



# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the  
CITY OF NEW YORK



The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

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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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 5, 2023

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m.  
Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell  
Sung by The Noble Singers

The Ordinary of the Mass

New Plainsong

*David Hurd*  
(b. 1950)

*The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.*

Hymn (Omit v. 3)

LEONI

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;  
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be;  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

## The Penitential Order

*Celebrant*

Bless the Lord who for - gives all our sins.

*People*

His mer - cy en - dures for ev - er.

*The Celebrant may say a sentence of scripture. The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The People remain standing. Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
 through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e  
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e -  
le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 121

*Heinlein*

It is the Lord who watch-es o - ver you.

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth. *Refrain*

He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
Behold he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
the Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
so that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night. *Refrain*

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.  
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore. *Refrain*

## Gospel Acclamation

Bernadette Farrell

*The People stand. The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.*



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

*Cantor* You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;  
You are the Word who leads us into light;  
You are the Word who brings us through the desert:  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*All repeat the refrain*

## The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*People* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*At the end*

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Homily

Mo. Lee-Pae

*The People stand for the Nicene Creed and the Prayers.*

## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father:

*The leader begins the prayers*

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church,  
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world  
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow  
among nations and peoples,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;  
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;  
that they may be relieved and protected,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

In a moment of quiet, we offer our own intercessions to the Lord.

*After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant says*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and  
earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and  
strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### The Peace

*The Celebrant says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

### The Greetings

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

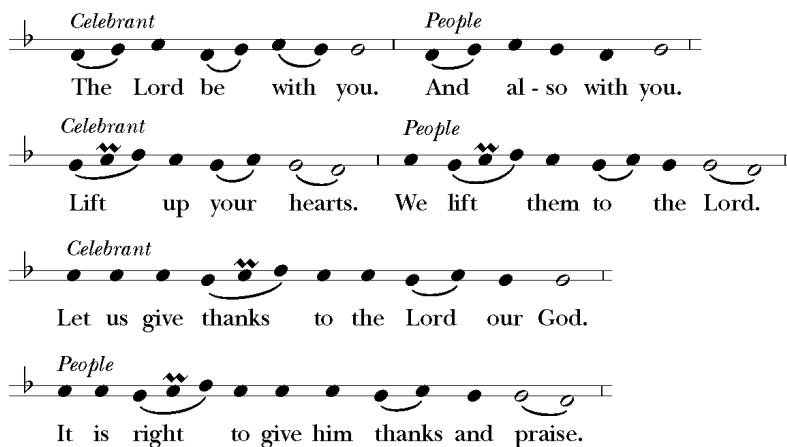
### Offertory Anthem

*Gwendolyn Emery-Owings*  
(b. 1948)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation.  
Lord, open my mouth, so I may sing Thy praises.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*



*Celebrant*                                  *People*  
The Lord be with you.      And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                                  *People*  
Lift up your hearts.      We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

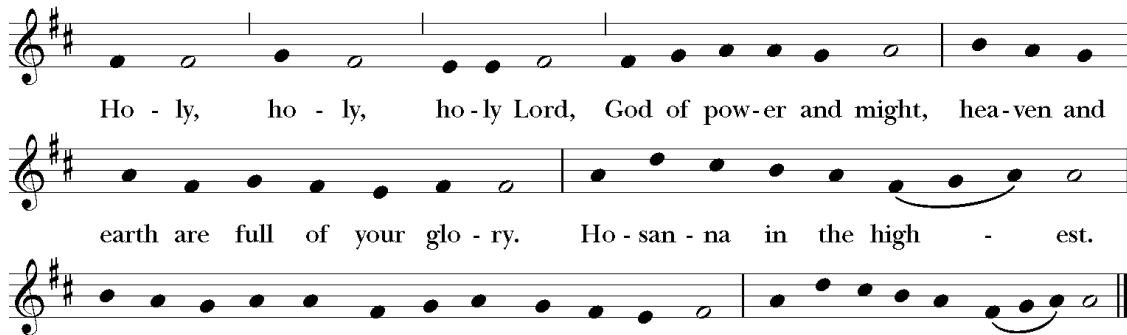
*The Celebrant sings the Preface*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere  
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.  
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves  
alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all  
the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus & Benedictus**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and,  
when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy,  
sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will,  
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,  
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,  
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and  
thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,  
the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may  
faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;  
and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*      **AMEN.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then is said*

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

*Celebrant and People*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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*The Celebrant says*

Behold the Lamb of God.  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*People*

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction is not permitted.*

*You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*

**Communion Hymn**

**BLESSED ASSURANCE**

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine: O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture burst on my sight;  
3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest—

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God; born of his Spi-rit, washed in his blood:  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love:  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love:

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

*This chant is repeated quietly.*

U - bi cá - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,  
Don - de hay a - mor y ca - ri - dad,

u - bi cá - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.  
don - de hay a - mor Dios a - llí es - tá.

*After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People stand. Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Blessing and Dismissal

*The Celebrant says*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Organ Voluntary

**Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.**



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:

*Lucy Chauncey, Mrs. And Mr. William Andrews Clark, and Margaret Crane Hurlbut*

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## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Today

#### 11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist\*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*  
Sermon by Fr. Gioia

#### 4 p.m. Solemn Evensong\*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*  
**Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”**

Sermon by The Rev. John Beddingfield,  
Rector, Church of the Holy Trinity, NYC

*Evensong will be followed by a piano recital by*  
Luis Lopez Ramos, Canary Islands

### Monday – Tuesday, Thursday – Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist\*

### Tuesday

5 p.m. Said Mass

### Wednesday

12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist\*

#### 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

Thursday – Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop

#### 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

### Friday

#### 8 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place between the 8 a.m. and Noon services on Friday mornings throughout Lent.*

#### 3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

*In the Resurrection Chapel*

### Saturday

11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel  
Confessor: Fr. Schultz

### Next Sunday: March 12, Third Sunday in Lent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

#### 9 a.m. Sung Mass

*sung by the Noble Singers*  
*especially suitable for Children and Families*  
*followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

#### 11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist\*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*  
Sermon by Fr. Moretz

#### 4 p.m. Solemn Evensong\*

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*  
**Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”**

Sermon by The Rev. Kate Malin,  
Rector, Christ's Church, Rye

*Evensong will be followed by an organ recital by*  
*Andrew Scanlon, Boston, MA*

### ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Matthew Moretz, *Vicar and Chief Operating Officer*

The Reverend Alison J. Turner, *Associate for Children & Family Ministry and School Chaplain*

The Reverend Mark Schultz, *Associate for Pastoral Care*

The Reverend Prisca Lee-Pae, *Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry*

The Reverend Dr. Luigi Gioia, *Theologian in Residence*

## PARISH NOTICES

**The Pilgrims' Course continues Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish House.** A hot meal is provided from 6:30 p.m. This annual educational and fellowship series explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes are open to all and particularly suited to those who wish to be baptized, confirmed, or become members. Each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. This week's topic will be "The History of the Church 1: From House Church to Established Religion." To discover more about topics, schedule, and to register, please visit: [www.saintthomaschurch.org/rector/the-pilgrims-course](http://www.saintthomaschurch.org/rector/the-pilgrims-course)

**Saint Thomas Church Tours** are available on Sundays after the 11 a.m. service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign.

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is open Sunday following the 11 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. New in stock: Fr. Luigi Gioia books, "Saint Benedict's Wisdom", "Say it to God: In Search of Prayer: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018", "Touched by God: The way to contemplative prayer"; and many books for Lent & Easter, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

**Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1 p.m.** Fr. Schultz leads a series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Join us as we continue our exploration of the Book of Signs (John 1:18 through chapter 12). For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at [MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Saint Thomas Choir School** is accepting applications from boys currently in grades 2-5 for admission to the 2023-2024 academic year. The school exists to nurture and educate the approximately 30 boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented boys come from Michigan to Texas, and Massachusetts to Virginia, and even Manhattan. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Ruth Cobb, [rcobb@choirschool.org](mailto:rcobb@choirschool.org).

**On Tuesday, March 7** at 7:30 p.m., *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents concert organist Olivier Latry for an evening of Wagner transcriptions, paired with Widor's *Symphony for Organ, No. 5*. Please [visit our website](#) for tickets and more information. Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make your donation with our team, call [212-664-9360](tel:212-664-9360) or email [concerts@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:concerts@saintthomaschurch.org).

**Children and Families:** Join us after the 9 a.m. Mass as we continue our LENTEN JOURNEY in the third floor Sunday School room. During that time the older children, (age 9+) are invited to meet with Fr. Schultz for a Bible study during Lent. **Sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of programs and activities for 2023: [Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org).

**The Noble Singers**, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, sings at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays during the program year. We welcome new singers at any time! No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer, contact [RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org).

For the first part of this year, we continue our **2023 Annual Appeal: Invitation, Community, Discipleship**. You can make a pledge via the QR code below to be taken to the website or email [giving@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:giving@saintthomaschurch.org). Every pledge makes a difference.



### STAFF

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