

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 AT 4 P.M.
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)

FESTAL EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

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

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen
from Elf Choralvorspiele, Op. 122.viii

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

INTROIT

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

PREPARE ye the way of the Lord: 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.

Isaiah 40:3-5

At the entry of the Choir and Ministers, the People stand.

HYMN

VENI EMMANUEL



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
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
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



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
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
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
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



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



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

Please remain standing as the Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

℣. O Lord, open thou our lips.

℟. *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

℣. 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.*

℣. Praise ye the Lord.

℟. *The Lord's Name be praised.*

WELCOME

The People sit.

PSALM 12

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Wilton*)

SALVUM ME FAC

HELP me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left :
for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.
They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour :
they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.
The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips : and the tongue that speaketh proud things;
Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail :
we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us?
Now for the comfortless trouble's sake of the needy : and because of the deep sighing of the poor,
I will up, saith the Lord : and will help every one from him that swelleth against him,
and will set him at rest.
The words of the Lord are pure words : even as the silver, which from the earth is tried,
and purified seven times in the fire.
Thou shalt keep them, O Lord : thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.
The ungodly walk on every side : when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.
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.

PSALM 14

DIXIT INSIPIENS

Anglican Chant (*Stanford*)

THE fool hath said in his heart : There is no God.
They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings :
there is none that doeth good, no not one.
The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men :
to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.
But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable :
there is none that doeth good, no not one.
Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceived :
the poison of asps is under their lips.
Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness :
their feet are swift to shed blood.
Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known :
there is no fear of God before their eyes.
Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief :
eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?
There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was :

for God is in the generation of the righteous.
 As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor :
 because he putteth his trust in the Lord.
 Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion? When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people :
 then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.
 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.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:8-30

The People stand for the Office Hymn and the Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

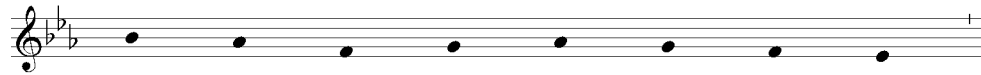
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



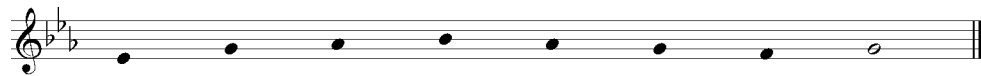
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
 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 People sit.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 13:13-41

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

*Sung by the Choir**Sir Charles Villiers Stanford*

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.
 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Sung by the Choir

℣. The Lord be with you.
 ℞. *And with thy spirit.*

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

℞. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

℟. *And grant us thy salvation.*

℣. O Lord, save the State.

℟. *And mercifully bear us when we call upon thee.*

℣. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

℟. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

℣. O Lord, save thy people.

℟. *And bless thine inheritance.*

℣. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

℟. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

℣. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

℟. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

STIR 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 SECOND COLLECT, FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

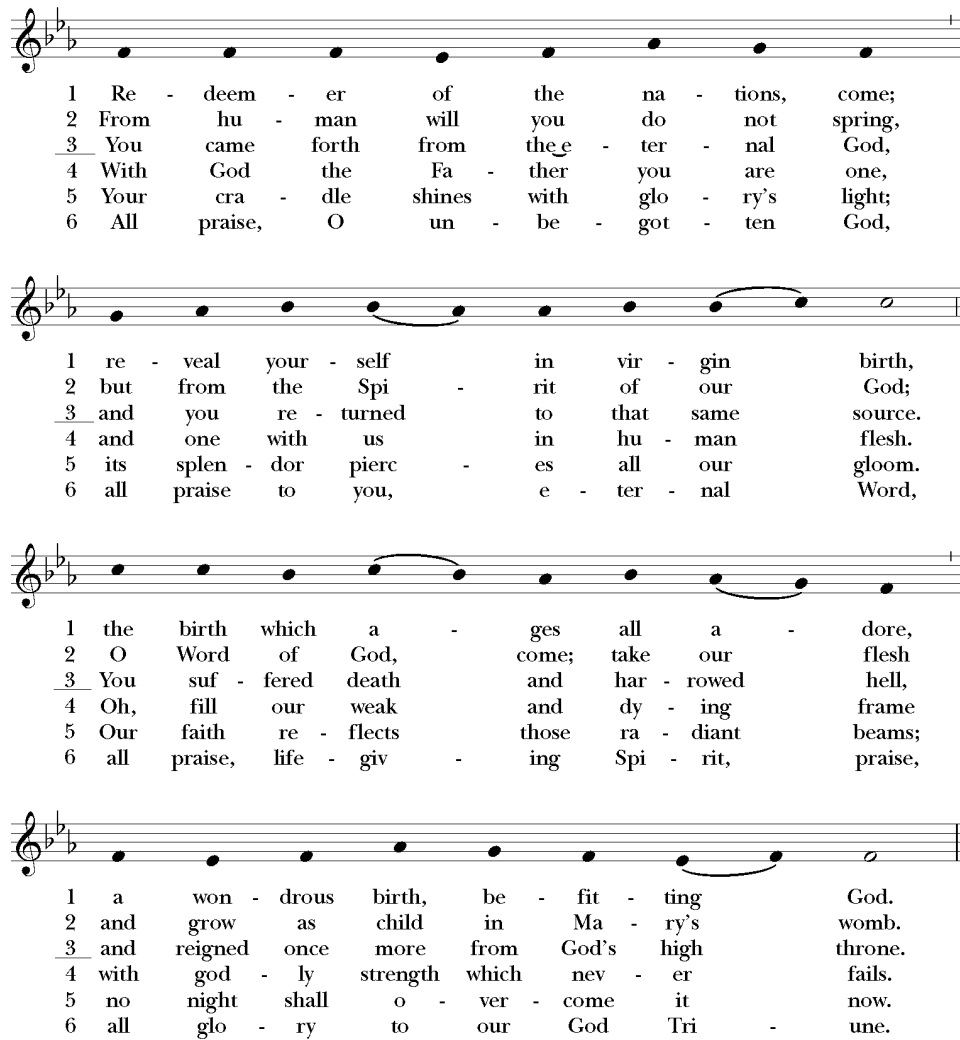
THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The People stand for the Hymn.

HYMN

VENI REDEMPTOR GENTIUM



1 Re - deem - er of the na - tions, come;
 2 From hu - man will you do not spring,
 3 You came forth from the e - ter - nal God,
 4 With God the Fa - ther you are one,
 5 Your cra - dle shines with glo - ry's light;
 6 All praise, O un - be - got - ten God,

1 re - veal your - self in vir - gin birth,
 2 but from the Spi - rit of our God;
 3 and you re - turned to that same source.
 4 and one with us in hu - man flesh.
 5 its splen - dor pierc - es all our gloom.
 6 all praise to you, e - ter - nal Word,

1 the birth which a - ges all a - dore,
 2 O Word of God, come; take our flesh,
 3 You suf - fered death and har - rowed hell,
 4 Oh, fill our weak and dy - ing frame
 5 Our faith re - flects those ra - diant beams;
 6 all praise, life - giv - ing Spi - rit, praise,

1 a won - drous birth, be - fit - ting God.
 2 and grow as child in Ma - ry's womb.
 3 and reigned once more from God's high throne.
 4 with god - ly strength which nev - er fails.
 5 no night shall o - ver - come it now.
 6 all glo - ry to our God Tri - une.

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SERMON

The Rev. Luigi Gioia
Associate for Adult Education and Formation

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Judith Bingham
 (b. 1952)

BENEATH these alien stars
 In darkness I have stood alone,
 Barriers more than mountains
 Between me and my home

The Desert Wind has waved my hair,
 And desert sands have etched my face,
 And the courage of the mountains
 Has bound me to this place

And something of its peace I've won,
 Triumphant now the day is done,
 Oh, I have stood with only God
 Between me and the sun.

Vesta Pierce Cranford (1844-1955)

THE BLESSING

CHRISt 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.**

THE ADVENT PROSE

The People join in singing the antiphon after each verse.

Antiphon



BE not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee. *Antiphon*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away:
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *Antiphon*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen:
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *Antiphon*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud
thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *Antiphon*

VOLUNTARY

Ode

Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)

*Immediately following this service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series
featuring organist, **Maks Adach**, Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist*



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Mrs. Robert L. Dodge, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Dr. Lewis Rutherford Morris, and Harold V. Smith

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday
12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

6:15 p.m. Said Mass

Wednesday

12 p.m. A Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

6:15 p.m. Said Mass

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Christmas on Fifth Avenue
The Boy Choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir

Friday

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: Father Schultz

4 p.m. The Blessing of the Crèche*
sung by The Noble Singers

Next Sunday: December 18, The Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass
especially suitable for Children and Families
followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

PARISH NOTICES

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. Tours generally last an hour and 15 minutes. 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 following the 11 am Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street where you will find a wide selection of books for Advent & Christmas, Advent Calendars, Christmas cards, Choir Boy Ornaments, and CDs.

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.

Angel Tree 2022: It's time for the Saint Thomas community to open our hearts to the children of Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in the Bronx and to children staying with their mothers in a temporary shelter for survivors of domestic abuse. To make a monetary donation to this initiative, which is so vital to these children and their families, or for more details, visit our website or contact Linda Morfi: lmorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families: Join us throughout **Advent** as we gather to learn more about this special season of waiting and preparing for Jesus. **Sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of Advent and Christmas outreach, services and activities, including our Blessing of The Creche service, December 17 at 4 p.m. 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 for the Fall Term, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

We have launched 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. Every pledge makes a difference.



2022 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CONCERTS
AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE



Wednesday, December 14

12 p.m.

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*



Thursday, December 15

5:30 p.m. – tickets required

Christmas on Fifth Avenue

Music of *Britten, Bingham, Head, Hendrie, Ridout, Rutter, and Wills*

The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Bridget Kibbey, *harp*

Nicolas Haigh, *Miller-Scott Organ*

Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*



Saturday, December 17

4 p.m.

The Blessing of the Crèche: *A service for children and their families*

sung by The Noble Singers



Sunday, December 18, 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, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Wills, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*



Tuesday, December 20

5:30 p.m.

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*



Saturday, 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, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Wills, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*

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

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR ORGAN AND BRASS

10:30 p.m.

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY (MIDNIGHT MASS)

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Brass

Music of *Lassus, Young, Wills, Bradley, and Filsell*

Sermon by The Rector



Sunday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

9 a.m.

SAID EUCHARIST at the High Altar

11 a.m.

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Young, Cohen, and Bradley*

Sermon by Fr. Moretz