

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 AT 11 A.M.
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR

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 ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa quarti toni

Tomas Luis de Victoria
(1548-1611)

PRELUDE

A Fancy (D final)

William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)

THE GREETINGS

HYMN

CRUCIFER

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

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

SEEING that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts
the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth
in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1-8

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (*Tone VII*)

JUDICA ME, DOMINE

BE THOU my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently :
my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.
Examine me, O Lord, and prove me : try out my reins and my heart.
For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes : and I will walk in thy truth.
I have not dwelt with vain persons : neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.
I have hated the congregation of the wicked : and will not sit among the ungodly.
I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord : and so will I go to thine altar;
That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving : and tell of all thy wondrous works.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house : and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
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 EPISTLE

Romans 12:9-21

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

The People stand.

HYMN

BOURBON



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
 Choir The word of the Lord endureth for ever.
 The word of the Lord is the good news announced to thee.
 People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

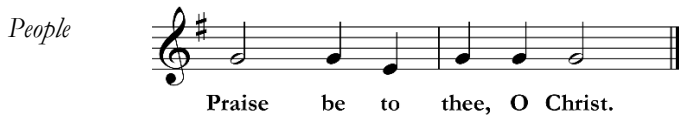
Matthew 16:21-28

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



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew J. Moretz
Vicar

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)

The Intercessor says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel. After each petition

Deacon Lord, in thy mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

WE are the body of Christ. In the one spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

William Boyce
(1711-1779)

THE Lord is King, be the people never so impatient:
He sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
O thou sword of the Lord, put up thyself into the scabbard, rest, and be still.
Some put their trust in chariots, some put their trust in horses:
But we will remember the name of the Lord our God.
He maketh peace in our borders: and causeth wars to cease in all the world.
O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness:
And declare the wonders that he doth for the children of men.
That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people:
And praise him in the seat of the elders. Hallelujah.

Psalm 99:1, Jeremiah 47:6, Psalm 20:7, Psalm 147:14a, Psalm 49:9a, Psalm 107:31-32

Celebrant and People

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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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 *(for those unable to receive Holy 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

AGNUS 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.*

ANTHEM

Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

LORD, not to us, but to thy name we give the praise we owe,
to thy free goodness and thy truth, whence all our blessings flow.

Psalm 115:1

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY 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 BLESSING

The People stand. The Celebrant 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.

HYMN

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 DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary No. 4 (*from* Twelve Voluntaries (1729))

Maurice Greene
 (1696-1755)

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex after the service.



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

*Mrs. Willi Brown, James W. Gerard, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Ida May Ives;
And in loving memory of Warren David Johnson who passed away September 5, 2009*

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday
12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Friday – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by Fr. Schultz

Saturday
11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice,
Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel
Confessor: Fr. Gioia

Next Sunday: September 10, The Fifteenth
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 Rector

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong with Admission of a
New Chorister*
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Gioia

SUMMER FEASTS 2023

5:30 p.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST
with the Gentlemen of the Choir
followed by cheese, wine, and soft drinks

Friday, September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

The Theology Program at Saint Thomas Church offers sound Christian teaching presented with intellectual vigor; teaching grounded in Holy Scripture, mediated by catholic tradition that is the inheritance of Anglicanism, and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. **Sundays at 10am** 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 info, contact Fr. Gioia: lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families: Nursery and Sunday School are on recess until September 17, however throughout the Summer children continue to be welcome at Saint Thomas Church! Welcome activity packs and Sunday Papers are now available for children in the Narthex. In addition, 9am and 11am services will be streamed into the Nursery which is available for the sole use of babies and toddlers. Families using the Nursery are welcome to return to the Church at any time, especially for Communion or a Blessing. Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter and details of Children and Family plans for the Fall: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Soup Kitchen: On September 10, after the 11am service there will be a meeting held on the 5th Floor to evaluate whether there is enough volunteer help to resume the Saint Thomas Soup Kitchen. Anyone interested in seeing this worthy and much needed outreach of the church return is urged to attend. At that time we will work out the necessary details and with the support of enough volunteers' hours set a date to start the Soup Kitchen. Light refreshments will be served.

Back to School Drive! Saint Thomas Church is pleased to help students attending St. Ann's after school program in the Bronx and children at the Lang Shelter on the lower east side, as well as migrant children known to our EOP (Ecumenical Outreach Program) ages 5-14. There are two ways to help: *Option One:* Donate a backpack filled with supplies for a child in grades 1-8. Please put a tag on the backpack designating which grade the backpack is for. *Option Two:* Sponsor a backpack with a donation of \$75: a backpack complete with supplies can be purchased on your behalf. Please write “Back to School 2023” on the memo line of your check or choose “Back to School – Backpack Sponsor” from the menu on the giving page of our website. Need more info? Email or call Linda Morfi, lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org, 212-757-7013, ext 416.

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 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 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, is on summer break. We will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 14 and our first Sunday back will be Sunday, September 17 at the 9am Sung Mass. Watch for news about our September Choir Camp event and other special events such as our Preschool Music Circle. 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.

Throughout the summer, 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.



BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND



STC 200 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-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.



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

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