

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 AT 4 P.M.
THE EVE OF SAINT MATTHEW

FESTAL EVENSONG
SUNG BY THE CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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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

Prelude on *Liebster Jesu*

Matthew Martin
(b. 1976)

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Bernard Rose
(1916-1996)

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

℣. O Lord, open thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

℣. 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.

℣. Praise ye the Lord.
℟. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 119:121-128

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Vann)

FECI UDICIUM

I DEAL with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.
Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.
Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health : and for the word of thy righteousness.
O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy : and teach me thy statutes.
I am thy servant, O grant me understanding : that I may know thy testimonies.
It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand : for they have destroyed thy law.
For I love thy commandments : above gold and precious stone.
Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.
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

Isaiah 33:13-17

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



OFFICE HYMN

GONFALON ROYAL



1 The e - ter - nal gifts of Christ the King, the a - pos - tles'
2 The princ - es of the Church are they, tri - um - phant
3 Theirs is the stead - fast faith of saints, the hope that
4 In them the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone, in them the



glo - rious deeds we sing, and all, with hearts of glad - ness, raise due
lead - ers in the fray, in hea - ven's hall a vic - tor band, true
nev - er yields nor faints; the per - fect love of Christ they know: these
Spi - rit's will was done, the Son him - self ex - ults in them; joy



hymns of thank - ful love and praise.
lights that light - en ev - ery land.
lay the prince of this world low.
fills the new Je - ru - sa - lem. A - - - men.

The eternal gifts of Christ the King, #234 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Ambrose of Milan (340-397); ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
Music: *Gonfalon Royal*, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)

MAGNIFICAT IN G

Sung by the Choir

Sir Charles V. Stanford
(1852-1924)

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 6:19-end

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN G

Sung by the Choir

Sir Charles V. Stanford

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.*

*℣. 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

WE thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Sir Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)*

GREAT is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God hath made himself known in her palaces for a refuge.

For lo! the kings assembled themselves, they passed by together; they saw, then were they amazed; they were dismayed, they hasted away; trembling took hold of them there, pain as of a woman in travail, as with the east wind that breaketh the ships of Tarshish. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

We have thought on thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple: as is thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth; thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion be glad, because of thy judgments, let the daughters of Judah rejoice; walk about Zion and go round about her, tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death. Amen.

Psalm 48



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SERMON

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



HYMN

LIEBSTER JESU

1 Book of books, our peo - ple's strength, states-man's, teach - er's, he - ro's
2 Thank we those who toiled in thought, man - y di - verse scrolls com -
3 Praise we God, who hath in - spired those whose wis - dom still di -

tre - sure, bring - ing free - dom, spread - ing truth,
plet - ing, po - ets, pro - phets, schol - ars, saints,
rects us; praise him for the Word made flesh,

shed - ding light that none can mea - sure: wis - dom comes to
each a word from God re - peat - ing; till they came, who
for the Spi - rit which pro - tects us. Light of know - ledge,

those who know thee, all the best we have we owe thee.
told the sto - ry of the Word, and showed his glo - ry.
ev - er burn - ing, shed on us thy death - less learn - ing.

Book of books, #631 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936). By permission of Oxford University Press.
Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687;
harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

THE BLESSING

The Rector says

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.**

VOLUNTARY

Rhapsody No. 1

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

The Daily Mass

**Monday, September 21st –
Friday, September 25th**

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

Monday 21st

Saint Matthew

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Victoria and Guerrero

Tuesday 22nd

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Choral Scholars of
St. James's Church, Piccadilly, London
Harrison Knights, Director
music by Shephard, Dyson, and Balfour Gardiner

Wednesday 23rd

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Hancock, Gauster-Filek, and Moore

Thursday 24th

Our Lady of Walsingham

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Hancock, Sumsion, and Britten

Friday 25th

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Confessions, Spiritual Advice, and the Ministry of Healing

Saturday, September 26th

11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
in the Resurrection Chapel
Confessor: The Vicar

3 p.m. CONCERT:
GRAND ORGAN SERIES I
Entende Cordiale: French and English
Romantic Masterpieces
David Briggs, organ,
New York, NY

Next Sunday:

**September 27th
Patronal Feast Day**

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. Procession and Solemn Eucharist*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by the Rev. Channing Smith
Rector of All Saints-by-the-Sea – Montecito, CA
followed by Coffee hour in the Lady Chapel

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong with Benediction*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by
The Most Reverend and Rt. Honorable
Dame Sarah Mullally D.B.E.
Archbishop of Canterbury



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 *Florence D. Hafer, Kathleen J. Williams, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Peter Lever A. Aideyan*, 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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PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: This Sunday we have Children's Formation for kids between the ages of 2 – High School. Our annual Liturgy Teaching in at 10am in

Andrew Hall and is open to anyone interested in learning more about the fundamentals of the Eucharist Service at Saint Thomas. 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 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 sing every Sunday during the 9am mass. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:15-5:15pm. 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.

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents *Entente Cordiale: French and English Romantic Masterpieces* on Saturday, September 26 at 3 p.m., featuring internationally renowned concert organist David Briggs, who launches the 2026-2027 Grand Organ Series with works by Saint-Saëns, Ravel, and Vaughan Williams. General Admission tickets, as well as more information about the full 2026-2027 season are available now at saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts

Saint Thomas Choir School is home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. The Choir School (grades 4-8) partners with *The Professional Children's School of New York* for the boys' core academic education, while they continue to live and study 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. For more information see the School Website:

www.choirschool.org or email **Jorie Van Nest:** jvannest@choirschool.org

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every **Second Sunday** of the month at **1:30 pm**. The service is preceded by brunch at 12:45 pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House. You can receive the Monday Morning Devotion by email by registering through the QR code below.

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.



Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm at the Lady 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.

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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.

Take a Tour! Explore the beauty and rich history of Saint Thomas Church each Sunday following the main service. The tour offers a unique opportunity to learn about the exquisite architecture of our landmark building as well as the choral tradition of our church. Please meet at the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign in the Narthex

where you entered the church. All are warmly welcome.

Friday Bible Study is held 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 touchstone for understanding everything. Contact Fr. Schultz if you are interested in joining the group: mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org

THE JOHN HENRY HOBART THEOLOGY LECTURE

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Rowan Williams

Twenty-Five Years after 9/11

Strangers, Neighbors, and the Work of Solidarity



How do we respond to fear without turning strangers into enemies? Drawing on his experience in New York on September 11, 2001 and his recent book *Solidarity: The Work of Recognition*, Rowan Williams reflects on solidarity as the demanding work of recognizing others in their difference.



Saint Thomas Church
Wednesday October 14, 7–8:30 pm

In person and livestreamed. Registration only.

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SUNDAY THEOLOGY TALKS

Writing in the Dust: Rowan Williams on Solidarity and the Rebuilding of Community

Four Sunday mornings on the practices through which we learn to respond to loss, recognize one another more truthfully, and rebuild the bonds that make solidarity and community possible. Led by the Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence.



September 20

Loss, Grief, and the Search for Meaning

What are we prepared to learn from loss, vulnerability, and uncertainty?

September 27

Violence, Retaliation, and the Recovery of Agency

Christian tradition challenges the assumption that agency consists in retaliation.

October 4

Recognition and the Humanity of the Other

Encountering others in their particularity rather than through our projections.

October 11

Solidarity and the Building of Community

The ordinary practices of participation, service, and care that rebuild common life.



Sundays, 10–10:45 am

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Find yourself.



Chorister For A Day

Join us on **Saturday, October 3** for **Chorister for a Day** where boys in grades 3-6 and their families are invited to spend a day in the life of a Saint Thomas Chorister!

Saint Thomas Choir School provides a residential, music-centered education in the heart of Manhattan, for boys in grades 4-8 who love to sing.

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