

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 AT 4 P.M.
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (QUINQUAGESIMA)

FESTAL EVENSONG
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR



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Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

*Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.*

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PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude
'Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele', BWV 654

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Andrew Millington
(b. 1952)

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 48:1-10

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong Mode VIII¹

MAGNUS DOMINUS

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised : in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth : upon the north-side lieth the city.

of the great King; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

For lo, the kings of the earth : are gathered, and gone by together.

They marvelled to see such things : they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

Fear came there upon them, and sorrow : as upon a woman in her travail.

Thou shalt break the ships of the sea : through the east-wind.

Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God :

God upholdeth the same for ever.

We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God : in the midst of thy temple.

O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end : thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad : because of thy judgements.

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

2 Kings 2:1-12

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



OFFICE HYMN

JESU, DULCIS MEMORIA

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of life and
2 We taste in you our liv - ing bread, and long to feast up -
3 For you our rest - less spi - rits yearn wher - e'er our chang - ing
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our mo - ments
our true light, we seek the peace your love im - parts,
on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain - head,
lot is cast; glad, when your pres - ence we dis - cern,
calm and bright; oh, chase the night of sin a - way,
and stand re - joic - ing in your sight.
our thirst - ing souls to quench and fill.
blest, when our faith can hold you fast.
shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

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MAGNIFICAT

Edward Woodall Naylor
(1867-1934)

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

Matthew 17:9-23

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Edward Woodall Naylor

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.

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.*

℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

℟. And grant us thy salvation.

℣. O Lord, save the State.

℟. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

℣. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

℟. And make thy chosen people joyful.

℣. O Lord, save thy people.

℟. And bless thine inheritance.

℣. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

℟. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

℣. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

℟. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O GOD, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

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.



ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Andrew Millington

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.

Psalm 150

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

SERMON

The Reverend Prisca Lee-Pae
Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



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HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Unison

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



THE BLESSING

A Minister says

MAY Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your
lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C-minor, BWV546

Johann Sebastian Bach



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
Amelia Parsons Ferry, E. Hayward Ferry, Arthur James Manice, William DeForest Manice, George Arents,
William Henry Hurlbut, Alice Mary Hyde, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Rhoda D. Newman,
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)



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

Neighbor To Neighbor The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



The Saint Thomas Social Outreach program **Neighbor to Neighbor** breakfast, conversation, and assistance 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:**



THE PILGRIMS' COURSE 2026

The Christian Faith for Newcomers

The **Pilgrims' Course** offers a warm and inviting introduction to the Christian faith and to how Saint Thomas lives out the Gospel in the Episcopal tradition through worship, love, and service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who is it for?

Designed especially *for those new to Saint Thomas*, this fifteen-week course pairs thoughtful talks with shared reflection and the chance to experience community over a light meal. **You are welcome to join at any time during the course!**

When?

Tuesdays, January to May
Beginning January 13, 2026
6:30 to 8:00 pm
In Person Only

Where?

Saint Thomas Church • Parish House, 1 W 53rd Street

What to Expect?

- A warm and friendly welcome
- Meaningful conversation and shared learning
- Clear, accessible introductions to Christian belief and practice

Register today and
receive the full
schedule and details!





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SAINT THOMAS  CHOIR SCHOOL

If you know a boy who loves to sing and would thrive at Saint Thomas Choir School, please contact us at admissions@choirschool.org for more information.



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WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Aurélien Filion, organ – Lille, France

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday 18th

12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The Solemn Liturgy of Ash Wednesday

Lent Begins

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

music by Byrd, Allegri, and Tallis

Thursday 19th

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

music by Millington, Morales, and Lassus

Friday 20th

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Saturday 21st

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

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: February 22nd

Lent 1

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

Sermon by the Rector

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Ching-Yi Lin, organ – Chevy Chase, MD

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Masses at:

**8 a.m. (said), 12 p.m. (Solemn with the choir),
and 5:30 p.m. (Solemn with the choir)**

Confessions:	Lady Chapel	Resurrection
09:30-10:30am	The Rector	Fr. Gioia
10:30-11:30am	Mo. Lee-Pae	Fr. Schultz
3-4pm	Fr. Schultz	Mo. Lee-Pae
4-5pm	Fr. Gioia	The Rector

Imposition of Ashes all day

Parish Notices

Concerts at Saint Thomas welcomes the Choir of New College Oxford for a program of works for Holy Week on Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm. Conductor Robert Quinney leads the choir in this concert for Passiontide.

During Lent this year, **Saint Thomas is raising money to address modern challenges facing those who are sick.** Partnering with Undue Medical Debt, we aim to raise funds to forgive medical debt, following the example of Christ's healing ministry. Every dollar donated can relieve over a hundred dollars of debt, offering tangible relief to those in need. Starting Ash Wednesday individuals may participate in this campaign by scanning the QR code. For inquiries, contact Parishioner Erich Erving at erich@shoestringpressny.org. Let's join together in this act of compassion, honoring Saint Thomas's legacy and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those burdened by medical expenses.

Children and Family Ministries: 10am Formation continues for children Pre-K-High School. The Children's area (near the icon of Saint Thomas) is available for families during all services, with quiet activities for young children. On Sundays, the Nursery is available on the 3rd Floor from 9-10 and 11-1pm and is for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers. To receive more information, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers rehearsals continue on Thursdays from 4:15-5:15pm. Children sing during 9am Mass. 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.

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 1:30 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.

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 resumes on February 6 at 1 p.m. on Zoom with a series called THE VISION OF THE CITY. Join us as we dive into the enigmatic and compelling Revelation of Saint John the Divine. From examining the book's symbolism to exploring what prophetic and apocalyptic literature are for, we'll see how our author understands liturgy and worship as the touchstone for understanding everything, and we'll move with him as he brings us not into the future, but to an apprehension of the very heart of what is always already Real: the Vision of the City. Write to Fr. Schultz at mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org if you're interested in joining the Study.

Planning for next-year's MLK commemoration:

"The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke these words in a baccalaureate sermon he delivered at Wesleyan University in 1964. This year's commemoration for Martin Luther King at Saint Thomas is over, but there is now time to plan for next year's observance. If you would be interested in discussing our next commemoration, please join Pamela Lewis and other parishioners in the Parish House living room on **February 22, at 1:00 p.m.**

LENT 2026

Sunday Lenten Sermon Series at 4pm: Habits of Christian Life

Lent invites us to be more intentional in our relationship with God. This series explores five habits of Christian life that help shape faithful discipleship: confession and spiritual direction, Scripture, Communion, prayerfulness, and service to the poor. These practices form us in love of God and neighbor, renewing our lives in Christ.

1. Confession & Spiritual Direction:

Returning to God

2. Scripture: Listening to God

3. Communion: Becoming one with God and one another

4. Prayerfulness: Abiding with God

5. Service to the Poor: Caring for our Neighbor

Weekdays in Lent

- Daily Shrine Prayers and Mass at 12pm
- The Way of the Cross Wednesdays at 12pm
- Reading Group for Lent Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Parish House
- Bible Study on the Book of Revelations on-line on Fridays at 1pm
- Contemplative Prayer in-person on Fridays at 3pm
- Film Club 'Let us keep the Feast' Fridays at 6:30pm in the Parish House



The 2026 Saint Thomas Girl Chorister Course will take place this year from July 18-26 with Guest Music Director Carolyn Craig, Assistant Director of Music at Wells Cathedral in England. The Saint Thomas Girl Chorister Course is an intensive choral experience for girls ages 12-18 at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York City. Throughout the course, choristers and staff live at Saint Thomas Choir School and take part in choral rehearsals and services, music history and theory classes, private vocal coaching, and outings to various sites around the city. To learn more and apply, visit www.choirschool.org/girlscourse