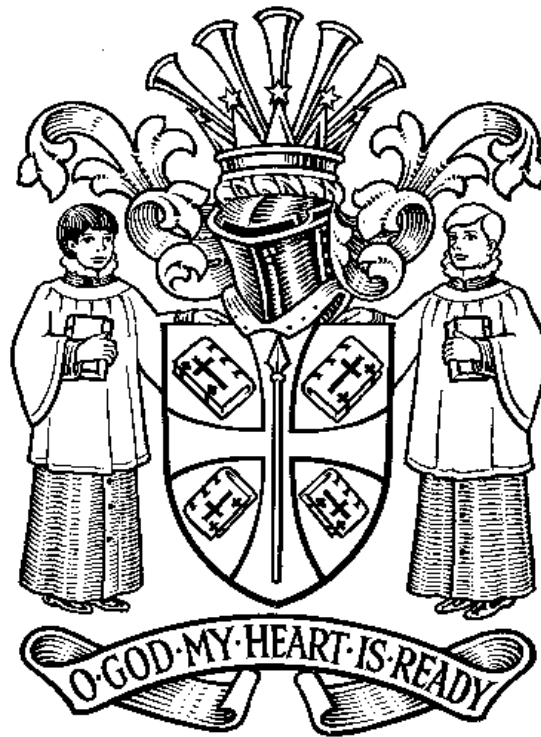


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**‘HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING!’**  
**A SERVICE FOR ADVENT**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021 AT 4 P.M.**  
**AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, AT 5:30 P.M.**  
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys



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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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**PRELUDE**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

*The People stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers.*

*As the People's candles are lit, the Choir sings*

**THE ADVENT PROSE**

Rorate Coeli

*Leo Nestor*  
(1948-2019)

**R**ORATE caeli desuper,  
et nubes pluant justum.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Ne irascaris Domine, ne ultra memineris  
iniquitatis: ecce civitas Sancti facta est deserta:  
Sion deserta facta est, Jerusalem desolata est:  
domus sanctificationis tuæ et gloriæ tuæ,  
ubi laudaverunt te patres nostri.

*Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember  
iniquity for ever: thy holy city is a wilderness,  
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:  
our holy and our beautiful house,  
where our fathers praised thee.*

Vide Domine afflictionem populi tui,  
et mitte quem missurus es: emitte Agnum  
dominatorem terræ,  
de Petra deserti ad montem filiæ Sion:  
ut auferat ipse jugum captivitatis nostræ.

*Behold, O Lord, the affliction of thy people,  
and send forth him whom thou wilt send;  
send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth, from  
Petra of the desert to the mount of the daughter of  
Sion: that he may take away the yoke of our captivity.*

Consolamini, consolamini, popule meus:  
cito veniet salus tua:  
quare mærore consumeris,  
quia innovavit te dolor?  
Salvabo te, noli timere, ego enim sum  
Dominus Deus tuus,  
Sanctus Israel, Redemptor tuus.

*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people;  
my salvation shall not tarry:  
why wilt thou waste away in sadness?  
Why hath sorrow seized thee?  
Fear not, for I will save thee:  
For I am the Lord thy God,  
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.*

*Isaiah 45:8, 64:9-11, 40:1*

**THE BIDDING**

*The Officiant says*

**D**EARLY Beloved, as we enter, eager and expectant, into this solemn season of Advent,  
looking forward to the birth of the Christ child, let us renew in ourselves that vision of God's  
perfect kingdom which is the end of all our strivings and the consummation of God's loving purposes  
for us.

In sorrow and penitence we confess our failures and shortcomings, and seek pardon for those sins  
which frustrate his redemptive purposes and hinder the advent of his reign of love.

So in prayer, praise, and song do we give voice to the hope set forth in the Scriptures, that his  
kingdom shall come; and as we prepare for that day to dawn upon us from on high, so we commend  
ourselves and the whole human family to his keeping.

May he guide us into the way of peace, give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of  
death, and kindle in us the fire of his love.

*People*    **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*The People sit.*

**READING**

Genesis 1:1-5  
*Let there be light*

**I**N the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

*The People stand.*

**HYMN**

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*The Choristers alone sing the first verse*



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Thy peo - ple's e - ver -  
2. Thou, grie - ving at the bit - ter cry Of all cre - a - tion  
3. Thou ca - mest, Bride - groom of the bride, As drew the world to  
4. At thy great name, ex - al - ted now, All knees must bend, all  
5. To thee, O ho - ly One, we pray, Our judge in that tre -



las - ting light, O Je - su, Sa - viour  
doomed to die, Didst come to save a  
eve - ning - tide, Pro - cee - ding from a  
hearts must bow, And things in heav'n and  
men - dous day, Pre - serve us, while we



of us all, Re - gard thy ser - vants when they call.  
ru - ined race With hea - ling gifts of heav'n - ly grace.  
vir - gin shrine, The Son of Man, yet Lord di - vine.  
earth shall own That thou art Lord and King a - lone.  
dwell be - low, From e - v'ry on - slaught of the foe.

6. All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And spirit blessed, for evermore.

**COLLECT**

*The Officiant says*

Let us pray.

**A**LMMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People sit.*

READING

Genesis 1:26-27  
*God creates humankind in his own image*

**T**HEN God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

*The Choir sings*

CAROL

Remember, O thou man

*Jeremy Filsell*  
 (b. 1964)

**R**EMEMBER, O thou man,  
 O thou man, O thou man,  
 Remember, O thou man,  
 Thy time is spent:  
 Remember, O thou man,  
 How thou can'st to me then,  
 And I did what I can,  
 Therefore repent.

The angels all did sing  
 O thou man, O thou man,  
 The angels all did sing  
 On Sion hill:  
 The angels all did sing  
 Praise to our heavenly King,  
 And peace to man living,  
 With right good will.

Remember God's goodness.  
 O thou man, O thou man,  
 Remember God's goodness.  
 And promise made:  
 Remember God's goodness.  
 How his only Son he sent,  
 Our sins for to redress:  
 Be not afraid.

In Beth'lem was he born,  
 O thou man, O thou man,  
 In Beth'lem was he born,  
 For mankind dear:  
 In Beth'lem was he born,  
 For us that were forlorn  
 And therefore took no scorn,  
 Our sins to bear.

READING

Genesis 3:1-7  
*The Fall*

**N**OW the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

CAROL

Adam lay ybounden

*Matthew Martin*  
 (b. 1976)

**A**DAM lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;  
 Four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,  
 As clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
 Ne had never our lady a been heavené queen.

Blessed be the time that apple taken was,  
 Therefore we moun singen, Deo gratias!

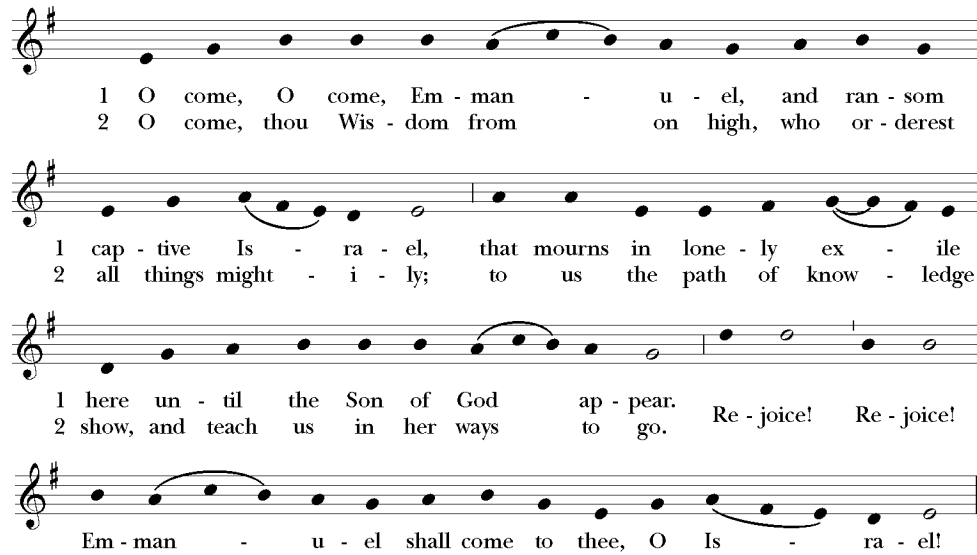
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*The People stand.*

**HYMN**

**VENI, VENI EMMANUEL**

*Choir and People*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The People sit.*

**READING**

Isaiah 45:2-8

*Show, O heavens from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness*

**I** WILL go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut asunder the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I gird you, though you do not know me, that men may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe, I am the LORD, who do all these things.

“Shower, O heavens, from above,  
and let the skies rain down righteousness;  
let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth,  
and let it cause righteousness to spring up also;  
I the LORD have created it.”

**MOTET**

O Sapientia

*Robert Ramsey  
(1594-1644)*

**O** SAPIENTIA quae ex ore altissimi prodisti attingens a fine usque ad finem fortiter suaviter disponensque omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentie. Amen

*O wisdom which comes from the mouth of the Most High, extending strongly from pole to pole, which orders all things fittingly, come and teach us the way of prudence. Amen.*

*The People stand.*

HYMN

*Verse three sung by upper voices alone. Verse four sung by lower voices alone. The refrain 'Rejoice...' is sung by all.*

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from

3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The People sit.*

READING

Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

*A light shines on those who dwell in darkness*

**T**HE people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

ANTHEM

This is the record of John

*Grayston Ives*  
(b. 1948)

**T**HIS is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, what art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, no. Then said they unto him, what art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.

*John 1:19-23*

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*The People stand.*

**HYMN**

*Verse five sung by lower voices alone. Verse six sung by upper voices alone. The refrain 'Rejoice...' is sung by all.*

5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us

5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of

5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The People sit.*

**READING**

Isaiah 7:10-15

*A young woman shall bear a Son and name him Emmanuel*

**A**GAIN the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'u-el. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

**ANTHEM**

There is no Rose

*John Joubert*  
(1927-2019)

**T**H**E**R**E** is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: *Alleluia*.  
For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space: *Resmiranda* (a wondrous thing).  
By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three: *Pares forma* (equal in form).  
Then leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyous birth: *Transeamus* (let us go).



*The People stand.*

## HYMN

7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## COLLECT

*The Officiant says*

Let us pray.

**M**ERCIFUL God, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People sit.*

## READING

Isaiah 60:1-5a

*The glory of the Lord will appear over you*

**A**RISE, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

*The People stand.*

**RESPONSORY**

*Asbley Grote*  
(b. 1982)

**I** LOOK from afar:  
*and lo, I see the power of God coming,*  
*and a cloud covering the whole earth.*

Go ye out to meet him and say:  
*Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?*

High and low, rich and poor, one with another,  
*Go ye out to meet him and say:*

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,  
*Tell us, art thou he that should come?*

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come  
*to reign over thy people Israel.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
*I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,*  
*and a cloud covering the whole earth.*

Go ye out to meet him and say:  
*Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?*

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 12:35-40  
*You also must be ready*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.  
*People* Glory be to thee O Lord.

**J**ESUS said to his disciples, "Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

*The People sit.*

**ANTHEM**

A Song of Wisdom

*Sir Charles Villiers Stanford*  
(1852-1924)

**I** CAME forth from the mouth of the most high, and covered the earth as a mist;  
I dwelt in high places, and my throne is in the pillar of the cloud.  
Alone I compassed the circuit of heaven, and walked in the depth of the abyss in the waves  
of the sea and in all the earth and in every people and nation, I got a possession;  
with all these I sought rest: And I took root in a people that was glorified,  
in the portion of the Lord's own inheritance.  
I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress on the mountains of Hermon:  
I was exalted like a palm tree on the sea shore, and as a fair olive tree in the plain.

And my branches are branches of glory and grace, and my flow'rs are the fruit of glory and riches.  
 Come unto me, ye that are desirous of me and be ye filled with my fruits.  
 And I came out as a stream from a river, I said I will water my garden,  
 And will water abundantly my garden bed,  
 And lo, my stream became a river and my river became the sea,  
 For my thoughts are filled from the sea and my counsels from the great deep.

*Ecclesiasticus 24:3-7, 12-14, 16-17, 19, 29-31*

*The People stand.*

HYMN

STUTTGART

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

COLLECT

*The Officiant says*

Let us pray.

**S**TIR up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*The People sit.*

READING

Romans 12:1-2, 13:11-14

*It is time to awake from sleep*

**I**APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**V**ENI Emmanuel, o veni adoremus.  
Puer natus est nobis. Alleluia.  
Hodie Christus natus est. Laetantur archangeli.  
Gaudete, Christus est natus. Alleluia.

Come Emmanuel, come for to worship.  
A child to be born to us. Alleluia.  
The day Christ will be born. The Archangels  
celebrate. Rejoice, let us worship. Alleluia.

*Isaiah 9:6, Luke 2:11*

*The People stand.*

## HYMN

MERTON

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol-omn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;  
4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

*The People remain standing for the final reading, collect, responsory, and blessing.*

## READING

Revelation 22:12-17, 20  
*Surely I am coming soon*

**B**EHOLD, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and every one who loves and practices falsehood. "I Jesus have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let him who hears say, "Come." And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

## COLLECT

*The Officiant says*

Let us pray.

**W**E beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

RESPONSORY

Gerre Hancock  
(1934-2012)

**P**REPARE ye the way of the Lord the desire of the nations shall come:  
*Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*  
 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
*The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.*  
 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.  
*The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

THE BLESSING

**C**HRIST 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 amongst you  
 and remain with you always. *Amen*

HYMN

HELMSLEY

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Le Monde dans l'attente du Saveur (*Symphonie-Passion* Op. 23)

Marcel Dupré  
(1886-1971)

**2021 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CONCERTS AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH**

**Tuesday, December 7, and Thursday, December 9**

7:30 p.m. – tickets required

Handel's *Messiah* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys  
soloists with New York Baroque Incorporated  
Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*



**Wednesday, December 15**

12 p.m.

**A Service of Lessons and Carols**

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys  
Music of *Dirksen, Edwards, Bairston, Hancock, Preston and Baker*



**Thursday, December 16**

5:30 p.m. – tickets required

**Christmas on Fifth Avenue**

Dancing Day - *Rutter* and works by *Britten, Litaize, Bairston, Stanford*  
The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir  
Parker Ramsay, *barp*  
Nicolas Haigh, *Miller-Scott Organ*  
Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*



**Saturday, December 18**

4 p.m.

**A Service of Lessons and Carols**

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys  
Music of *Dirksen, Edwards, Bairston, Hancock, Preston and Baker*



**Sunday, December 19, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

4 p.m.

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys  
Music of *Cohen, Ledger, Edwards, M. Martin, Hancock, Pott and Young*



**Tuesday, December 21**

5:30 p.m.

**The Blessing of the Crèche: *A service for children and their families***  
sung by the Noble Singers



**Friday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**

4 p.m.

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys  
Music of *Cohen, Ledger, Edwards, M. Martin, Hancock, Pott and Young*

10 p.m. (Doors open at 9:30 p.m.)

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR STRINGS**

10:30 p.m.

**THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY (MIDNIGHT MASS)**

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Brass  
Music of *Mozart, Hancock, Dirksen and Preston*  
Sermon by The Rector



**Saturday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY**

9 a.m.

**SAID EUCHARIST** at the High Altar

11 a.m.

**SOLEMN EUCHARIST**

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Filsell, Dirksen, Birston, and Ledger*

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

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