

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023 AT 4 P.M.
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EVENSONG
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

Cantilène (Symphonie No. 3, op. 28)

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

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

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)

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.*

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 142

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Stainer)

VOCE MEA AD DOMINUM

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice :
yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.
I poured out my complaints before him : and shewed him of my trouble.
When my spirit was in heaviness thou knewest my path :
in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.
I looked also upon my right hand : and saw there was no man that would know me.
I had no place to flee unto : and no man cared for my soul.
I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said : Thou art my hope, and my portion
in the land of the living.
Consider my complaint : for I am brought very low.
O deliver me from my persecutors : for they are too strong for me.
Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name :
which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.
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 143

Anglican Chant (Bayley)

DOMINE EXAUDI

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire :
 hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.
 And enter not into judgement with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground :
 he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.
 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me : and my heart within me is desolate.
 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works :
 yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.
 I stretch forth my hands unto thee : my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.
 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint :
 hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust :
 shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.
 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto thee to hide me.
 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God :
 let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.
 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake :
 and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
 And of thy goodness slay mine enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul;
 for I am thy servant.
 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

Ecclesiastes 11, 12

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

THE EIGHTH TUNE

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lamps arc lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, #25 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*. Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585).



MAGNIFICAT 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

2 Timothy 2:1-7

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS 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

V. The Lord be with you.

R. *And with thy spirit.*

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

R. *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.*

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. *And bless thine inheritance.*

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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

Matthew Martin
(b. 1976)

OBE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise :
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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 100

SERMON

The Rev. Mark Schultz
Associate for Pastoral Care



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The People stand.



HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

SIROË



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor
 2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -
 3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat - ing voice that calls thee from on
 4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and
 vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and
 high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to
 on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
 on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.
 thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.
 an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, #546 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751).
 Music: Siroë, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. *Melodia Sacra*, 1815.

THE BLESSING

The Rector says

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst 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

Prelude on 'THE OLD 100TH'

Iain Farrington
(b. 1977)

5:30 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for the
 Sunday Recital Series featuring Balint Karosi, New York, NY



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

*Robert Erskine Douglas, William Harris Douglas, Margaret Crane Hurlbut,
Natalie Ives Metcalf, and Clarissa Martin Metzger*

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday - Eve of All Saints'

5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Wednesday - All Saints' Day

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday - All Souls' Day

5:30 p.m. Solemn Requiem Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday

11-11:30 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel

Confessor: Fr. Schultz

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. The Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue

Next Sunday: November 5, All Saints' Sunday

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

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 The Very Rev. David Hoyle,

Dean of Westminster

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Benediction*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

5:30 p.m. Organ Recital

Alistair Reid, New York, NY



PARISH NOTICES

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am 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.

Our Parish **Bookstore and Gift Shop** is temporarily closed as it is being relocated to part of the Narthex. We are excited about making this resource and ministry more available to those who visit our church throughout the week. And we are grateful for Jean Savage and all those who are making this transition possible through their leadership and support. If you have any questions, please reach out to giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program is at the service of those who seek a deeper understanding of faith and want to nourish their worship and their prayer. The teaching is firmly rooted in Scripture, Christian tradition, and spirituality. The lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. The classes are held on Sundays at 10am on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House and streamed online. Additionally, recordings and handouts are made available for those who cannot attend the live sessions. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia at lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School resumes today at 10am on the third floor of the Parish House. The Nursery is open during services for the sole use of babies and young children with their parents/ caregivers. Services are streamed into the Nursery throughout the day. Save the date: 10 am ALL SAINTS FAMILY FEAST on SUNDAY, November 5 in the Dining Room. Children and families are invited to come dressed as their favorite saint and to share a little about their life at this Annual Family Feast. For more information about this celebration and future programs or to sign up for our weekly newsletter please contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1pm. 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.

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Nora Thomson: nthomson@choirschool.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, has resumed weekly rehearsals and singing at the 9am Mass. 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.

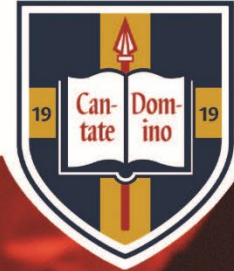
Preschool Music Circle: Children ages 2-5 and their caregivers are welcome to join us in the Sunday School Room on Saturdays this Fall from 10-11am for our new musical offering for preschool children. Mrs. Kellerman-Filsell will lead children and caregivers in 30 mins of age-appropriate musical activities exploring rhythm, singing, and movement followed by a light snack and some play-time in the Sunday School Room and Nursery. Join us for this new class! Caregivers are strongly encouraged to attend and participate with their child(ren). For more information, and to register your child, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

You are invited to an **All Parish Meeting** which will be held in the church on Thursday, November 16 from 7-8:30pm. This meeting will include presentations on the life of the parish from our Rector, members of clergy, and staff leadership. There will also be presentations on the current financial status of our parish from our Chief Financial Officer, Jenny Herrera, our auditors, PKR O'Connor Davies, and our investment committee. This in-person meeting will also be live-streamed and remote participants will also be able to participate in the question and answer time via this email address: questions@saintthomaschurch.org. This meeting will be preceded by a service of Choral Evensong, a Said Mass, and a short reception in the Narthex.



A Small School in a Great City

SAINT THOMAS
CHOIR SCHOOL



Saint Thomas Choir School educates the treble choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. The boys are nurtured and educated in grades three through eight and live together in the heart of Manhattan at the only boarding choir school in the U.S.

Life at the Choir School extends far beyond the choir stalls and classroom—boys enjoy animated conversations at the dinner table with resident faculty, quiet stories read before bed, outings to shows, and Central Park as their backyard. These formative experiences inspire many graduates to recall their time at the Choir School as the “privilege of a lifetime.”

The Choir School invites you to visit and learn more about this distinctive educational opportunity. Tuition is modest and generous scholarships are available.

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