SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the

CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 AT 4 P.M.

THE FEAST OF SAINT LUKE

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 Tranquillo — *Percy Whitlock* (1903-1946)
Five Short Pieces

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES — *Kenneth Leighton* (1929-1988)

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 103 *Sung by the Choir* Anglican Chant *(Hancock/Andrew)*

BENEDIC, ANIMA MEA

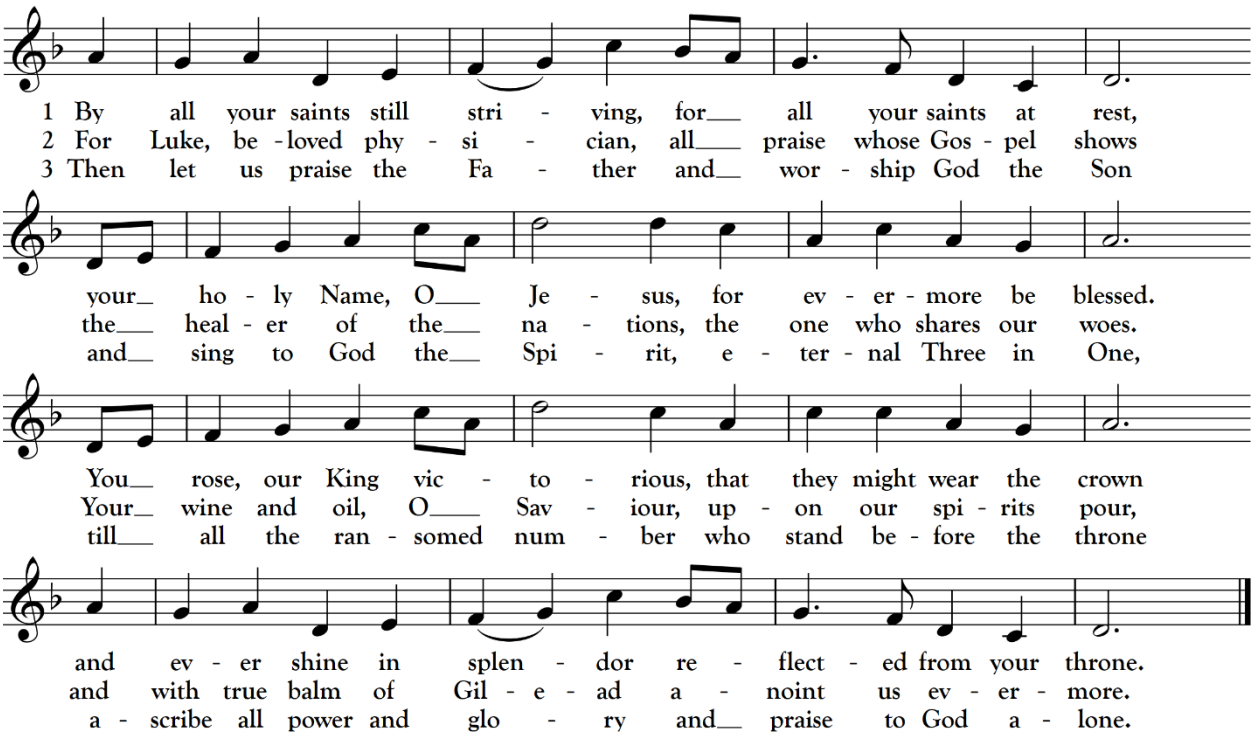
PRAISE the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all his benefits;
Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities;
Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement : for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
He shewed his ways unto Moses : his works unto the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.
He will not alway be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.
Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
For he knoweth whereof we are made : he remembereth that we are but dust.
The days of man are but as grass : for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness upon children's children;
Even upon such as keep his covenant : and think upon his commandments to do them.
The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven : and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.
O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.
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 52:7-10

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN KING'S LYNN



By all your saints still striving, #231 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913); ver. *Hymnal 1982*
Music: *King's Lynn*, English melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

MAGNIFICAT *Giles Swayne* (b. 1946)

MAGNIFICAT anima mea, Dominum	*My soul doth magnify the Lord,*
et exultavit spiritus meus	*and my spirit hath rejoiced*
in Deo, salutari meo.	*in God my Savior.*
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ:	*For he hath regarded the lowliness of his*
ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent	*handmaiden.*
omnes generationes.	*For behold from henceforth*
Quia fecit mihi magna,	*all generations shall call me blessed.*
qui potens est,	*For he that is mighty hath magnified me,*
et sanctum nomen eius,	*and holy is his Name.*
et misericordia eius	*And his mercy is on them that fear him*
a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.	*throughout all generations.*
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,	*He hath showed strength with his arm;*
dispersit superbos	*he hath scattered the proud*
mente cordis sui.	*in the imagination of their hearts.*
Deposuit potentes de sede	*He hath put down the mighty from their seat,*
et exaltavit humiles;	*and hath exalted the humble and meek.*
esurientes implevit bonis	*He hath filled the hungry with good things,*
et divites dimisit inanes.	*and the rich he hath sent empty away.*
Suscepit Israel puerum suum	*He remembering his mercy*
recordatus misericordiæ suæ,	*hath holpen his servant Israel,*
sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,	*as he promised to our forefathers,*
Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.	*Abraham and his seed for ever.*
Gloria Patri, et Filio,	*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,*
et Spiritui Sancto:	*and to the Holy Ghost;*
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,	*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever*
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	*shall be, world without end. Amen.*

The People sit.

SECOND LESSON Acts 1:1-8

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS Á 8

Gustav Holst
(1874-1934)

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 tuae 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

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. *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

ALMIGHTY God, who didst inspire thy servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of thy Son: Graciously continue in thy Church the like love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of thy Name; through the same thy Son 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.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *Sung by the Choir* *Sir Edward Elgar* (1857-1934)

THE Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord, to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
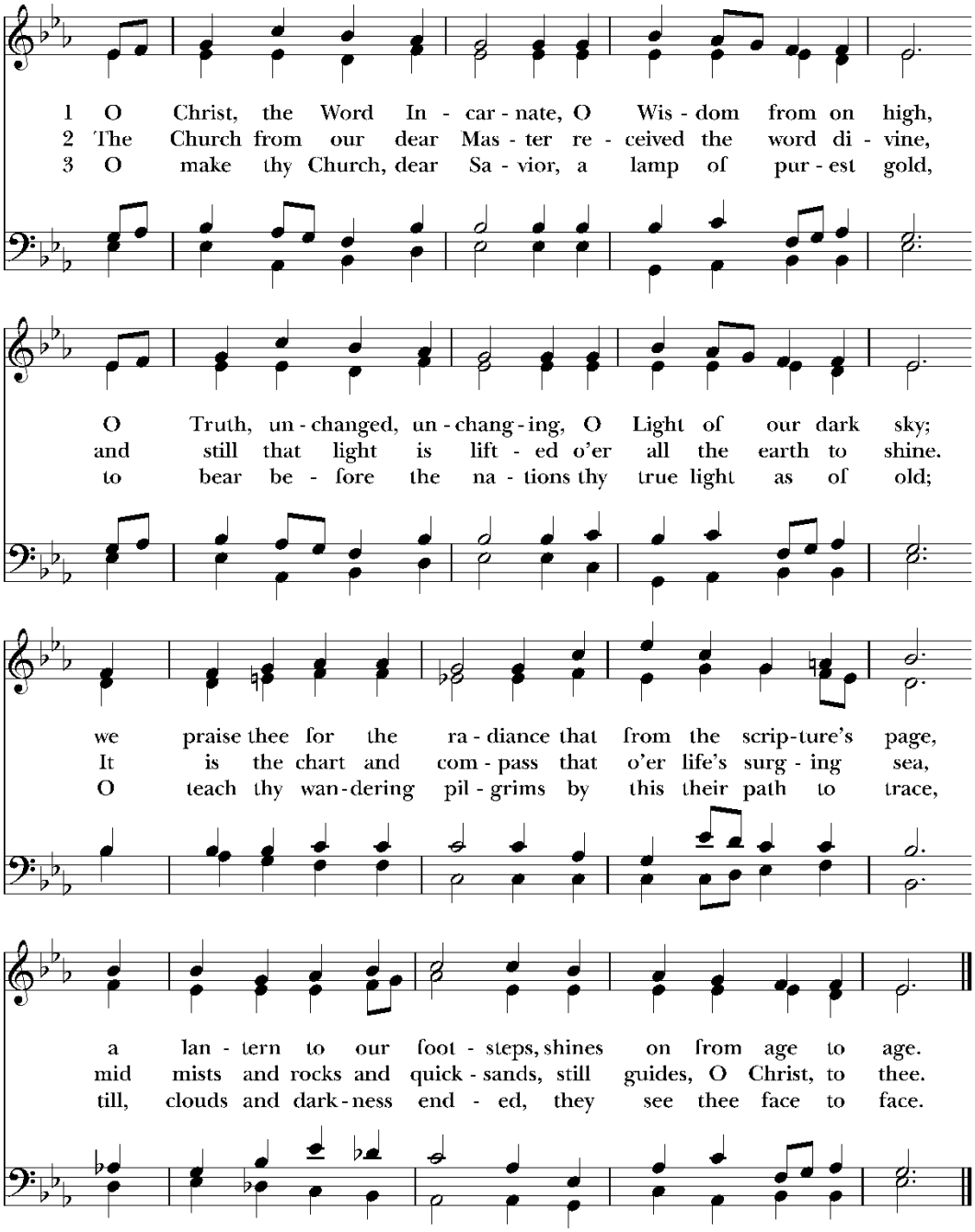
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach the Gospel.

Luke 4 vv. 18–19; Isaiah 61 vv. 1–3, 11

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SERMON The Rector

HYMN ENGELBERG



O Christ, the Word incarnate, #632 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847)

THE BLESSING

The Rector says

MAY God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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 maestoso *Sir Edward Elgar*
Organ Sonata in G-Major

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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
Mary Anne Karp, William Harris and Robert Erskine Douglas, James Ross Curran, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, John J. Hendershot, Benjamin Cardoza Baron, 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)

Today's flowers are donated by Mariko Oishi and James Bickford in thanksgiving for the celebration and the blessing of their marriage.

Worship & Recitals this Week

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series
Giovanni Solinas, *Organ*
Viersen-Düllkin, Germany

The Daily Mass
Monday, October 19th – Friday, October 23rd

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

Tuesday 20th
Cornelius the Centurion
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Moore and Howells

Wednesday 21st
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Moore and Stanford

Thursday 22nd
5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Moore, Brewer, and Macmillan

Friday 23rd
Saint James of Jerusalem
3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Confessions, Spiritual Advice, and the Ministry of Healing

Saturday, October 24th
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 25th
Feast of Dedication

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 Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by The Rector
followed by Coffee hour in the Lady Chapel

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

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 오후1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후12:45에 2층 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