

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 AT 4 P.M.
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (SEXAGESIMA)

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

Fugue No. 2
from A Triptych of Fugues (1968)

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

William Prendergast
(1868-1933)

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts.
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Psalm 84:1, 2; Psalm 96:9

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

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Martin How
(1931-2022)

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.*

WELCOME

PSALM 65

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Taylor*)

TE DECET HYMNUS

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion : and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Thou that hearest the prayer : unto thee shall all flesh come.
My misdeeds prevail against me : O be thou merciful unto our sins.
Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee :
 he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house,
 even of thy holy temple.
Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation :
 thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.
Who stilleth the raging of the sea : and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens :
 thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof :
 thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.
They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness :
 and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
The folds shall be full of sheep :
 the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.
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 stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

1 O Light of Light, Love giv - en birth;
 2 Two pro - phets, who had faith to see,
 3 May all who seek to praise a - right

Je - sus, Re - deem - er of the earth:
 with your e - lect found com - pan - y;
 through pur - er lives show forth your light.

more bright than day your face did show,
 the heavens a - bove your glo - ry named,
 To you, the King of glo - ry, now

your rai - ment whit - er than the snow.
 your Fa - ther's voice his Son pro - claimed.
 all faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Laurence Housman (1865-1959), alt.
 Music: *Jesu dulcis memoria*, plainsong, Mode 2, acc. James McGregor (b. 1930) Copyright ©1984, James McGregor. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

MAGNIFICAT

Westminster Service

Herbert Howells
 (1892-1983)

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

Revelation 4

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

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 Officiant and 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.*

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

O GOD, the strength of all who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, give us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; 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 AT THE OFFERTORY

Tarik O'Regan
(b. 1978)

Alleluia, laus et gloria et virtus
 Deo nostro,
 Quia vera et justa sunt judica ejus.
 Alleluia.

*Alleluia, praise and glory, and honour,
 unto the Lord our God,
 For true and righteous are his judgments.
 Alleluia.*

Revelation 19:1-2

SERMON

The Rev. Alison J. Turner
Associate for Children & Family Ministry and School Chaplain

1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"
 2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right - eous - ness," he said.
 3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:
 4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,
 5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.

1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.
 2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com - mands, through Jor - dan's flood was led.
 3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."
 4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right - eous - ness.
 5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

Words: *Christian Hymnbook*, 1865, alt. Music: *This Endris Nyght*, English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).
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THE BLESSING

MAY Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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

Postlude

William Mathias
 (b. 1934-1992)

Immediately following this service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series featuring an Organ Recital by James Wetzels, New York, NY

YOU ARE WARMLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A SEAT IN THE CHOIR STALLS FOR THE RECITAL



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
George Arents, Amelia Parsons Ferry, E. Hayward Ferry, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Sir George A. Shearing, KBE

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday – Cyril and Methodius

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

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Friday – Janani Luwum

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday – Requiem

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

Confessor: Fr. Turner

**Next Sunday: February 19, Last Sunday after
the Epiphany (Quinquagesima)**

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

*especially suitable for Children and Families
followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

Sermon by The Rector

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

*followed by an organ recital by Viktoriia Shorokhova,
Atlanta, GA*

PARISH NOTICES

The Pilgrims' Course continues Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish House. A hot meal is provided at 6:30 p.m. This annual educational and fellowship series explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes are open to all and particularly suited to those who wish to be baptized, confirmed, or become members of Saint Thomas. Each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. This week's topic will be "The Christian Exodus: An Introduction to Lent and Holy Week." To discover more about topics, schedule, and to register, please visit: <https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/rector/the-pilgrims-course/>

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

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is open Sunday following the 11 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street. New in stock: Fr. Luigi Gioia books, "Saint Benedict's Wisdom", "Say it to God: In Search of Prayer: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018", "Touched by God: The way to contemplative prayer", and other selections of books, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1 p.m. 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 Ruth Cobb, rcobb@choirschool.org.

On Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m., *Concerts at Saint Thomas* presents concert organist Olivier Latry for an evening of Wagner transcriptions, paired with Widor's *Symphony for Organ, No. 5*. Please [visit our website](#) for tickets and more information. Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make your donation with our team, call [212-664-9360](tel:212-664-9360) or email concerts@saintthomaschurch.org.

Children and Families: We will be on Winter Break from Sunday, February 19-Saturday, February 25. Noble Singers, Sunday School and Nursery resume on Sunday, February 26! To learn more or get your children involved, **sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of programs and activities for 2023: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, sings at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays during the program year. 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.

For the first part of this year, 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.



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in the heart of New York City



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Do you know a boy who loves to sing?

Saint Thomas Choir School nurtures and educates the treble choristers of the renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Boys in grades 3–8 from across the country sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school during the academic year, thriving in a community that shares a passion for music. Singing in a professional choir, the boys grow into young men with poise, presence, and a deep sense of serving the community. Graduates of the choir school are prepared for a rewarding journey through adolescence and beyond, regardless of their professional goals. To learn more, visit www.choirschool.org or contact Ruth Cobb at admissions@choirschool.org or 212.247.3311, ext. 541.

Give him the opportunity of a lifetime.