

Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue

1 W 53rd Street • New York, NY

A Blessing of the Crèche

A pre-recorded service for Children and Families



Sunday, December 13th at 3pm

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Welcome *by Mother Turner*

Opening prayer *led by a member of Faith Alive*

Almighty God We thank you for the greatest gift ever given: Your only Son, Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

And as we gather for this special celebration and hear once again the story of that first Holy Christmas,

May we join in the praises of the angels,

And may our songs of praise never fade,

May we rejoice with the shepherds and kings over the good news of Jesus' birth.

And may we treasure him in our hearts forever.

Though Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

No room at the Inn *read by a member of our Sunday School*

That yongë child (from a Ceremony of Carols) *by Benjamin Britten*
sung by a Chorister

Mary and Joseph *read by a member of our Sunday School*

Once in royal David's city *(Descant by Sir Philip Ledger)*
sung by The Choristers of Saint Thomas Church



Angels and Shepherd *read by a member of our Sunday School*

In the Bleak Midwinter *by Mary Caldwell*
sung by a Chorister

A Star and Visitor from the East *read by a member of our Sunday School*

Papa Panov's Special Day *by Leo Tolstoy read by Father Turner*

The Blessing of the Crèche *by Father Bennett*

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.
Lord, bless all who look upon this Crèche
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Christmas Prayers *led by members of Faith Alive and our Sunday School*

Leader: *Christ be our Light*
All: ***Shine in our hearts today.***

A Christmas Blessing *by Mother Turner*

May the humility of the shepherds, the faith of the wise men, the joy of the angels, the holiness of Mary and the peace of the Christ Child, be God's gift to us and to all the world, this Christmas and always.


And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and those you love this day and always. **Amen.**



Thank you all for joining us for our Crèche service to rejoice in the Good News of our Savior's birth into our world and into our hearts.

We are grateful to Annabel, Cole, Fernando, Jack, JB, Max, Robyn, Ryleigh, Rubie, and Will, as well as the members of the Saint Thomas Choir School, for leading us in this year's Crèche Service.

You are WELCOME to join us on Christmas Eve at 6pm or Christmas Day at 10am via the livestream or on demand later in the day.



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