



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.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

The Penitential Order

Celebrant ✕ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant may read a sentence of scripture.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

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.**

Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison.
Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of
this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit
us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come
again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the
dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

You, O Lord, are our father; "Our Redeemer from of old" is
your name. Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your
ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn
back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes
that are your heritage. O that you would tear open the
heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake
at your presence. When you did awesome deeds that we did
not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your
presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has

perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 80:1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18*

The Lector announces the psalm response and all repeat.

**R. Restore us, O God; let your face shine,
that we may be saved.**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us. **R.**

Turn again, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand has planted. **R.**

Let your hand be upon the one at your right,
the one whom you have made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

The People stand.

Lector Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

People **Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel *Mark 13:33-37*

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with a particular task, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come,

in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

The People stand.

**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 Leader and People pray responsively

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.

Silence is kept, then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

People **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The People stand. The Celebrant says

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

The Offertory

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The Celebrant takes the paten with the bread, saying

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
for through your goodness
we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Celebrant takes the chalice, saying

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
for through your goodness
we have received the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant says the Preface, ending

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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Prayer concludes

...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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then is said

People Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

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.**

The Celebrant and people receive Holy Communion.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel. Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious **Body and Blood**
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the **Body of your Son,**
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter
the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of
God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Monday-Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Mass (Rite II)

✠ NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 6

The Second Sunday of Advent

all services are in-person and two are video-cast.

9 a.m. Said Mass (Rite II)
11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist (Rite I)
with the choir
Video livestream and then available on-demand
3 p.m. Solemn Evensong with the choir
Video livestream and then available on-demand

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