping us make this Thanksgiving special for all!