SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 AT 11 A.M. THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EUCHARIST

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CONSORT



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 ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa brevis

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

PRELUDE

II. Folk Tune
From Five Short Pieces (1930)

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

THE GREETINGS

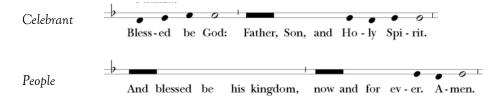
The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

HYMN





THE PENITENTIAL ORDER



The Celebrant says

HEAR what our Lord Jesus saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:
Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

CLORIA in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi

propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,

Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,

miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,

tu solus Dominus,

tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu

in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee.

We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ.

With the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ORD Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The People sit.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112 Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Priest)

BEATUS VIR

B LESSED is the man that feareth the Lord: he hath great delight in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the faithful shall be blessed. Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness: he is merciful, loving, and righteous. A good man is merciful, and lendeth: and will guide his words with discretion. For he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance. He will not be afraid of any evil tidings: for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord. His heart is established, and will not shrink: until he see his desire upon his enemies. He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor:

and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him:

he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

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 EPISTLE Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.



HYMN ST. DENIO



Immortal, invisible, God only wise, #423 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor We do not live by bread alone

But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

People Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia *Theologian in Residence*

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,



and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory,

to judge both the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;

and I look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM I)

The Intercessor says

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The People kneel.

After each petition,

Let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

At the end of the Litany,

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

People Lord, have mercy.

After the last petition

... let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To thee, O Lord our God.

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

Heavenly Father, thou hast promised to hear what we ask in the Name of thy Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as thou knowest and lovest us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The People offer one another a sign of peace.

The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence, and the People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

HERE is a land of pure delight where saints immortal reign; infinite day excludes the night and pleasures banish pain. There everlasting spring abides and never withering flowers; Death like a narrow sea divides that heavenly land from ours.

Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood stand dressed in living green; so to the Jews old Canaan stood while Jordan rolled between. But timorous mortals start and shrink to cross the narrow sea, and linger shivering on the brink, and fear to launch away.

O could we make our doubts remove, those gloomy doubts that rise, and see the Canaan that we love with unbeclouded eyes. Could we but climb where Moses stood and view the landscape o'er; not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood should fright us from the shore.

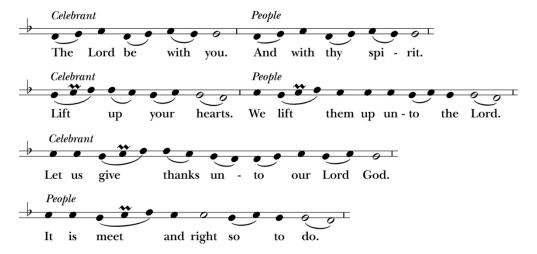
Isaac Watts (1674-1748)



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant continues

T is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. The People kneel or stand. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

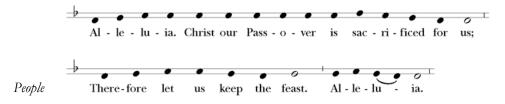
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

UR 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

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

 $B^{\scriptsize{\mbox{EHOLD}}}$ the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those unable to receive Holy Communion in person)

BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar; I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there. Never permit me to be separated from thee!

O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I

O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.



HOLY COMMUNION

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.

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

III. Andante Tranquillo From Five Short Pieces (1930)

Percy Whitlock

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

A GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

ANTHEM Sung by the Choir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Song of Solomon 2:3b-4

After Communion, silence is kept for a while.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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.



HYMN ST. MATTHEW



Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old. #567 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891).

Music: St. Matthew, from Supplement to the New Version of Psalms by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708.



THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Reveille Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Lady Chapel after the service.



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, Joel Rothermel, & Albion E. Metcalf (II) 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)

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.

Monday – Saturday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers* 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Saturday

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

Next Sunday: September 7th
PATRONAL FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist and Procession* with the Installation of Richard Tanner as Director of Music and Choir School Convocation

sung by the Choir of men and Boys

Preacher The Rt Rey Dorsey McConnel

Preacher, The Rt Rev Dorsey McConnell, VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh (retired) and former curate of Saint Thomas Church

followed by a simple Parish Brunch Please register to help with catering:

https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/454

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong sung by the Choir of men and Boys Preacher, The Rector

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

Children and Family Ministries: CFM programming returns on Saturday, September 6th with Choir Camp! Please register online. 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

Korean language every second Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45 pm in the You are cordially invited to the Holy Eucharist in

the Korean language every second Sunday of 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 Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at please@SaintThomasChurch.org Note: Contemplative Prayer is on Break and will resume on September 12.

Friday Zoom Bible Study has resumed! Contact Fr. Schultz with any questions and for the Zoom link: MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org

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

The Noble Singers welcomes our new Music Associate for Children and Families, Jennifer Lane! Our children's parish choir for singers (ages 5-14+) returns with Choir Camp on Saturday, September 6th and returns to singing in the 9am Mass Sunday, September 7th. 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

childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org

Saint Thomas Choir School invites you to

Chorister for a Day

Find your voice. Find yourself.

Is your son in grades 3–6 and curious about singing, music, or life in a close-knit community?

Join us on **Saturday**, **November 8** for Chorister for a Day at **Saint Thomas Choir School**—a unique opportunity for boys and their families to discover what it's like to be a Saint Thomas Chorister.

The day includes:

- Fun, interactive activities
- A choir rehearsal alongside current choristers
- Guided tours of the Church and Choir School
- Sing at Evensong alongside the world-renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

To register, email:

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