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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*

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THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

THE BLESSING OF LIGHT AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST — 5:30pm sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

SETTING

Missa Lauda Sion

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(c.1525-1594)

PRELUDE

Mon âme exalte le Seigneur from 'Livre Œcuménique'
(dedicated to William Self, Organist & Choirmaster, Saint Thomas Church, 1954–1971)

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

The People stand as the choir enters with lighted candles

HYMN

OLD 120TH

1. Hail to the Lord who comes, Comes to his tem - ple gate!
 2. But borne up - on the throne Of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,
 3. There Jo - seph at her side In rev - erent won - der stands;
 4. Hail to the great First - born, Whose ran - som price they pay!
 5. O Light of all the earth, Thy chil - dren wait for thee!

Not with his an - gel host, Not in his king - ly state;
 Watched by her du - teous love, In her fond arms at rest;
 And, filled with ho - ly joy, Old Si - meon in his hands
 The Son be - fore all worlds, the Child of man to - day,
 Come to thy tem - ples here, That we, from sin set free,

No shouts pro - claim him nigh, No crowds his com - ing wait;
 Thus to his Fa - ther's house He comes, the heav'n - ly guest.
 Takes up the prom - ised Child, The glo - ry of all lands.
 That he might ran - som us Who still in bon - dage lay.
 Be - fore thy Fa - ther's face May all pre - sent - ed be!

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Celebrant says

BELOVED in Christ, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgment, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

The People hold their candles high as the Celebrant says the following prayer

Let us pray.

GOD our Father, source of all light, today thou hast revealed to the aged Simeon thy light which enlightens all nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir.

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on 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, Jesus 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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

ALmighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

If the People have candles, they may leave them lit until after the Gospel

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

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

PSALM 84

Plainsong (*Tone I*)

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings, * thou LORD of hosts!
2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD; *
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest,
where she may lay her young; * even thy altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; * they will be always praising thee.
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; * in whose heart are thy ways.
6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; * and the pools
are filled with water.
7 They will go from strength to strength, * and unto the God of gods
appeareth every one of them in Sion.
8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
9 Behold, O God our defender, * and look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 For one day in thy courts * is better than a thousand.
11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, * than to dwell
in the tents of ungodliness.
12 For the Lord God is a light and defence; * the Lord will give grace and worship;
and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
13 O Lord God of hosts, * blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.
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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (*Mode VI*)



Cantor A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

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

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

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

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 PEACE

The People stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace

IN the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

THE GREETINGS

Please be seated.

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Senex Puerum

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 old man held up an Infant,
but the Infant upheld the old man.
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 First Vespers, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 continues

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir.

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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.

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*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

Hodie beata Virgo

William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)

Hodie beata Virgo Maria
puerum Jesum presentavit in templo,
Et Simeon, repletus Spiritu Sancto,
accepit eum in ulnas suas,
et benedixit Deum in aeternum.

*Today the Blessed Virgin Mary
presented the child Jesus in the temple,
and Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit,
received Him into his arms,
and began to bless God, whom he blesseth unto all eternity.*

Magnificat Antiphon, Second Vespers, Feast of the Presentation

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 People stand and the Congregation's candles are then lighted as the Choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Tertii toni

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace:
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum:
Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam
plebis tuae Israel.

*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.*

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*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 BLESSING

MAY Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people

Go, in the light and peace of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Lumen ad revelationem from ‘Six Antiennes pour le temps de Noël’, Op. 48 *Marcel Dupré*
(1886-1971)

PARISH NOTICES

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 PCcheng@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.

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.

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)

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

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