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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

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

SETTING Mass for four voices *Thomas Tallis*
(c. 1505-1585)

PRELUDE An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685-1750)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People His mercy endureth for ever.

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.*

KYRIE ELEISON *Sung by the Choir.* Plainsong (*Tone I*)

KYRIE Eleison *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
Kyrie Eleison *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
Kyrie Eleison *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christe Eleison *Christ, have mercy upon us.*
Christe Eleison *Christ, have mercy upon us.*
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Kyrie Eleison *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls,
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through 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

Exodus 20:1-17

The Lector concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

Sung by the Choir.

Plainsong (*Tone III*⁵)

THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
2 One day telleth another: and one night certifieth another.
3 There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them.
4 Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.
5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun: which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever: the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught: and in keeping of them there is great reward.
12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth: O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me: so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart: be alway acceptable in thy sight,
15 O Lord: my strength, and my redeemer.
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

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

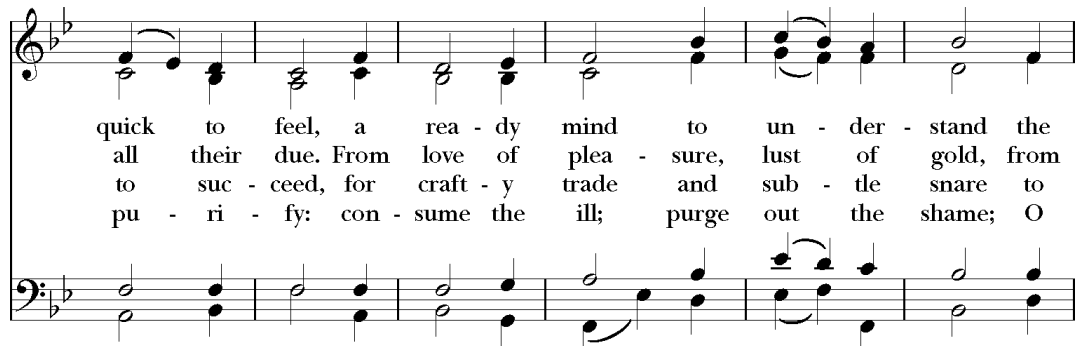
The Subdeacon concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

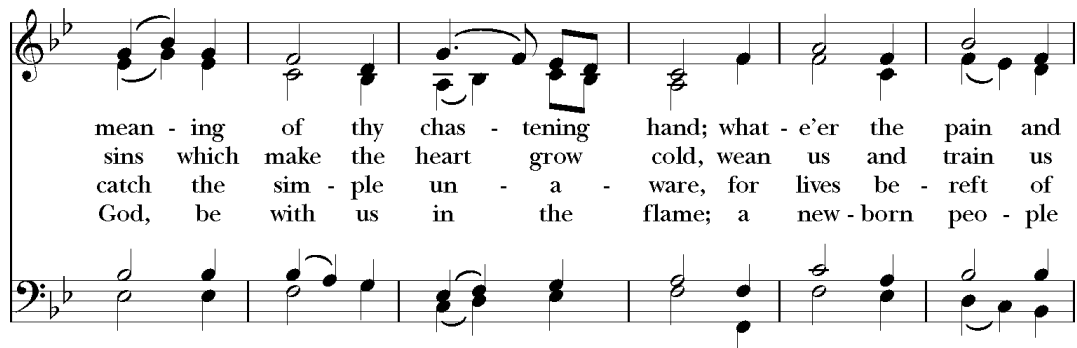
The People stand.



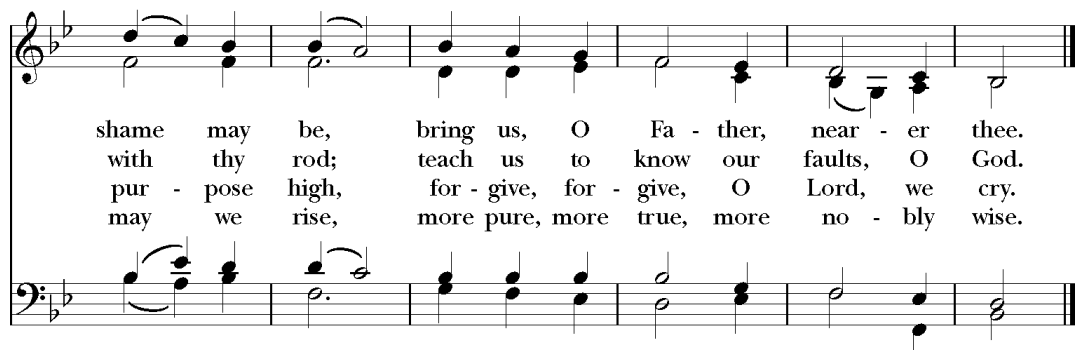
1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits



quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O



mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple



shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
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.

SERMON

The Rev. Alison J. Turner
Associate for Children and Family Ministry

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 I)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The People kneel.

After each petition,

Let us pray to the Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.

At the end of the Litany,

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
People Lord, have mercy.

After the last petition

... let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
People To thee, O Lord our God.

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

ALMIGHTY God, who hast created us in thine own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *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 Rector

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Sung by the Choir.

William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)

DEPECIT in dolore vita mea,
et anni mei in gemitibus.
Infirmata in paupertate virtus mea,
et dolor meus renovatus est.
Sed tu Domine refugium factus es mihi,
et in misericordia tua consolatus sum.

*For my life is waxen old with heaviness:
and my years with mourning,
I held my tongue, and spake nothing: I kept silence, yea,
even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.
But thou, Lord, art become a refuge unto me,
and in thy mercy am I comforted.*

Adapted from Psalm 31:11 and 39:3

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.

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, and in 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy 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 shouldst 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

Sung by the Choir.

Thomas Tallis

IN ieiunio et fletu orabant sacerdotes:
Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo;
et ne des haereditatem tuam in perditionem.
Inter vestibulum et altare
plorabant sacerdotes, dicentes:
Parce populo tuo.

*In fasting and weeping the priests prayed:
Spare, Lord, spare thy people
and give not thine heritage over to perdition.
Between the porch and the altar
the priests lamented, saying:
Spare thy people.*

Joel 2 vv. 12, 17

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 SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Deacon says

Bow down before the Lord.

The Celebrant says

LOOK mercifully on this your family, Almighty God,
that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Aus Tiefe Not schrei ich zu dir, BWV 686

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

THIS AFTERNOON

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Lenten Sermon Series – ‘Dreams and Visions’

III: *Water from the Side of the Temple*

Preacher: The Rector

**This service is video livestreamed and then available on-demand.*

PARISH NOTICES

Coffee Hour

We host a Virtual Coffee Hour over the Zoom platform at 12:45 p.m. every Sunday. Contact Adam MacDonald at AMacDonald@SaintThomasChurch.org to learn more and receive login credentials.

Adult Education welcomes back Fr. Mark Brown today at 10 a.m. with his online series of monthly classes on “The Practice of Prayer.” This Sunday will explore “Visual Prayer: Praying with Icons.” [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Brown at MBrown@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families’ Gatherings

Young teens are welcome to join **Faith Alive** at 9:30 a.m. today, and all families are welcome to join **Sunday Zoom!** at 10:15 a.m. Throughout Lent, we will focus on new ways of praying. 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 continues this Tuesday, March 9. The course 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 History of the Church 2: Reformation, Anglicanism, and the Oxford Movement**. Please [Click here](#) to RSVP for the online class or contact Fr. Cheng at PCheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.

This week, *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents two, free on-demand concerts which were recently livestreamed from Saint Thomas Church. **Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ I** is available [here](#) until Friday, March 12, and **Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ II** is available [here](#) until Friday, April 9. Both concerts feature Organist and Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell, playing the Miller Scott Organ. [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 III-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.saintthomashurch.org/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 with removal PM 2.5 filter 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 Lenten Book Study. During the season of Lent, this 1:30 p.m. class on Fridays over Zoom will study Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book, Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven. The class 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 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 – 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

✠ CHORAL EVENSONGS

(NOTE: these services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

Tuesday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. – Commemoration of Gregory of Nyssa

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Wednesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. – Lenten Weekday

sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

✠ COMPLINE WITH REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Friday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

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

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: Fr. Moretz

(need to wear a mask; chairs will be placed at an appropriate distance)

Young Adult Group Compline:

Monday evenings (email YoungAdults@SaintThomasChurch.org for more information)

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, MARCH 14**

The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare)

(NOTE: these services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand)

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist

First Mass of The Rev. Sr. Marie Promise Atelon SSM

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: The Rev. Phil Jackson

Priest-in-Charge, Trinity Church, Wall Street

3 p.m. Festal Evensong

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Lenten Sermon Series – Dreams and Visions'

IV: Peter's Dream

Preacher: Fr. Bennett

ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Matthew Moretz, *Associate Rector
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