

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the

CITY OF NEW YORK

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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.

SUNG EUCHARIST

Music Sung by the Noble Singers

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

Please turn off or silence your mobile devices. Please do not take photographs or make recordings.
To contact us, email **welcome@SaintThomasChurch.org.**

Feast of the Dedication

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Dedication**, giving thanks to God for our current church building, which provides an incredible experience for all who enter.

A church structure is not holy simply because it is beautiful, but because it has been set aside for the particular use in the worship of God, as it was consecrated in 1916. It is as a place where Scripture is proclaimed, prayers are offered, sins are forgiven, the sacraments are celebrated, and God's people are gathered and sent out in love.

Our church building helps shape our imaginations, our prayers, hold our memories, and remind us that the Almighty God dwells among his people. On this feast, we also remember that the Church is more than a building. The true temple of God is now the Body of Christ, made up of living stones build on Christ, our Cornerstone and you will hear that reflected in the Scripture and the Collect.

You may notice the liturgical color for the **Feast of the Dedication** is **white**, a color of joy and celebration.

As we celebrate this feast, we give thanks for all who have prayed, served, sung, given, taught, and worshiped in this place, and we ask God to continue forming us for his glory.

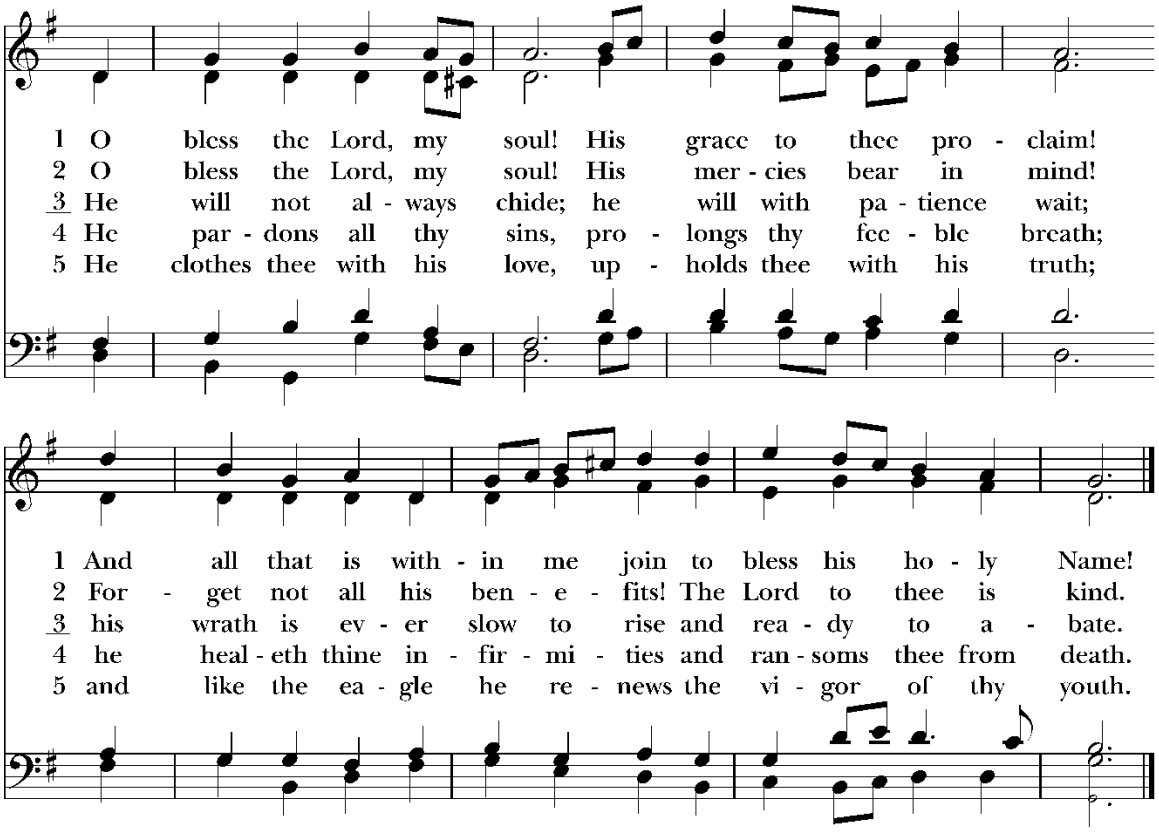
We are grateful to celebrate the Feast of the Dedication together.

The Ordinary of the Mass *Robert Powell* (b. 1932)

Prelude

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Hymn (verses 1, 2, & 6) ST. THOMAS

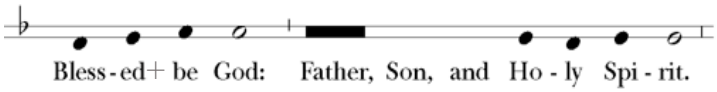


6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

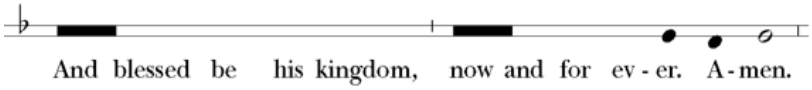
Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103. Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Penitential Order

Celebrant



People



Welcome

The Celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the celebration before silent personal confession.

Confession

Following personal confession, the Celebrant says

Now, together, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing.

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

Sung by all.



The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place; and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson Revelation 21:9-14

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122:1-3, 6-8 *Sung by the Choir.* Anglican Chant (*Thalben-Ball*)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord"
Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.
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.

Gospel Acclamation *Plainsong (Mode VI)*

The People stand. The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



Choir Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.
You have the words of everlasting life.

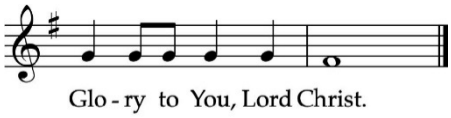
All repeat the refrain.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:12-16

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People



Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer" but you are making it a den of robbers.' The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?'

At the end The Gospel of the Lord.

People



The Homily Father Moretz

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 Form III

The Prayers are done responsively, the People praying the parts in bold aloud.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Greetings

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

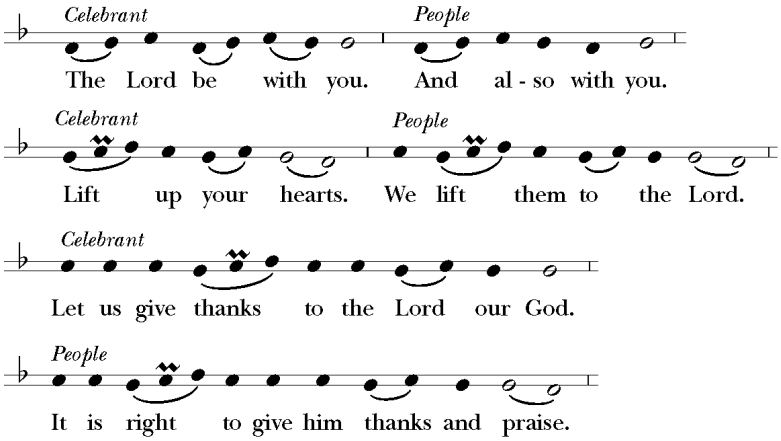
Offertory Anthem *Sung by the Choir.* Barry Rose

Risen Lord, give us a heart for simple things:
Love, laughter, bread, wine and dreams.
Fill us with green, growing hope.

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The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The People stand.



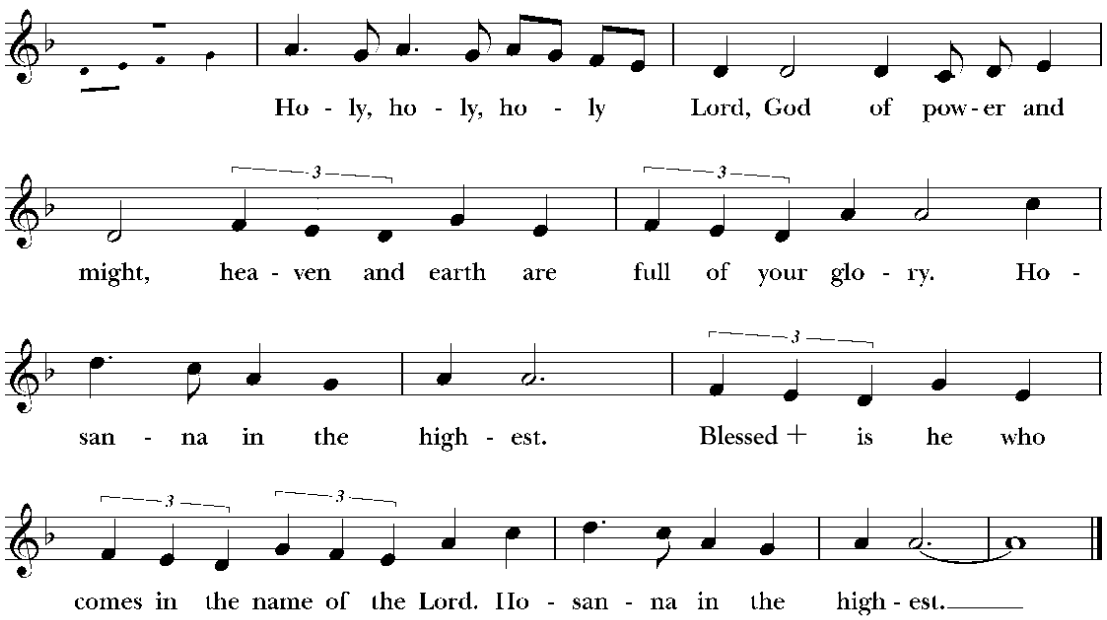
The Celebrant says

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

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

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 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

Celebrant 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.

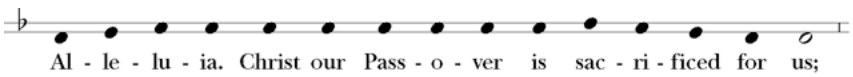
Padre nuestro, que estás en el cieux
하늘에 계신 우리 아버지
Notre Père qui es aux cieux
اے ہمارے باپ جو آسمان پر ہے،
Pai nosso, que estais nos Céus,
Отче наш, що єси на небесах
أَبَانَا الذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ،
Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel
我們在天上的父
Pater noster, qui es in caelis
हे" हमारे" स्वर्गबासी" पिता,
Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli
天におられる私たちの父よ
אָבִינוּ שֶׁבַּשָּׁמַיִם יִתְקַדֵּשׁ שִׁמְךָ׃



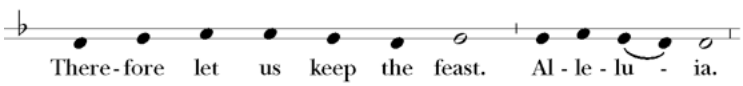


The Breaking of the Bread

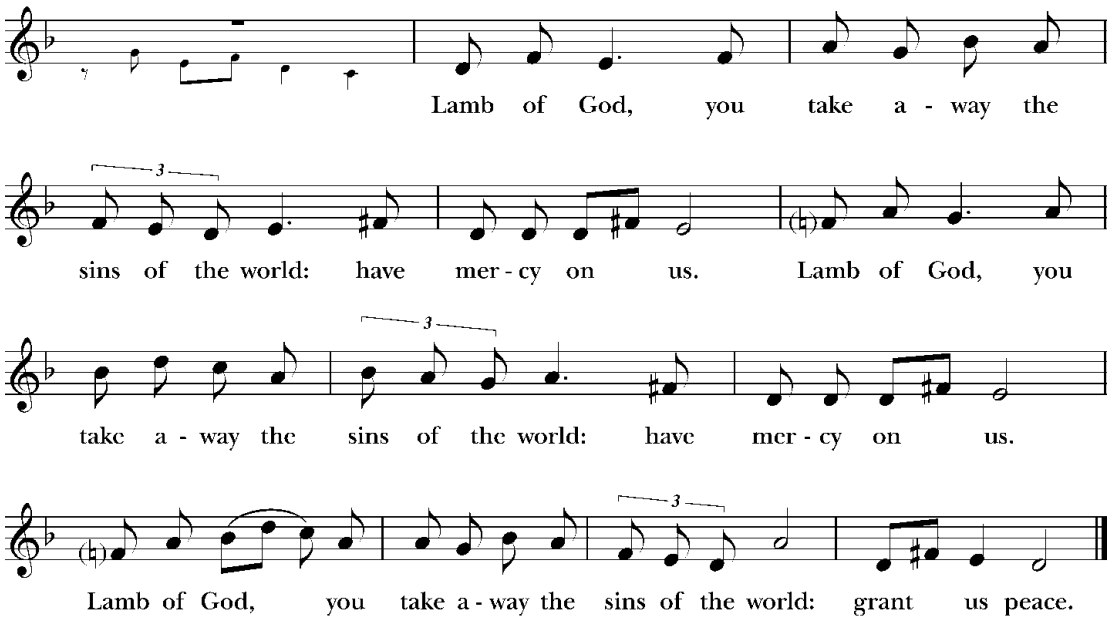
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



People



Agnus Dei *Sung by all.*



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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.**

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.

Communion Anthem *Sung by the Choir.* Barry Rose

God be in my head and in my understanding,
God be in my eyes and in my looking,
God be in my mouth and in my speaking,
God be in my heart and in my thinking,
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

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

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens, fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn *Sung by all.* SEEK YE FIRST



Seek ye first the kingdom of God, #711 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words and Music: St. w, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7. Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written. Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Coffee Hour in the Living Room (2nd Floor) after the service with **Adult Education** on the 5th Floor from 10 – 10:45am.

10am Children's Formation

2 – 4's	Ages 2–4 w/ Parent	Dining Room, 2nd Floor
Early Childhood	Pre-K – 2nd Grade	Nursery Room, 3rd Floor
Intermediate	Grades 3 - 6	Sunday School Room, 3rd Floor
Faith Alive	Grades 7 – High School	Andrew Hall, 3rd Floor

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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 *William Harris and Robert Erskine Douglas, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Natalie Ives Metcalf,* 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)

Worship & Recitals this Week

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*
sung by the Saint Thomas Consort
Sermon by the Very Rev'd David Monteith,
Dean of Canterbury
Followed by a Reception in the Lady Chapel

The Daily Mass
Monday, October 26th – Friday, October 30th

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

Tuesday 27th
Eve of Saints Simon and Jude
5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong*
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
music by Ashfield and Wood

Wednesday 28th
Saints Simon and Jude
5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
music by Sheppard

Thursday 29th
James Hannington and Companions
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
music by Ashfield, Victoria, and Wood

Friday 30th
3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Confessions, Spiritual Advice, and the Ministry of Healing

Saturday, October 31st
11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
in the Resurrection Chapel
Confessor: Fr. Gioia

11:30 a.m. Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday:
November 1st
All Saints' 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 Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom
followed by Coffee hour in the Lady Chapel

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Benediction*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

PARISH NOTICES

For three years, the Annual Appeal is taking up, word by word, our mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The 2027 Appeal is the year of *Love*. We see it in the beauty of our worship, the formation of our choristers, the welcome at coffee hour, and the compassion we offer our community through Neighbor to Neighbor. Your pledge keeps our doors open 365 days a year and puts that care into action every day. We hope you will consider making a pledge by scanning the QR code.

Children and Family Ministries: This Sunday there is Children's Formation for kids between the ages of 2 – 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. 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.

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 with the email address.

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. 아래 주소로 등록하시면 월요일 아침묵상글을 이메일로 받아볼 수 있습니다.

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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 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.

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.

Every Saturday morning between 8:30-10:30am, a group of volunteers meet in the Cloisters of the Church to provide coffee, tea, pastries, fresh fruit, oatmeal, toiletries, and community to our neighbors in need. Help make these important ministries possible by joining Neighbor to Neighbor: communityoutreachstc@gmail.com

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

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2026-2027 CFM Child Registration