

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



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The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 AT 4 P.M.  
THE SEVENTEENTH 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.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PRELUDE

Premiere Fantasie

*Jehan Alain*  
(1911-1940)

## 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*

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

## VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

*Philip Moore*  
(b. 1943)

*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 119:1-32

*Sung by the Choir*

Anglican Chant (*Noble, Petretta, Wesley*)

#### BEATI IMMACULATI

**B**LESSED are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies : and seek him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness : walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart :

when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.

I will keep thy ceremonies : O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee : O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord : O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgements of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments : and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes : and I will not forget thy word.  
 O do well unto thy servant : that I may live, and keep thy word.  
 Open thou mine eyes : that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.  
 I am a stranger upon earth : O hide not thy commandments from me.  
 My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire : that it hath always unto thy judgements.  
 Thou hast rebuked the proud : and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.  
 O turn from me shame and rebuke : for I have kept thy testimonies.  
 Princes also did sit and speak against me : but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.  
 For thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.  
 My soul cleaveth to the dust : O quicken thou me, according to thy word.  
 I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me : O teach me thy statutes.  
 Make me to understand the way of thy commandments :  
 and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.  
 My soul melteth away for very heaviness : comfort thou me according unto thy word.  
 Take from me the way of lying : and cause thou me to make much of thy law.  
 I have chosen the way of truth : and thy judgements have I laid before me.  
 I have stuck unto thy testimonies : O Lord, confound me not.  
 I will run the way of thy commandments : when thou hast set my heart at liberty.  
 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 33:23, 30-34:10

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

OFFICE HYMN

O LUX BEATA TRINITAS

1 O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light,  
 2 To thee our morn - ing song of praise,  
 3 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light,  
 O U - ni - ty of prince - ly might,  
 to thee our eve - ning prayer we raise;  
 to Christ re - vealed in earth - ly night,  
 the fier - y sun now goes his way;  
 O grant us with thy saints on high  
 to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise  
 shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.  
 to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.  
 our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise. A - men.

Latin, 6th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). St. 3, Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. John Chandler (1806-1876)  
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**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 26:1, 9-25

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

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Tertii toni

*George Malcolm*  
(1917-1997)

**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

**G**RANT us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; 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

**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*

*Kenneth Leighton  
(1929-1988)*

**A**LLELUIA, Amen. And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven,  
saying, Alleluia, Amen. Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God.  
Alleluia, Amen.

*Revelation 19:1, 4*

SERMON

The Rev. Prisca Lee-Pae  
*Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry*

*The People stand.*



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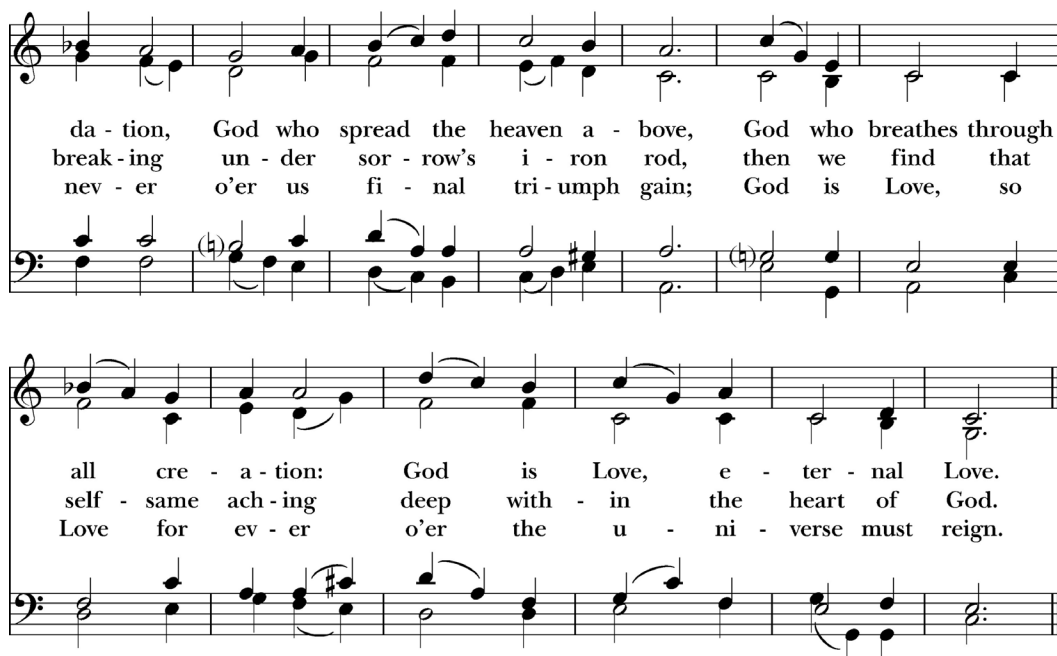
HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

**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**

*Essay III (Ascension)*

*Calvin Hampton  
 (1938-1984)*

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for the  
 Sunday Recital Series featuring Associate Organist Nicolas Haigh.*





The flowers today are offered in thanksgiving for the wedding of Paris Isabelle McCaw and Anthony Stevens Koka, and to the glory of God and in memory of the following:  
*Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Nydia Mason, James Massey, Herbert Asher Metzger,  
Ida Spear O'Neill, and Frances Wasson Scoville*

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## 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 – Vincent de Paul

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

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

### Thursday – Eve of Saint Michael and All Angels

**5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist to celebrate the**

**25th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of the Reverend Alison**

**Turner\***

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

Sermon by The Rev. John David van Dooren,

Rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, NYC

### 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. Gore*

**Next Sunday: October 1, The Eighteenth  
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. Festal Eucharist\***

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

Sermon by The Very Rev. Michael Tavinor,  
Dean Emeritus of Hereford Cathedral

*Please note that there is no Evensong next Sunday  
due to the choir tour.*

# 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:** Fall term is in full swing! Sunday School has resumed, and meets after the 9am service on the 3rd floor. Parents with babies or toddlers can access the nursery on that floor as well, where the 9am and 11am services will be audio streamed. Look out for our new postcard advertising events for the Fall. To learn more or get your children involved, sign up for our weekly 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



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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-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

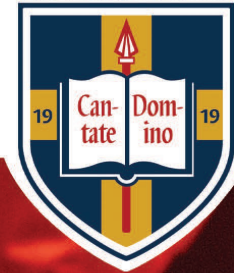
A milestone occasion, celebrating Saint Thomas Church's two-hundred-year history. The evening will serve as an opportunity to share the inspiring story of Saint Thomas Church, reflecting on its rich history, and looking to the future.





# 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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the next step**

**Nora Thomson  
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