

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026 AT 4 P.M.
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Andante religioso
Sonata IV

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Bernard Rose
(1916-1996)

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 18:30-51

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Brewer, Atkins)

DILIGAM TE, DOMINE

THE way of God is an undefiled way : the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire; he is the defender of all them that put their trust in him.
For who is God, but the Lord : or who hath any strength, except our God?
It is God, that girdeth me with strength of war: and maketh my way perfect.
He maketh my feet like harts' feet : and setteth me up on high.
He teacheth mine hands to fight : and mine arms shall break even a bow of steel.
Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation : thy right hand also shall hold me up, and thy loving correction shall make me great.
Thou shalt make room enough under me for to go : that my footsteps shall not slide.
I will follow upon mine enemies, and overtake them : neither will I turn again till I have destroyed them.
I will smite them, that they shall not be able to stand : but fall under my feet.
Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle : thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.
Thou hast made mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me : and I shall destroy them that hate me.
They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them : yea, even unto the Lord shall they cry, but he shall not hear them.
I will beat them as small as the dust before the wind : I will cast them out as the clay in the streets.
Thou shalt deliver me from the strivings of the people : and thou shalt make me the head of the heathen.



A people whom I have not known : shall serve me.
As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: but the strange children shall dissemble with me.
The strange children shall fail : and be afraid out of their prisons.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper : and praised be the God of my salvation;
Even the God that seeth that I be avenged : and subdueth the people unto me.
It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me up above mine adversaries :
thou shalt rid me from the wicked man.
For this cause will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles : and sing praises unto thy Name.
Great prosperity giveth he unto his King : and sheweth loving-kindness unto David his Anointed, and unto his seed for evermore.
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

Proverbs 3:1-18

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

THE EIGHTH TUNE

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

O gracious Light, #25 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*
Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)



MAGNIFICAT

Saint Paul's Service

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

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

1 John 3:1-15

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Saint Paul's Service

Herbert Howells

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 Catholic 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.

V. 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.

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

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

R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Sung by the Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

HEAR my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear!
Thyself from my petition do not hide!
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee!
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide!

The enemy shouteth, the godless come fast!
Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast!
The wicked oppress me, ah, where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
My soul with deathly terror is oppressed,
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
With horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings, for the wings of a dove,
Far away, far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there forever at rest.

William Bartholomew (1793-1867)



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SERMON

The Vicar

HYMN

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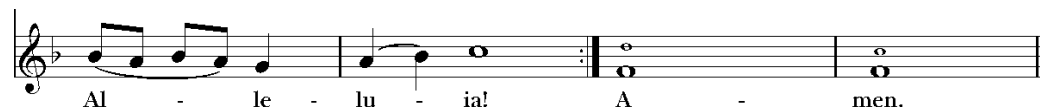
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, _____
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; _____
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, _____
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou _____
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord _____



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, _____
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; _____
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, _____
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, _____
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; _____



1 that in our dark - ned hearts thy grace might shine. _____
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. _____
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. _____
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. _____
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. _____



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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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.**

PSALM 150

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (George S. Talbot)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

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.

VOLUNTARY

*Allegro con brio
Sonata IV*

Felix Mendelssohn



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
*Beth Pearce Nelson, William Harris and Robert Erskine Douglas, Frederick and Doris Blymer,
Francis Laurens Vinton Hoppin, 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)

WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Ching-Yi Lin, Organ

Baltimore, MD

The Daily Mass

Monday, October 12th –

Friday, October 16th

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday 13th

Edward the Confessor

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

music by Leighton, Robinson, and Purcell

Wednesday 14th

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

(traditional language)

Thursday 15th

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

music by Leighton, Candlyn, and Brahms

Friday 16th

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Confessions, Spiritual Advice, and the Ministry of Healing

Saturday, October 17th

11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

in the Resurrection Chapel

Confessor: Fr. Schultz

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

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Next Sunday:

October 18th

Saint Luke

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

Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Rowan Williams

Theologian, Poet, and

104th Archbishop of Canterbury

followed by Coffee hour in the Lady Chapel

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by the Rector

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Giovanni Solinas, Organ

Viersen-Düllkin, Germany

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: CFM Bingo is this Thursday, October 15th, following Noble Singers Rehearsal from 5:15-7pm. 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.

We are delighted that our **Organ Scholar, Bethany Dame**, has won the 2026 Ruth and Paul Manz Organ Scholarship of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Bethany was chosen as the successful candidate after a recorded competition round consisting of organ repertoire and liturgical playing. Congratulations, Bethany!

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.

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 with the email address 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.

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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.

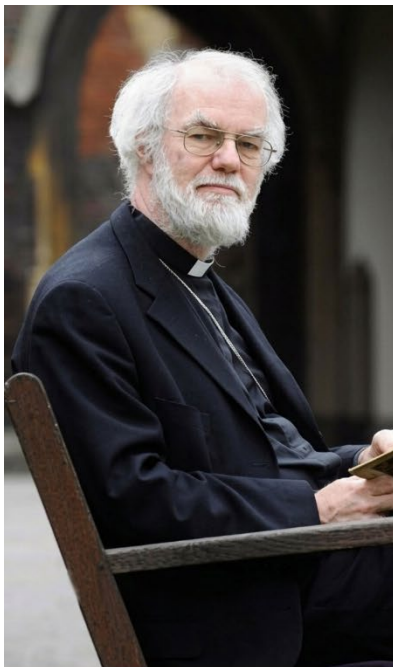
Take a Tour! Explore the beauty and rich history of Saint Thomas Church each Sunday following the main service. The tour offers a unique opportunity to learn about the exquisite architecture of our landmark building as well as the

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



THE JOHN HENRY HOBART THEOLOGY LECTURE

Twenty-Five Years after 9/11

Strangers, Neighbors, and the Work of Solidarity

The Rt Revd Dr Rowan Williams

104th Archbishop of Canterbury, 2002–2012

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

Wednesday, October 14 · 7–8:30pm

Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue at 53rd Street

In person and online. Free; a donation to support the lecture is welcome.

Scan to register and for the livestream link.



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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