



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the
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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*

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SOLEMN EUCHARIST – 11 a.m.
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

SETTING The Saint Thomas Service *Arthur Wills*
(1926-2020)

PRELUDE Benedictus, Op. 59 no. 9 *Max Reger*
(1873-1916)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers

HYMN

MOWSLEY

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir.

GLORY be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O GOD, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount:
Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to
bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ
our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

The Lector concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

The Lord, even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken, * and called the world,
 from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.
 2 Out of Sion hath God appeared * in perfect beauty.
 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; * there shall go before him a consuming fire,
 and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
 4 He shall call the heaven from above, * and the earth, that he may judge his people.
 5 Gather my saints together unto me; * those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
 6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; * for God is Judge himself.
 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 EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (*Mode VI*)

Cantor *All*



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. _____

Cantor God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels,
 preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

All



Al - le - lu - ia. _____

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rector

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM III)

The People kneel.

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy 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 thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy 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 thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

In a moment of silence, let us bring our own petitions to the Lord.

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

HASTEN, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

Jeremy Jackman
(b. 1952)

CHRISt hath a garden walled around,
A paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace,
From out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand,
There planted by his mighty hand,
By Eden's gracious streams that flow,
To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake O wind of heaven, and bear
Their sweetest perfume thro' the air,
Stir up, O South, the boughs that bloom,
Till the beloved Master come.

That he may come, and linger yet,
Among the trees that he hath set,
That he may evermore be seen.
To walk amid the springing green.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Preface

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

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

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir.

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion)*

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

Philip Moore
(b. 1943)

BEHOLD, O God our defender and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
Grant the King a long life: that his years may endure throughout all generations.
Alleluya.

Words from Psalms 84 and 61

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

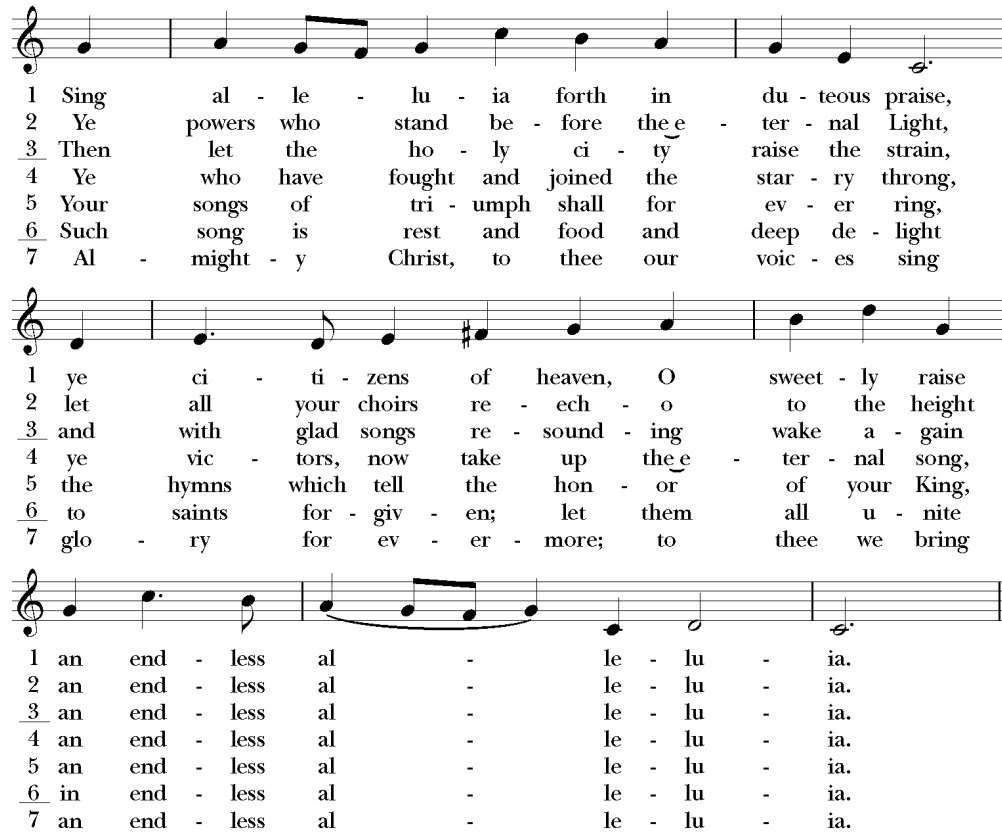
Said by all, kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*



1 Sing al - le - lu - ia forth in du - teous praise,
 2 Ye powers who stand be - fore the e - ter - nal Light,
 3 Then let the ho - ly ci - ty raise the strain,
 4 Ye who have fought and joined the star - ry throng,
 5 Your songs of tri - umph shall for ev - er ring,
 6 Such song is rest and food and deep de - light
 7 Al - might - y Christ, to thee our voic - es sing

1 ye ci - ti - zens of heaven, O sweet - ly raise
 2 let all your choirs re - ech - o to the height
 3 and with glad songs re - sound - ing wake a - gain
 4 ye vic - tors, now take up the e - ter - nal song,
 5 the hymns which tell the hon - or of your King,
 6 to saints for - giv - en; let them all u - nite
 7 glo - ry for ev - er - more; to thee we bring

1 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 2 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 3 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 4 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 5 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 6 in end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 7 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Alleluyas

Simon Preston
 (b. 1938)

THIS AFTERNOON

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir***Preacher: The Rev. Mark Brown, Honorary Assistant****This service is video livestreamed and then available on-demand.*

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education series on the **Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians** continues this Sunday at 10 am. We will be studying chapters 2 and 3 of the Greek and English texts of this challenging New Testament book [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at PCcheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families' Gatherings

All families are welcome to join **Sunday Zoom!** at 10:15 a.m. today for a celebration of **God's Love**. Also, youth in the 6th through 12th grades are invited to a special Annual Diocesan Absolam Jones event at 1 p.m. If you know a family that would like to receive our regular newsletter or to obtain login information for either the Sunday Zoom! or Faith Alive, contact **Mother Turner** at ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Pilgrims' Course 2021 takes a break this Tuesday as we prepare for the start of Lent the following day. It will resume the following Tuesday, February 23. The course is taught by the Rector and Fr. Cheng over Zoom, and meets most Tuesdays until May. Please [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at PCcheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.

On Saturday, March 6, at 3 p.m., *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents Organist and Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell, playing [Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ II](#) on the Miller-Scott Organ. This is the second concert in this FREE series of 9 concerts that will be presented from the church via livestream. [Ticket packages](#) for *Concerts at Saint Thomas'* 2021 digital concert presentations are available for both the **Beethoven 32@32 Series** (Recitals VI-VIII) and **Marcel Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ Series** (Recitals II-VI). Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make your donation with our team, email concerts@saintthomaschurch.org or call 212-664-9360. For more information about our 2021 offerings, visit www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts.

We are pleased to announce that The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boy's newest CD, entitled **'The Music of Gerre Hancock'** is now available to our valued Parishioners and Friends of Music. We are offering this special pre-release of our newest CD for \$15 each plus shipping and taxes, where applicable, or take advantage of our discount pricing of two for \$25.00 or three for \$30. Order yours today by emailing Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org and be sure to include the following: full name, address, phone number, CD order request. We will call you at the phone number provided to process your payment.

The Bookstore and Gift Shop is selling an inscribed Saint Thomas Church, 3-Ply Face Mask for \$8 plus shipping and taxes, where applicable. The mask may be purchased by sending an email to the Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org. Please be sure to include your full name, address, telephone number and mask request. We will contact you at the number provided to process your payment.

Friday Online Bible Study continues at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom, and runs for about an hour. For more information, contact Fr. Bennett at RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org.

2021 Annual Appeal – Candlemas Campaign

Thank you to all those who have pledged to the 2021 Annual Campaign!

If you have not yet pledged to the annual campaign, please consider doing so now. Your pledges are crucial for planning purposes. We are grateful for your support. Saint Thomas Church and Choir School have been blessed by the generosity of many people across many generations. Through times of abundance and times of scarcity, through times of growth and times of retrenchment, through fire, pandemic, and war, our beloved Church and Choir School has continued to thrive. Now, in 2021, we need your help more than ever. You may make your pledge on the website [here](#).

If you have any questions or would like a pledge form, please contact:
Adam MacDonald at amacdonald@saintthomaschurch.org or
Bruce Smith at bsmith@saintthomaschurch.org

SERVICES THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

The Church is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. except on Ash Wednesday (see below for full details). *Face masks, hand sanitization, health screening, and 6 ft. distancing required for entry.*

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions) and Holy Eucharist (Contact details are mandatory to attend Mass)
Monday – Friday at 12 p.m. Saturday will be a Funeral Mass (see below for details).
In-person, live audio stream and then on-demand.

Please send your requests for prayers via the website [click here](#) or emailed to: prayer@saintthomaschurch.org

✠ ASH WEDNESDAY

*Church doors open at 9 a.m.

Confessions: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (Resurrection Chapel)

Said Mass: 10:30 a.m. (Chantry Chapel)

In-person, live audio stream and then on-demand.

*Church doors close at 11:30 a.m.

Solemn Liturgy of Ash Wednesday

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

(This service will be video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

*Church doors re-open at 1:30 p.m. (until 4 p.m.)

Confessions: 2 to 3 p.m. (Resurrection Chapel)

✠ COMPLINE DURING LENT

Friday, February 19 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

(This service will be video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

✠ SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Funeral Mass for Robert Russell at 12 p.m.

Pre-registration link is being sent from the family to close friends.

Any parishioners who wish to attend, please contact Lizette Hernandez (limited seating).

LHernandez@saintthomaschurch.org

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel
Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: Bishop Andrew St. John
(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 Sister Promise SSM
Thursday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Platform
(Contact Sr. Promise: SrPromise@SaintThomasChurch.org for details)

✠ **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

The First Sunday in Lent

(NOTE: all service are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

11 a.m. Litany and Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: Fr. Bennett

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Lenten Sermon Series – ‘Dreams and Visions’

I: *Jacob’s Ladder*

Preacher: Mo. Turner

ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Matthew Moretz, *Associate Rector
and Interim Director of Administration*
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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