

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026 AT 4 P.M.
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Allegro/Grave/Fuga
from Organ Concerto in D minor, BWV 596

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

John Gavin Scott
(1956-2015)

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 147:1-12

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Tone VIII¹)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God : yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem : and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart : and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars : and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power : yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek : and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving : sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth : and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle : and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse : neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him: and put their trust in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem : praise thy God, O Sion.

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

Ezra 3:1-13

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



OFFICE HYMN

AD CENAM AGNI PROVIDI

1. The Lamb's high ban - quet we a - wait In snow - white robes of roy - al state,
2. Up - on the al - tar of the Cross His Bo - dy has re - deem'd our loss,
3. That Pas - chal eve God's arm was bared, The de - va - stat - ing an - gel spared;
4. Now Christ our Pass - ov - er is slain, The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
5. O thou from whom hell's mon arch flies, O great, O ve - ry Sac - ri - fice,

And now, the Red Sea's chan - nel past,
And tast - ing of his pre - cious Blood,
By strength of hand our hosts went free
And he, the true un - leav - en'd Bread,
Thy cap - tive peo - ple are set free,

To Christ our Prince we sing at last. (A - men.)
Our life is hid with Christ in God.
From Pha - roah's ruth - less ty - ran - ny.
Is tru - ly our ob - la - tion made.
And end - less life re - stor'd in thee.

6. For Christ, arising from the dead,
From conquer'd hell victorious sped,
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,
And Paradise for man regains.

7. Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in us thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Pascal victory.

8. To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And Spirit blest, eternaly. Amen.

The Lamb's high banquet we await, from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: Latin, probably 7th century;
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866). Music: *Ad cenam Agni providi*, plainsong, mode viii.



MAGNIFICAT PRIMI TONI

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(c. 1525-1594)

MAGNIFICAT anima mea, Dominum
et exultavit spiritus meus
in Deo, salutari meo.
Quia respexit humilitatem
ancillæ suæ:
ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent
omnes generationes.
Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est,
et sanctum nomen eius,
et misericordia eius
a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,
dispersit superbos
mente cordis sui.
Deposuit potentes de sede
et exaltavit humiles;
esurientes implevit bonis
et divites dimisit inanes.
Suscepit Israel puerum suum
recordatus misericordiæ suæ,
sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio,
et nunc, et semper,
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

The People sit.

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.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS TERTII TONI

Orlando di Lasso
(1532-1594)

NUNC dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace:
quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
quod parasti ante faciem
omnium populorum:
lumen ad revelationem gentium,
et gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio,
et nunc, et semper,
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in peace
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
which thou hast prepared
before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy Catholick Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Sung by the Choir

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

R. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the State.

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



- ℣. 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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people:
Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name,
and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth,
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen. Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

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

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The People sit.



MOTET AT THE OFFERTORY

William Byrd
(1540-1623)

VICTIMAE paschali laudes immolent Christiani. Agnus redemit oves: Christus innocens Patri reconciliavit peccatores. Mors et vita duello confluxere mirando: dux vitae mortuus, regnat vivus. Dic nobis Maria, quid vidisti in via? Sepulcrum Christi viventis, et gloriam vidi resurgentis Angelicos testes, sudarium, et vestes. Surrexit Christus spes mea: praecedet vos in Galilaeam. Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere: tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere. Amen. Alleluia.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as He rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: He goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious King, Thy mercy show! Amen. Alleluia.

Easter Sequence

SERMON

The Rev. Prisca Lee-Pae
Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



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HYMN

ST. ETHELWALD

1 A - wake and sing the song of
2 Sing of his dy - ing love, his
3 You pil - grims on the road to
4 Soon shall each rap - tured tongue his

Mo - ses and the Lamb; wake ev - ery heart and
re - sur - rec - tion power; sing how he in - ter -
Zi - on's ci - ty, sing, re - joic - ing in the
end - less praise pro - claim, and sing in sweet - er

ev - ery tongue to praise the Sa - vior's name.
cedes a - bove for those whose sins he bore.
Lamb of God, in Christ the e - ter - nal King.
notes the song of Mo - ses and the Lamb.

Awake and sing the song; #181 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: William Hammond (1719-1783), alt.
Music: St. Ethelwald, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE EASTERTIDE BLESSING

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

VOLUNTARY

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr
BWV 663

Johann Sebastian Bach



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God's Love at the Heart of New York



Saint Thomas gives thanks for those who have given endowed funds to provide flowers to beautify the church in perpetuity. This week, we give thanks for the memory of *John J. Watson, Eliza J. Watson, Carrie Phelan Beale, and Margaret Crane Hurlbut*, and pray for the repose of their souls.

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

Neighbor to Neighbor

A MINISTRY OF CARE AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

Every Saturday morning between **8am and 10:30am**, a group of volunteers meet in the Cloisters of the Church to provide meals, toiletries and community to our neighbors in need.

On **the second Saturday of every month**, we provide clothing to our guests from **11am to 12pm**.

Please email at communityoutreachstc@gmail.com to volunteer!

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WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Mo. Lee-Pae

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Mi Zhou, Organ

The Daily Mass

Monday 27th April – Friday 1st May

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday 29th

**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong for the Annual
Conference for Choirmasters and Organists***

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

music by Manning, Jackson, and Brahms

Thursday 30th

Eve of Ss. Philip and James

**5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong for the Annual
Conference for Choirmasters and Organists***

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

music by Manning, Sheils, and Finzi

Friday 1st

Feast of Ss. Philip and James

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

**5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist for the Annual
Conference for Choirmasters and Organists***

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

music by Mozart and Byrd

Saturday 2nd

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

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: April 26th

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

sung by the Noble Singers

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys and the Choir
of Westminster Abbey*

Sermon by the Very Rev. David Hoyle,
Dean of Westminster

**6 p.m. Concerts at Saint Thomas presents:
The Choir of Westminster Abbey**

*Andrew Nethsingha, Organist and Master of
Choristers*



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God's Love at the Heart of New York



Sunday Theology Talks

The Gospel of Matthew: Discipleship, Healing, and Community

WITH THE REV. DR. LUIGI GIOIA,
THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE

10:00-10:45 AM - IN PERSON AND ONLINE

PARISH HOUSE,
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Thursdays Reading Group

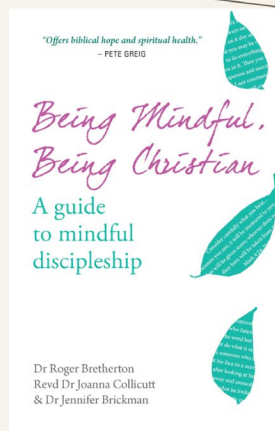
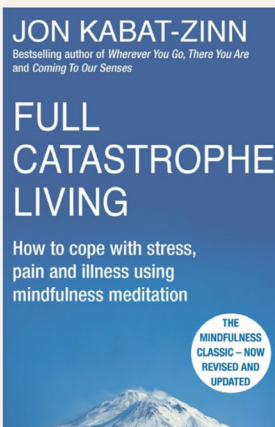
Blessed Awareness:

Mindfulness and the Beatitudes in the
Gospel of Matthew

FROM APRIL 23 TO MAY 21
THURSDAYS 6:30 - 8:00 PM
IN PERSON ONLY

ALL ARE WELCOME; NO PRIOR READING
REQUIRED.

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Parish Notices

Parish Brunch on Sunday, May 17: Following a 10:00 AM Solemn Eucharist, when Bishop Shin will confirm and receive new members, the parish is warmly invited to a Parish Brunch in Andrew Hall. Tickets are currently available using the QR code. This much-loved gathering has sold out the past two years and is widely said to be the best brunch in New York.



Children and Family Ministries: CFM activities continue with 10am Children's Formation (Pre-K-High School) and Noble Singers Children's Choir (5-14+). The Children's area (near the icon of Saint Thomas) is available for families during all services, with quiet activities for young children. This Sunday, 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 are on Thursdays at 4:15pm. 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 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm at 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: 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.

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Help make these important ministries possible by joining Neighbor to

Neighbor: communityoutreachstc@gmail.com

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

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