



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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 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*
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.
Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

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

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to
preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our
Redeemer; 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 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak
tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her
term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the
Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the
wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the
desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven
ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people
shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 85:8ab+9, 10-11, 12-13*

The Lector announces the psalm response and all repeat.

**R. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky. **R.**

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

The People stand.

Lector Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

People **Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel *Mark 1:1-8*

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was

clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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 II)

The People remain standing or kneel.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Andrew, Allen his Suffragan, and Mary his Assistant. For Michael, the Presiding Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all in authority; for our President, for the Governor of the State of New York, and for the Mayor of the City of New York. For the Police Department, the Fire Department of New York, all paramedics and first-responders, and for all who work in the front line in our hospitals. Pray for all who serve the community.

Silence

I ask your prayers for an end to prejudice and violence; for those who protest peacefully in the cause of justice; for all striving to end the sin of racism in our world.
Pray for the Beloved Community.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. For all who suffer from famine, drought or disease.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for our Choir School. For Amy, our Interim Head of School and all the faculty and staff as they begin a new school year. For the choristers and their families. For the Alumni Association, the Choir School Committee, and all who support our Choir School.
Pray that we may all sing to the Lord a new song.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially those who have died violently, or who have taken their own lives, and for family, friends, and neighbors who have died during the Pandemic.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. Thomas our Patron, St. Martin de Porres the patron saint of racial harmony, and all whom we remember today.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Let us bring our own prayers and intercessions to the Lord.

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 B

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, according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **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 13**

The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

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. The Blessing of the Crèche

*(No live service; the pre-recorded video will be
available on-demand).*

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