



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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Optional Liturgical Guide:

✙ = Make the sign of the Cross from head to
heart, then shoulder to shoulder

✙ at Gospel Acclamation =
Make small Crosses on forehead, lips, and heart

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Organ Prelude

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Opening Hymn (verses 1, 3, & 5)

MERTON

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,
"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding; #59 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Latin, c. 6th cent.;
tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Penitential Order

Celebrant

Celebrant and People

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.**

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

The lighting of the Advent wreath involves successively lighting one candle each Sunday for the four weeks of Advent. This gradual increase in light symbolizes the growing anticipation of Christ's birth, with each candle representing a different aspect of the season, such as hope, faith, joy, and peace.

Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

People **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

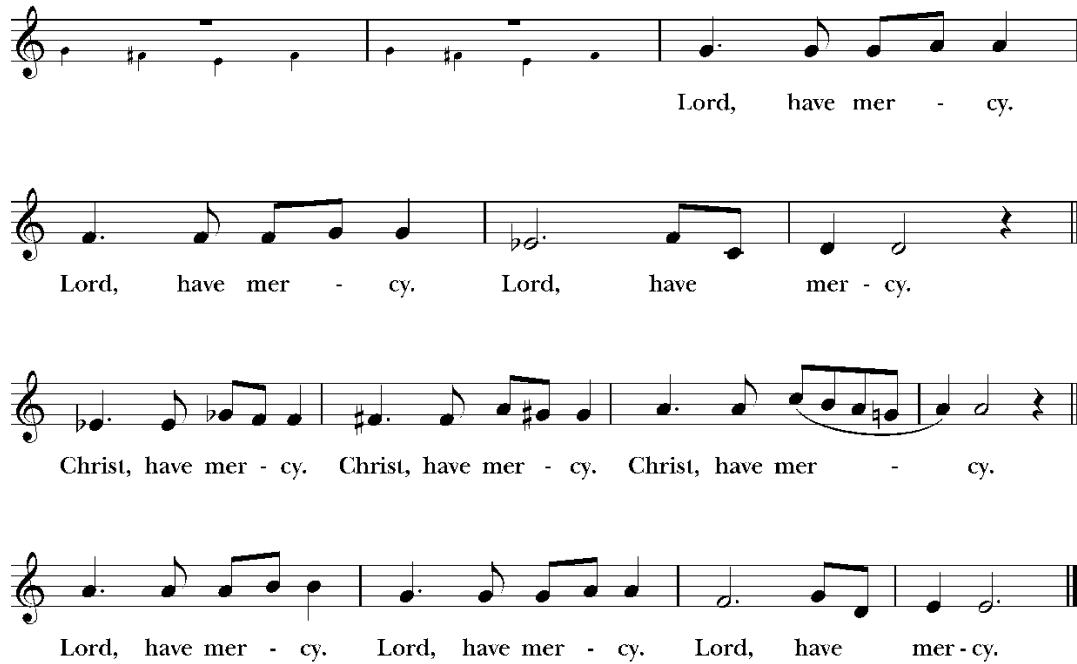
People **O Lord God of hosts.**

The candle is lit. The Priest concludes with the following prayer

Let us pray.

God of hope, awaken our hearts to You this Advent season and fill our hearts with
hopeful anticipation of Your coming, so that when Jesus arrives, we are ready to receive
Him by grace through faith, **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison *Sung by all.*



Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie eleison. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the staff. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the staff. The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." are written below the staff. The fourth staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the staff.

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The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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

Isaiah 11:1-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72 (verses 1-6)

Anglican Chant (Martin Luther)

Sung by the Choir.

Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The People stand.

The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



Choir

Lord Jesus, you are a light that shines in the darkness, a star to guide all people.

All repeat the refrain.



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

At the end

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to You, Lord Christ

The Homily

The Rector

The Nicene Creed

The People stand. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

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)

The Leader says

Lord come to your Church as Lord and judge. Help us to live in the light of your Incarnation and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Lord Jesus,

People You are the light of the world.

Come to your world as King of the nations. Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Lord Jesus,

People You are the light of the world.

Come to the suffering as Savior and Comforter. Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you in health and gladness.

Lord Jesus,

People **You are the light of the world.**

Come to us as Shepherd and Guardian of our souls. We remember those who have +died. Give to us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

Lord Jesus,

People **You are the light of the world.**

Come from heaven, King Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with all your saints we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Lord Jesus,

People **You are the light of the world.**

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, the coming of your kingdom, O Father; and grant that we your servants who now live by faith, may, with joy, behold your Son in glorious majesty; In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Celebrant says

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Greetings

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Anthem *Sung by the Choir.*

Maks Adach
(b. 1993)

*I am looking for Jesus, I want to find him,
But I don't know the way.
I heard angels announcing the wondrous tidings;
I'll travel night and day.*

*Show me the way to Bethlehem!
I'm coming from Jerusalem!
Show me the way to Bethlehem!
So I don't go astray!*

You can follow the brightest illumination;
You can see the star.
You might find it surprising he's in a stable
With wise men from afar.

Follow that star to Bethlehem!
It leads you to Jerusalem!
Follow that star to Bethlehem,
And see the babe in the hay!

I followed that star as it shone through the night,
And all was calm and bright.
Now I see the shepherds and Mary, Joseph,
And Kings with gifts just right!

I have arrived in Bethlehem;
I've come from Jerusalem!
I have arrived in Bethlehem,
And I've seen Jesus today!

Text: Steve Draper, adapted by Sarah Norvell (b. 1992)

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him
of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world,
we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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.*

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he + who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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 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

We invite you to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice. The Celebrant says

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.

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo
하늘에 계신 우리 아버지
Notre Père qui es aux cieux
Πατερ ημων ο εν τοις ουρανοις
Pai nosso, que estais nos Céus,
Отче наш, що єси на небесах
أَبَانَا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ،
Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel
我們在天上的父
Pater noster, qui es in caelis
हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता,
Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni,
天におられる私たちの父よ
אֲבִינוּ שְׁבַשְׁמַיִם יְהִי רָצוֹן



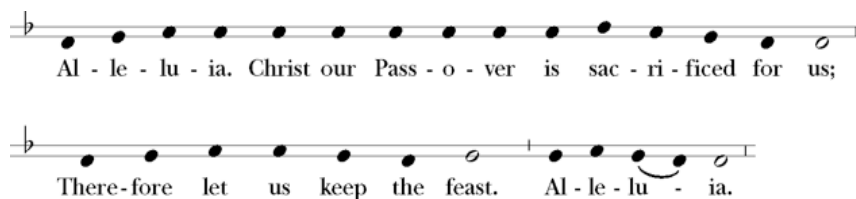
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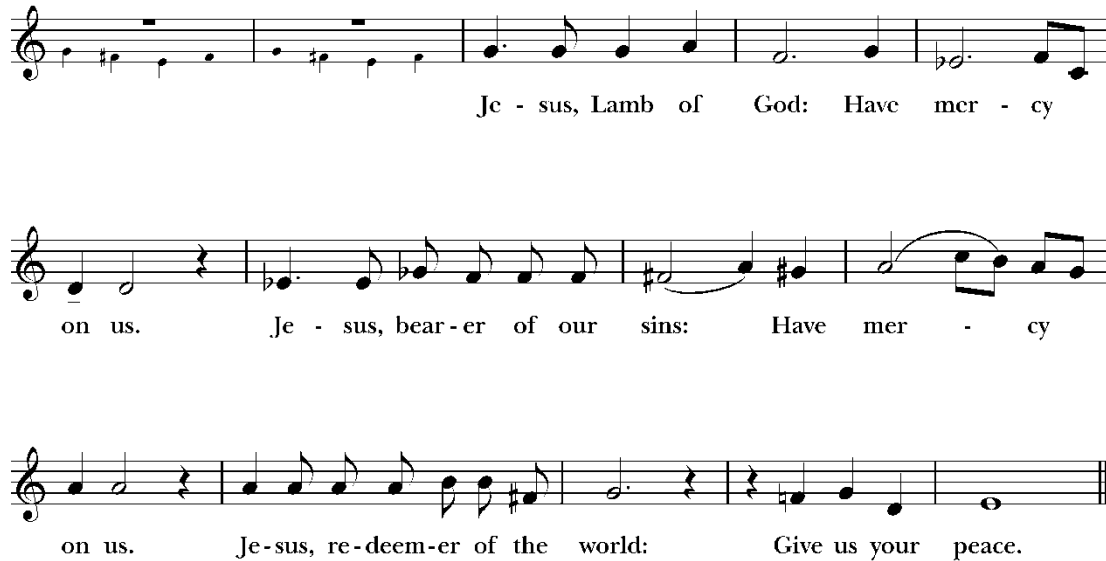
Father

The Breaking of the Bread

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



Agnus Dei *Sung by all.*



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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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.

The Choir receives at the Altar, the people receiving at the Crossing below.

Anthem *Sung by the choir*

Mark Patterson
(b. 1969)

*Light of hope, light of peace,
You are just the light we need.
Shine for all the world to see:
Christ is coming soon.*

*Light of hope, light of peace,
Promise of the love he brings,
Shine for all the world to see:
Christ is coming soon.*

*Light of hope, light of peace,
Gift of joy that gladly rings,
Shine for all the world to see:
Christ is coming soon.*

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

The Celebrant says

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

10am Children's Formation

Early Childhood | Pre-K-1st Grade | Nursery Room, 3rd Floor

Intermediate | Grades 2-5 | Sunday School Room, 3rd Floor

Faith Alive | Grades 6-10+ | Andrew Hall, 3rd Floor



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 *Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hamilton Kissam, Arthur Trumbull Hill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Linda Griffith Vorsanger.*

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalm 104:31)



The Blessing of the Crèche Service

A Telling of the Christmas Story

Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 4pm

*You're invited to worship with us as we await the arrival of Jesus this Advent season.
Join the Children and Family Ministry for our biggest celebration
of the year as we build and bless the Crèche.*

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 & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Litany and Solemn Eucharist*

Sung by the Choir of Men and Boys and the Choir of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, UK
followed by Coffee Hour at the back of the Lady Chapel
 Sermon by Fr. Moretz

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys and the Choir of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, UK
 Sermon by Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom

Monday 8th December – Friday 12th December

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Friday 12th

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Saturday 13th

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

Confessor: The Rector

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: December 14th

The Third Sunday of Advent – *Gaudete*

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. Litany and Solemn Eucharist*

Sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
followed by Coffee Hour at the back of the Lady Chapel
 Sermon by Fr. Gioia

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

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



PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: The Blessing of the Crèche Service, a telling of the Christmas Story, is Saturday, December 13th at 4pm and all are invited! 10am Children's Formation is available for children Pre-K - High School from 10-10:45am 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 more information, contact childrenandfamilies@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 4:15-5:15pm, 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 JLane@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School is home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Since September 2025, the Choir School (grades 4-8) has partnered with Professional Children's School for the boys' academic education, while they continue 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.

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys in their annual performances of Handel's Messiah, accompanied by the period instrument ensemble New York Baroque Incorporated on December 9 and 11 at 7:30pm. The Choir is joined by soloists Margaret Carpenter Haigh, Daniel Moody, James Reese, and Paul Max Tipton, led by conductor Richard Tanner. Tickets for in person and livestream are available now at www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts

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 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요. 아래 주소로 등록하시면 월요일 아침묵상글을 이메일로 받아볼 수 있습니다. <https://mailchi.mp/saintthomaschurch/korean>

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.

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.

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.

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

The Angelus Tree. We invite you to donate gifts for disadvantaged children and children who will spend Christmas Day in a municipal shelter this year. We also give gifts to children who are with their mothers in a shelter for those who are escaping domestic violence. Simply take a gift tag from the tree and bring your gift unwrapped before Christmas. If you prefer to make a donation and for us to shop for the gift, use the QR code:



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. You can also email your list to giving@saintthomaschurch.org. We cannot guarantee that any names received after December 8 will appear in print, but will be printed and placed on the altar for the Christmas services. The deadline is Monday, December 8 for names printed in the leaflets.



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 9-10am every Saturday, with volunteers arriving at the Parish House on 53rd Street around 8:15am. Please note that there is a signup 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:



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