

**SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE**  
in the  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**



One West Fifty-third Street  
New York, New York 10019  
Telephone: 212-757-7013  
[www.SaintThomasChurch.org](http://www.SaintThomasChurch.org)  
The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 AT 4 P.M.**  
**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**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.

Contact us: [welcome@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:welcome@saintthomaschurch.org)

*Recording and Photography during the service is not permitted.*

#### **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*

#### **STAFF**

Dr. Jeremy Filsell, *Organist and Director of Music*

Nicolas Haigh, *Associate Organist*

Maks Adach, *Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist*

Bruce Smith, *Chief Advancement Officer*

Adam MacDonald, *Director of Development*

Blake Martin, *Director of Communications and Digital Production*

Lizette Hernandez, *Executive Assistant to the Rector*

David Bryan, *Head Verger*

#### **SAINT THOMAS CHOIR SCHOOL**

Christopher Seeley, *Head of School*

202 West 58th Street, New York, NY 10019

Telephone: 212-247-3311

[www.ChoirSchool.org](http://www.ChoirSchool.org)

[admissions@choirschool.org](mailto:admissions@choirschool.org)

#### **HONORARY CLERGY**

The Reverend Andrew C. Mead, OBE, DD, *Rector Emeritus*

The Right Reverend Andrew R. St. John, DD, *Bishop in Residence*

The Reverend Mark Brown, *Honorary Assistant*

The Reverend Gina Gore, *Honorary Assistant*

The Reverend Canon Anne Mallonee, *Honorary Assistant*

The Reverend David F. Mc Neeley, *Honorary Assistant*

The Reverend Thomas F. Pike, *Honorary Assistant*

The Reverend Stephen Morris, *Honorary Assistant*

#### **THE LAY MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY**

Lloyd G. Stanford, *Warden*

Karen Duncan

Christopher M. Haley, *Clerk*

Darren Littlejohn

Winnie Kung

Gregory Zaffiro, *Warden*

Samyel Lee

John G. Oghia

Benita Potters

Inge Reist

Karl C. Saunders, *Treasurer*

You may contact the Wardens using this address: [Wardens@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:Wardens@SaintThomasChurch.org).

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PRELUDE

Meditation on John Keble's Rogationtide Hymn

*John Ireland*  
(1879-1962)

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

## INTROIT

*David Hill*  
(b. 1957)

**P**RAISE our God, all you his servants.  
You who fear him, both small and great.  
Jesus Christ came and preached to us.  
Peace to you who were far off, and peace to those who were near.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.  
And he shall reign for ever and ever. Alleluia.

*Revelation 19:5; Mark 1:15; Ephesians 2:17; Revelation 11:15*

## VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

*Arthur Li*  
(b. 2011)

*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 89:20-51

*Sung by the Choir*

Anglican Chant (*Day, Battisbill*)

#### MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

**T**HOU spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst :  
I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.  
I have found David my servant : with my holy oil have I anointed him.  
My hand shall hold him fast : and my arm shall strengthen him.  
The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.  
I will smite down his foes before his face : and plague them that hate him.  
My truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.  
I will set his dominion also in the sea : and his right hand in the floods.  
He shall call me, Thou art my Father : my God, and my strong salvation.  
And I will make him my first-born : higher than the kings of the earth.  
My mercy will I keep for him for evermore : and my covenant shall stand fast with him.  
His seed also will I make to endure for ever : and his throne as the days of heaven.  
But if his children forsake my law : and walk not in my judgements;  
If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments :  
I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges.  
Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him : nor suffer my truth to fail.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips :  
 I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail David.  
 His seed shall endure for ever : and his seat is like as the sun before me.  
 He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon : and as the faithful witness in heaven.  
 But thou hast abhorred and forsaken thine Anointed : and art displeased at him.  
 Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant: and cast his crown to the ground.  
 Thou hast overthrown all his hedges : and broken down his strong holds.  
 All they that go by spoil him : and he is become a reproach to his neighbours.  
 Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies : and made all his adversaries to rejoice.  
 Thou hast taken away the edge of his sword : and givest him not victory in the battle.  
 Thou hast put out his glory : and cast his throne down to the ground.  
 The days of his youth hast thou shortened : and covered him with dishonour.  
 Lord, how long wilt thou hide thyself, for ever: and shall thy wrath burn like fire?  
 O remember how short my time is : wherefore hast thou made all men for nought?  
 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death :  
 and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell?  
 Lord, where are thy old loving-kindnesses : which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?  
 Remember, Lord, the rebuke that thy servants have :  
 and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people;  
 Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee, and slandered the footsteps of thine Anointed :  
 Praised be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.  
 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

Ezekiel 20:1-8, 33-44

*The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.*

OFFICE HYMN

LUCIS CREATOR OPTIME

1 O blest Cre - a - tor, source of light,  
 2 You joined the morn and eve - ning ray;  
 3 Lest we, be set by doubt and strife,  
 4 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, help us rise  
 5 De - fend us, Fa - ther, through the night,  
 you gave the day with splen - dor bright,  
 you found it good and called it 'day.'  
 for - get your bless - ed gift of life,  
 and strive to gain the heaven - ly prize;  
 and with your Son, and Spi - rit bright-  
 when on the new and liv - ing earth  
 But now the threat - ening dark - ness nears,  
 and an - guished and in mind dis - tressed,  
 for you a - lone can make us strong  
 the Tri - ni - ty whom we a - dore-  
 you brought all things to glo - rious birth.  
 we pray you, Fa - ther, calm our fears.  
 be crushed by guilt, by sin op - pressed.  
 to turn from sin and cease from wrong.  
 be with us now and ev - er - more. A - men.

**M**Y 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 20:17-38

*The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells

**L**ORD, 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, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for 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**

**L**IGHTEN 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*

*Sir Edward Elgar*  
(1857-1934)

**G**REAT is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God,  
in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,  
is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.  
God hath made himself known in her palaces for a refuge.

For lo! the kings assembled themselves, they passed by together; they saw,  
then were they amazed; they were dismayed, they hasted away;  
trembling took hold of them there, pain as of a woman in travail,  
as with the east wind that breaketh the ships of Tarshish.  
As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,  
in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

We have thought on thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple:  
as is thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth;  
thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion be glad, because of thy judgements, let the daughters of Judah rejoice;  
walk about Zion and go round about her, tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks,  
consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following.  
For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death. Amen.

*Psalm 48*


**SERMON**

The Rev. Mark D. Schultz  
*Associate for Pastoral Care*

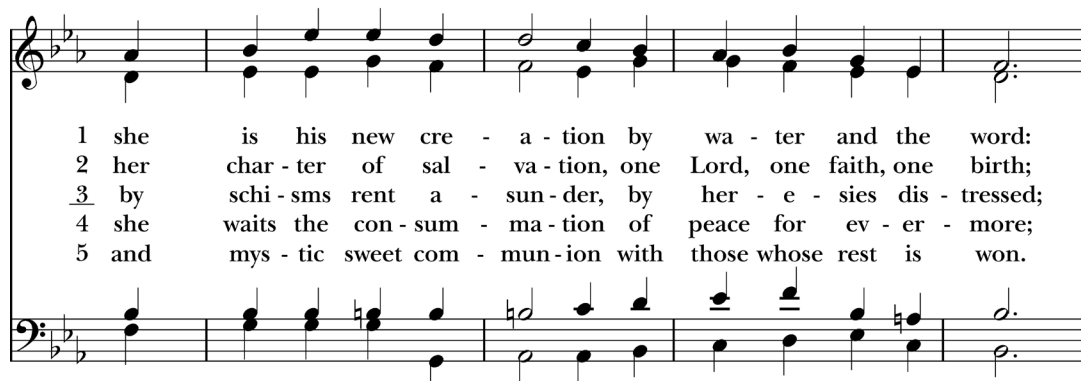
*The People stand.*



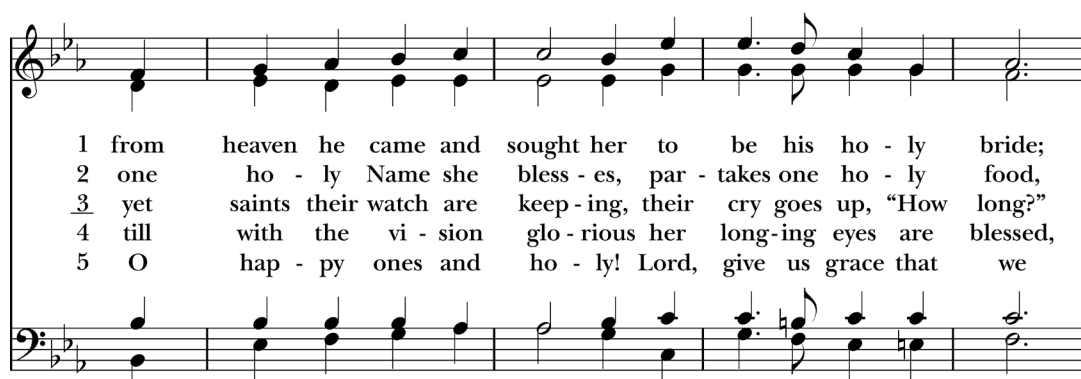
*Please scan the QR code above to make an Offertory gift online.*



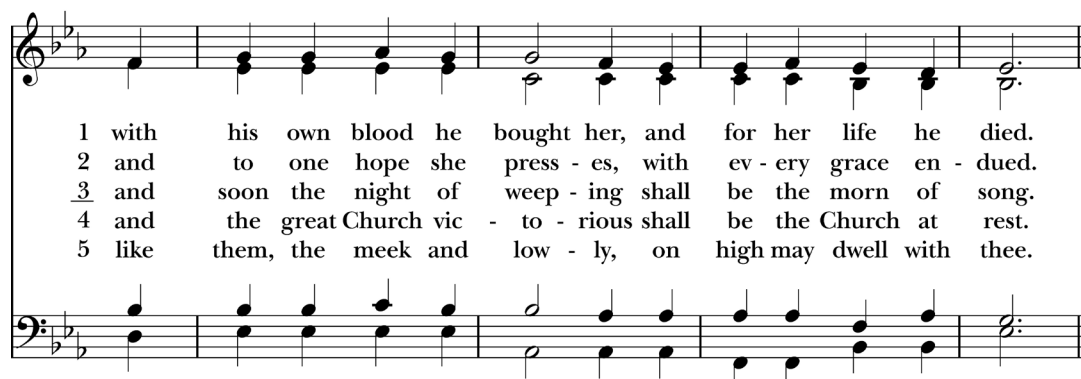
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).



## THE BLESSING

*The Officiant says*

**T**HE 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

*Imperial March, Op. 32*

*Sir Edward Elgar, arr. Martin*

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay  
for the Sunday Recital Series featuring organist Ben Comeau.*



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:  
*Peter Lever A. Aideyan, Florence D. Hafer, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Kathleen J. Williams*

---

## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Monday - Saturday

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

### Tuesday – Theodore of Tarsus

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

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

### Wednesday – John Coleridge Patteson

**5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong\***

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

### Thursday – Saint Matthew

**5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist\***

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

### 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: Mo. Turner*

**Next Sunday: September 24, The Seventeenth  
Sunday after Pentecost**

**7:45 a.m. Said Mass**

**9 a.m. Sung Mass**

*followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

**11 a.m. Choral Mattins and Festal Eucharist\***

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

**4 p.m. Festal Evensong\***

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*  
Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

*Evensong will be followed by an organ recital featuring  
Nicolas Haigh, Associate Organist*

# PARISH NOTICES

**Saint Thomas Church Tours** are available on Sundays after the 11 am 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 we prepare for our Bicentennial celebrations. The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be relocated to part of the Narthex nearest the Chantry Chapel. 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](mailto: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 who are committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. The classes are held on Sundays at 10 AM on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. Additionally, recordings and handouts are made available for those who cannot attend the live sessions. For the registration and the Program of Talks 2023-24 you can write to Fr. Luigi Gioia at [lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Children and Families:** Welcome to the new Fall term! Sunday School and nursery resume this week. Look out for our new postcard advertising events for the Fall. To learn more or get your children involved, sign up for our newsletter, with details of programs and activities for 2023/24: [Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 10:00 am - 11:00 am 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](mailto:RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org).

# BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND



STC  
200

God's Love in the  
Heart of New York

## Celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint Thomas Church October 12 - 15, 2023

### Thursday, October 12

3:00 p.m. Opening of the Bicentennial Exhibition

5:30 p.m. Bicentennial Orchestral Eucharist to commemorate the first service in 1823  
Preacher: The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop of New York,  
followed by a Champagne Reception

### Friday, October 13

7:30 p.m. Saint Thomas at 200 : A Musical Legacy  
Concert with the Choir of Men and Boys with Saint Thomas Brass  
(Free Admission)

### Saturday, October 14

6:00 p.m. Bicentennial Black-tie Gala Fundraiser at the University Club

### Sunday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. Andrew Mead, Rector Emeritus, followed by Brunch

2:15 p.m. Organ Recital on the Taylor-Boody Organ (hand-pumped)

3:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Te Deum

Preacher: The Sub-Dean of Chapel Royal, The Rev. Canon Paul Wright LVO



## BICENTENNIAL GALA

A milestone occasion, celebrating Saint Thomas Church's two-hundred-year history. The evening will serve as an opportunity to share the inspiring story of Saint Thomas Church, reflecting on its rich history, and looking to the future.

