



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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EVE OF HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

FESTAL EVENSONG — 5:30 p.m.
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

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| Prelude | A short verse | <i>Thomas Tomkins</i> (1572-1656) |
| Introit | Praise our God, all you his servants | <i>David Hill</i> (b. 1957) |
| Versicles | | <i>William Byrd</i> (c. 1540-1623) |
| Psalm 66 | | Anglican Chant (<i>Ashfield</i>) |
| First Lesson | | 1 Kings 8:22-30 |
| Office Hymn | The Royal Banners | <i>Vexilla regis prodeunt</i> |
| Magnificat | The First Service | <i>Thomas Weelkes</i> (1576-1623) |
| Second Lesson | | Ephesians 2:11-22 |
| Nunc Dimittis | The First Service | <i>Thomas Weelkes</i> |
| Apostles' Creed | | |
| Responses | | <i>William Byrd</i> |
| The Collect of the Day | | |
| The Collect for Peace | | |
| The Collect for Aid Against All Perils | | |
| Anthem at the Offertory | Sing Joyfully | <i>John Mundy</i> (c. 1555-1630) |
| Prayers and Intercessions | | |
| Voluntary | A Verse of three parts | <i>Thomas Tomkins</i> |

Vexilla Regis prodeunt (NEH 79)

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1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go,
 2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
 3. Ful - fill'd is all that Da - vid told
 4. O Tree of beau - ty, Tree of light,
 5. On whose dear arms, so wide - ly flung,



The Cross shines forth in mys - tic glow,
 Life's tor - rent rush - ing from his side,
 In true pro - phe - tic song of old,
 O Tree with roy - al pur - ple dight,
 The weight of this world's ran - som hung,



Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
 To wash us in that pre - cious flood,
 The un - i - ver - sal Lord is he,
 E - lect on whose tri - um - phal breast
 The price of hu - man - kind to pay



Our sent - tence bore, our ran - som paid. (7.) A - men.
 Where min - gled wa - ter flow'd, and blood.
 Who reigns and tri - umphs from the tree.
 Those ho - ly limbs should find their rest!
 And spoil the spoil - er of his prey.

6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
 So may thy pow'r with us prevail
 To give new virtue to the saint,
 And pardon to the penitent.

7. To thee, eternal Three in One,
 Let homage meet by all be done:
 Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore,
 Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.