

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 AT 4 P.M.
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Elegy

Arthur Wills
(1926-2020)

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

Harold Rhodes
(1889-1956)

YE men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? Alleluia.
In like manner as ye have seen him going up into Heaven: so shall he come again. Alleluia.

Acts 1:11

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Matthew Martin
(b. 1976)

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

PSALM 105

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Stainer, Filsell*)

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name :
tell the people what things he hath done.

O let your songs be of him, and praise him : and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

Rejoice in his holy Name : let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and his strength : seek his face evermore.

Remember the marvellous works that he hath done :

his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth,

O ye seed of Abraham his servant : ye children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God : his judgements are in all the world.

He hath been always mindful of his covenant and promise :

that he made to a thousand generations;

Even the covenant that he made with Abraham: and the oath that he sware unto Isaac;

And appointed the same unto Jacob for a law : and to Israel for an everlasting testament;

Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan : the lot of your inheritance;

When there were yet but a few of them : and they strangers in the land;

What time as they went from one nation to another : from one kingdom to another people;

He suffered no man to do them wrong : but reprov'd even kings for their sakes;

Touch not mine Anointed : and do my prophets no harm.

Moreover, he called for a dearth upon the land : and destroyed all the provision of bread.

But he had sent a man before them : even Joseph, who was sold to be a bond-servant;

Whose feet they hurt in the stocks : the iron entered into his soul;

Until the time came that his cause was known: the word of the Lord tried him.
 The king sent, and delivered him : the prince of the people let him go free.
 He made him lord also of his house : and ruler of all his substance;
 That he might inform his princes after his will : and teach his senators wisdom.
 Israel also came into Egypt : and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.
 And he increased his people exceedingly : and made them stronger than their enemies;
 Whose heart turned, so that they hated his people : and dealt untruly with his servants.
 Then sent he Moses his servant : and Aaron whom he had chosen.
 And these shewed his tokens among them : and wonders in the land of Ham.
 He sent darkness, and it was dark : and they were not obedient unto his word.
 He turned their waters into blood : and slew their fish.
 Their land brought forth frogs : yea, even in their kings' chambers.
 He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies : and lice in all their quarters.
 He gave them hail-stones for rain : and flames of fire in their land.
 He smote their vines also and fig-trees : and destroyed the trees that were in their coasts.
 He spake the word, and the grasshoppers came, and caterpillars innumerable :
 and did eat up all the grass in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.
 He smote all the first-born in their land : even the chief of all their strength.
 He brought them forth also with silver and gold :
 there was not one feeble person among their tribes.
 Egypt was glad at their departing : for they were afraid of them.
 He spread out a cloud to be a covering : and fire to give light in the night-season.
 At their desire he brought quails : and he filled them with the bread of heaven.
 He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out : so that rivers ran in the dry places.
 For why? he remembered his holy promise : and Abraham his servant.
 And he brought forth his people with joy : and his chosen with gladness;
 And gave them the lands of the heathen : and they took the labours of the people in possession;
 That they might keep his statutes : and observe his laws.
 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

2 Samuel 43:1-5

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

AETERNE REX ALTISSIME

Verse 2 will be sung by upper voices, and Verse 3 by lower voices.

1 O Lord Most High, e - ter - nal King,
 2 A - scend - ing to the Fa - ther's throne
 3 Be thou our joy, O Might - y Lord,
 4 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord,
 by thee re - deemed thy praise we sing.
 thou claim'st the king - dom as thine own;
 as thou wilt be our great re - ward;
 all praise to thee let earth ac - cord,

The bonds of death are burst by thee,
 and an - gels won - der when they see
 let all our glo - ry be in thee
 who art, while end - less a - ges run,
 and grace has won the vic - to - ry.
 how changed is our hu - man - i - ty.
 both now and through e - ter - ni - ty.
 with Fa - ther and with Spi - rit, One.

MAGNIFICAT

Service in B Minor

Hugh Blair
 (1864-1932)

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

Ephesians 1:15-23

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Service in B Minor

Hugh Blair

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.

THE 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 catholic 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 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. 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

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, 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 sit.

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

*Gerald Finzi
(1901-1956)*

GOD is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:
Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

Edward Taylor (c. 1646-1729)

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Moretz
Vicar



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
 2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -



joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -



gain I say, re - joice!

THE EASTER BLESSING

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
 make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
 working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
 and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PSALM 150

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Talbot*)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

O PRAISE God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.
 Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.
 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.
 Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.
 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.
 Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.
 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.

VOLUNTARY

Psalm Preludes II

Buck McDaniel

Sing unto the Lord a new song : sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.'

(b. 1994)

*Immediately following this service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series
 featuring an organ recital with Seung Hee Cho, New Brunswick, NJ*



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
*Thomas Albert Bain, Charles Valentine Faile, Sarah Crane Faile, Margaret Crane Hurlbut,
Ida May Ives, and The Rev. Leslie John Alden Lang*

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Wednesday – Jackson Kemper

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday – The Venerable Bede

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Friday

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Chantry Chapel

Saturday

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

Confessor: The Rector

Next Sunday: May 28, The Day of Pentecost

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. Procession and Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rt. Rev. Andrew M. L. Dietsche

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Solemn Te deum*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rev. Landon Moore, Vicar for
Vocation, Diocese of Long Island

Evensong will be followed by an organ recital featuring

Margaret Helene Harper, Dallas, TX

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. 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 Sundays 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 53rd Street. New in stock: “Mary Magdalene: A Visual History”, by Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Coronation Bible from the King's Printer, Limited Edition, and many more books, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

The Theology Program at Saint Thomas Church offers sound Christian teaching presented with intellectual vigor; teaching that is grounded in Holy Scripture, mediated by the catholic tradition that is the inheritance of Anglicanism, and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. **Sundays at 10 a.m.** on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House and via Zoom. The talks are given by our Theologian in Residence, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia. For information, please register with Fr. Gioia: lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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.

Children and Families: Sunday School and Nursery meet in the Sunday School room after the 9 a.m. service. To learn more or get your children involved, **sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of programs and activities: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our children’s 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 necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. We are on hiatus until the fall. For more information, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

We are pleased to announce that the **Saint Thomas Girl Chorister Course** will return to Saint Thomas Church and Choir School **July 22-30, 2023**. This year’s Guest Director, Jared Johnson of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia, SC, will lead the choristers in 5 services throughout the week and we will premiere a new piece specially commissioned for the course from our Composer-in-Residence Jessica French.

The Course is an intensive choral experience for girl choristers ages 12-18 at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York City. Throughout the course, choristers and staff live at Saint Thomas Choir School and take part in choral rehearsals and services, music history and theory classes, private vocal coaching, and outings to various sites around the city.

If you would like to provide scholarship support for a girl to attend the course this summer, please visit <https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/Give/one-time-donation> and select "Girls Chorister Course" from the drop-down menu. Please contact Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell at rkellerman@saintthomaschurch.org with questions or for more information regarding the Course.

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.

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. Every pledge makes a difference.



Saint Thomas Choir School

in the heart of New York City



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Do you know a boy who loves to sing?

Saint Thomas Choir School nurtures and educates the treble choristers of the renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Boys in grades 3–8 from across the country sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school during the academic year, thriving in a community that shares a passion for music. Singing in a professional choir, the boys grow into young men with poise, presence, and a deep sense of serving the community. Graduates of the choir school are prepared for a rewarding journey through adolescence and beyond, regardless of their professional goals. To learn more, visit www.choirschool.org or contact Ruth Cobb at admissions@choirschool.org or 212.247.3311, ext. 541.

Give him the opportunity of a lifetime.

