



# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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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.*

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

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**CHORAL EVENSONG — 3 p.m.**  
**sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir**

**PRELUDE**

Ciacona e-moll, BuxWV 160

*Dieterich Buxtehude*  
(c. 1637-1707)

*At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.*

**VERSICLES AND RESPONSES**

*Erik Suter*  
(b. 1973)

*Priest* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
*Priest* O God, make speed to save us.  
*Choir* 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.

*Priest* Praise ye the Lord.  
*Choir* The Lord's Name be praised.

**PSALMS 19, 46**

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Plainsong (Tone III<sup>5</sup>, Tone VI)*

**T**HE heavens declare the glory of God;\* and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.  
2 One day telleth another;\* and one night certifieth another.  
3 There is neither speech nor language;\* but their voices are heard among them.  
4 Their sound is gone out into all lands;\* and their words into the ends of the world.  
5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun;\* which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.  
6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again;\* and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.  
7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul;\* the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.  
8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;\* the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.  
9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever;\* the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.  
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;\* sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.  
11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught;\* and in keeping of them there is great reward.  
12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth?\* O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.  
13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me;\* so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight,\*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.  
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.

**G**OD is our hope and strength,\* a very present help in trouble.  
2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,\* and though the hills be carried  
into the midst of the sea;  
3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell,\* and though the mountains shake at the tempest of  
the same.  
4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God;\* the holy place of the tabernacle  
of the Most Highest.  
5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed;\* God shall help her, and that  
right early.  
6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved;\* but God hath shewed his voice,  
and the earth shall melt away.  
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;\* the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord,\* what destruction he hath brought upon  
the earth.  
9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world;\* he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in  
sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.  
10 Be still then, and know that I am God:\* I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted  
in the earth.  
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;\* the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
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.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Maccabees 3:1-24

*The People stand for the Magnificat.*

**MAGNIFICAT**

The Short Service  
*Sung by the Choir.*

*Adrian Batten*  
(1591-1637)

**M**Y 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.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Philippians 3:13-4:1

*The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Apostles' Creed.*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

The Short Service  
*Sung by the Choir.*

*Adrian Batten*

**L**ORD, 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.

## 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.

*Priest*      The Lord be with you.

*Choir*      And with thy spirit.

*The People kneel.*

*Priest*      Let us pray.

*Choir*      Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O UR 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.

*Priest*      O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir*      And grant us thy salvation.

*Priest*      O Lord, save the State;

*Choir*      And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Priest*      Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

*Choir*      And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Priest*      O Lord, save thy people;

*Choir*      And bless thine inheritance.

*Priest*      Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

*Priest*      O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Choir*      And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## COLLECTS

**B LESSED** Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**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 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.

**L IGHTE**N 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.

## SERMON

The Reverend Mark Brown  
*Honorary Assistant*

**ANTHEM**

*Sung by the Choir.*

*John Sheppard*  
(c. 1515-1560)

**I**N manus tuas Domine  
commendo spiritum meum:  
Redemisti me Domine, Deus veritatis.

*Into thy hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit: for thou hast  
redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.*

*Psalm 31:6*

**FINAL PRAYERS**

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

Praeludium G-Dur, BWV 550

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

**Fall 2020 Digital Concert Season**

**On Saturday, November 21, at 3 p.m.**, we once again welcome pianist, Adam Golka, back to *Concerts at Saint Thomas* for the third concert in our series of 8 **FREE** concerts entitled 32@32: The Complete Beethoven Piano Sonatas. The program, “Fantasies and the Moonlight”, will feature Beethoven’s most well-known piano sonata, Sonata No. 14, quasi una Fantasia, C-sharp Minor, Op. 27, no. 2, better known as “Moonlight” sonata. If you missed any of our previous concerts, they are still available On-Demand for up to a month following their premiere dates. See what a *Friend of Music* had to say about the series: “I enormously enjoyed the pleasurable meditation...the acoustics were remarkably excellent, the playing of course superb, and the conversations again made me realize that Beethoven could help connect us to thoughtful, even spiritual, humanity for as long as we live.” – Bill R.

For tickets and more information, please visit us online at [www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts](http://www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts). All of the concerts on our Fall 2020 Concert Series will be presented online.

### Coffee Hour

We continue to host our “Virtual Coffee Hour” which will use the ZOOM platform to host a virtual meeting at 12:45 p.m. Contact Fr. Moretz at [MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org) to learn more and receive login credentials.

### Children and Families’ Gatherings

**Faith Alive** resumes at 9:45 a.m. and **Sunday Zoom!** continues at 10:15 am. today. To obtain login information for the Sunday Zoom! or Faith Alive, please contact **Mother Turner** at [ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org).

### Friday Online Bible Study

All are welcome to join the parish’s ongoing **Friday Online Bible Study** via ZOOM. The class begins at 1:30 p.m. and runs for an hour. The class is currently studying the **Gospel According to St. John**. For more information, contact Fr. Bennett at [RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org)

### The Church is open

#### Monday through Saturday

**from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

(Face coverings, hand sanitization, health screening, and 6 ft. distancing required for entry)

### Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Holy Eucharist\*

**Monday – Saturday at 12 p.m.**

(Contact tracing is mandatory to attend Mass)

*\*Live audio stream webcast continues, and then be available on-demand.*

### Please send your requests for prayers

via the website [click here](#)

or emailed to: [prayer@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:prayer@saintthomaschurch.org)

### Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry

**(Resurrection Chapel: Mother Turner)**

**Saturday from 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church**

*(need to wear a mask;*

*chairs will be placed at an appropriate distance)*

### Young Adult Group Discussion then Compline: Monday evenings

*(see email group or Facebook page for details)*

### Evening Prayer and Meditation

**with Fr. Spencer and Sister Promise**

**Thursday at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM Platform**

(Contact Fr. Spencer: [ASpencer@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:ASpencer@SaintThomasChurch.org) for details)

## NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 22

### The Feast of Christ the King

**9 a.m. Said Eucharist (Rite II) (High Altar)**

**Celebrant, Fr. Moretz**

**Preacher, The Rector**

*(Pre-registration preferred to ensure seating and to save time upon arrival)*

[Register by following this link.](#)

**9:45 a.m. Faith Alive**

*(see Children & Families notice above for further details)*

**10 a.m. Adult Education, 12-week course on**

**The Nicene Creed** continues with Fr. Cheng via the ZOOM Platform ([Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class. You can also contact Fr. Cheng at [PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org) for more information.)

*To access **videos** from previous classes and other Theology information, [click here](#).*

**10:15 a.m. Children and Families’ Sunday Zoom!**

*(see Children & Families notice above for further details)*

**11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist**

**sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir**

(with video livestream,

and, thereafter, on-demand)

**Preacher, The Rector**

*(Pre-registration preferred to ensure seating and to save time upon arrival)*

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**3 p.m. (note time) Festal Evensong**

**sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir**

(with video livestream,

and, thereafter, on-demand)

**Preacher, The Rev. Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM**

*(Pre-registration preferred to ensure seating and to save time upon arrival)*

[Register by following this link.](#)

**ASSISTING CLERGY**

The Reverend Matthew Moretz, *Associate Rector*  
The Reverend Adam Spencer, *Associate for Pastoral Care*  
The Reverend Alison J. Turner,  
*Associate for Children and Family Ministry*  
The Reverend Dr. Patrick S. Cheng,  
*Theologian in Residence*  
The Reverend Ryan Bennett, *Assistant Priest*  
The Reverend Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM, *Deacon*

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