

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.
THE FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW

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

INTROIT

Plainsong (*Mode VI*)

OS justi meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua eius loquetur iudicium:
lex Dei eius in corde ipsius.

Noli aemulari in malignantibus: neque zelaveris facientes iniquitatem.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Os justi . . .

*The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom, and his tongue will be talking of equity:
The law of his God is in his heart.*


Fret not thyself because of the ungodly: neither be thou envious against the evildoers.


*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 mouth of the righteous . . .

Psalm 37:30-31, 1

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant 
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People 
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

MOST merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

WE thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-17

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond **Thanks be to God.**

LEGEM PONE

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.
 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire.
 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.
 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken thou me in thy way.
 O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee.
 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for thy judgements are good.
 Behold, my delight is in thy commandments : O quicken me in thy righteousness.
 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (*Mode VI*)

Cantor *People*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, saith the Lord, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.

People

Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mark Brown
Honorary Assistant

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I BELIEVE in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

CHRIST is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Sung by the Choir

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(c. 1525-1594)

REX gloriose martyrum,
corona confitentium,
qui respientes terrea
perducis ad coelestia.

*O glorious King of martyr hosts,
thou crown that each confessor boasts,
who leadest to celestial day
the saints who cast earth's joys away:*

Aurem benignam protinus
appone nostris vocibus:
trophaea sacra pangimus,
ignosce quod deliquimus.

*Thine ear in mercy, savior, lend,
while unto thee our prayers ascend;
and as we count their triumphs won,
forgive the sins that we have done.*

Tu vincis in martyribus,
parcendo confessoribus,
tu vince nostra crimina
donando in dulgentiam.

*Martyrs in thee their triumphs gain,
confessors grace from thee obtain;
we sinners humbly seek to thee,
from sin's offense to set us free.*

Gloria tibi Domine
qui surrexisti a mortuis
cum patre et sancto spiritu
in sempiterna saecula. Amen.

*All laud to God the Father be,
all praise, eternal Son, to thee;
all glory, as is ever meet,
to God the holy paraclete. Amen.*

Hymn at Lauds for the Common of Martyrs

HYMN

BRESLAU

1 He sat to watch o'er cus - toms paid, a
2 But grace with - in his heart had stirred, there
3 E - nough, when thou wast pass - ing by, to
4 O wise ex - change! with these to part, and

man of scorned and hard - ening trade, a - like the sym - bol
need - ed but the time - ly word; it came, true Lord of
hear thy voice, to meet thine eye; he rose, re - spon - sive
lay up trea - sures in the heart; let them of Mat - thew's

and the tool of for - eign mas - ter's hat - ed rule.
souls, from thee, that roy - al sum - mons, "Fol - low me."
to the call, and left his task, his gains, his all.
wealth par - take, who yield up all for Je - sus' sake.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.
You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

A GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope,
of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The People stand.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

A LMIGHTY God, who hast prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon says Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Caprice sur les Grands Jeux (*from Suite de Deuxieme Ton*) *Louis-Nicolas Clerembault*
(1676-1749)

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BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND



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God's Love in the
Heart of New York

Celebrate the 200th 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-Body 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.

