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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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 31, 2021

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in D, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

At the entry of the Ministers, the People stand.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Thomas Tallis
(c. 1505-1585)

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.
Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir 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.

PSALM 33:1-12

Sung by the Choir.

Plainsong (Tone V)

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous; * for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
2 Praise the Lord with harp; * sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.
3 Sing unto the Lord a new song; * sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
4 For the word of the Lord is true; * and all his works are faithful.
5 He loveth righteousness and judgment; * the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; * and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap; * and layeth up the deep, as
in a treasure-house.
8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: * stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
9 For he spake, and it was done; * he commanded, and it stood fast.
10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought, * and maketh the devices of the people
to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.
11 The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever, * and the thoughts of his heart from generation to
generation.
12 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord Jehovah; * and blessed are the folk that he hath
chosen to him, to be his inheritance.
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.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:16-33

The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

URBS BEATA JERUSALEM

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound - est, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia though we cher - ish and would chant for ev - er - more
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,
al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er raised by choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful mo - ther, all thy chil - dren sing with thee;
al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing, let us for a while give o'er,
at the last to keep thine Eas - ter with thy faith - ful saints on high;
in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
but by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
as our Sa - vior in his fast - ing plea - sures of the world for - bore.
there to thee for ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

The doubling of the melody may be omitted.

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MAGNIFICAT

Octavi Toni

Giovanni Francesco Anerio
(1567-1630)

MY 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.

The People sit.

SECOND LESSON

John 7:14-31

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed

NUNC DIMITTIS

Plainsong (Tone VIII)

LORD, 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, which 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 that 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE SECOND COLLECT

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.

THE THIRD COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

L IGHTEEN 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.*

The People sit

ANTHEM

Senex Puerum Portabat

Tomás Luis de Victoria
(1548-1611)

Senex puerum portabat:
puer autem senem regebat:
quem virgo peperit,
et post partum virgo permansit:
ipsum quem genuit, adoravit.

An ancient held up an Infant,
but the Infant upheld the ancient.
A Child he was that a Virgin bore,
and kept her as Virgin evermore.
The one whom she brought forth, she did adore.

Antiphon to the Magnificat at First Vespers for the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SERMON

The Rev. Sister Marie Promise Atelon SSM
Deacon

HYMN

KINGSFORD



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

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THE BLESSING

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.*

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education continues today at 10 a.m. with its online series on The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians with Fr. Cheng via the Zoom Platform. [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at PC Cheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families' Gatherings

Sunday Zoom! continues this Sunday at 10:15 a.m. This week, we will gather for our annual celebration of Candlemas. 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 is a comprehensive introduction to the Christian faith as received and understood by the Episcopal Church. The course is taught by the Rector and Fr. Cheng over Zoom, and meets most Tuesdays until May. This week's topic is: **The Trinity: The Church Community Reflects Our Belief in God as "Three in One"**. Please [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at PC Cheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.

On Saturday, February 6, at 3 p.m., *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents pianist Adam Golka in the next installment of the 32@32 concert series, **The Complete Beethoven Sonatas V: The Grandest Monument to the Piano**. This FREE concert will be presented from the church via livestream and will be available on-demand for one month after the performance. 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. **Dupré and Beethoven Series Packages** are available for the **Beethoven 32@32 Series** (Recitals V-VIII) and **Marcel Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ Series** (Recitals II-VI). 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.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN

We are pleased to announce the publication of the Saint Thomas Strategic Plan. The plan will inform all decision-making and activities as we seek to fulfill our mission. Visit our website where you can view the full-color booklet outlining the process, goals, and steps toward implementation.

The printing and mailing of the Plan was generously underwritten, and all parishioners and Church and Choir School supporters will receive their copy in the coming weeks.

On the website you will also find the survey results from Wellspring Consulting and a beautiful short film created by Blake Martin.

Here is a link to the webpage: <https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/strategicplan/>

SERVICES THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

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 (Contact details are mandatory to attend Mass)

Monday – Saturday at 12 p.m.

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

✠ **SOLEMN EUCHARIST**

(These services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

**Tuesday, February 2 at 5:30 p.m. – The Presentation of Our Lord
The Blessing of Light and Solemn Eucharist**

Preacher: The Rector

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

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

Thursday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Platform

(Contact Sr. Promise: SrPromise@SaintThomasChurch.org for details)

✠ **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

The Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany

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

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: Mo. Turner

3 p.m. Festal Evensong

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: Fr. Bennett

ASSISTING CLERGY

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and Interim Director of Administration*
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