SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE in the

CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 at 11 A.M. The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Solemn Eucharist Sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir



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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 Saeculorum Amen

Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

PRELUDE

Toccata Quinta (from Secondo Libro di Toccate)

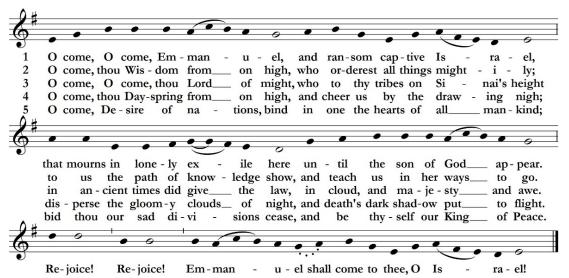
Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

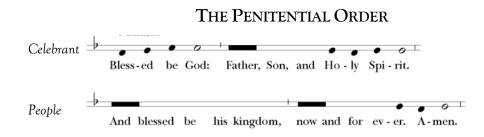
THE GREETINGS

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

HYMN



O come, O come, Emmanuel, #56 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).



The Celebrant says

BEHOLD, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel. (*Isaiah* 7:14)

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.



Celebrant and People

A LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

HE 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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir

VTIE eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
N Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLet us pray.

W E beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

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



MAGNIFICAT SECUNDI TONI

Sung by the Choir

Francesco Suriano (1549-1621)

AGNIFICAT anima mea, Dominum et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo, salutari meo. Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ: ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes. Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius, et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies timentibus eum. Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, dispersit superbos mente cordis sui. Deposuit potentes de sede et exaltavit humiles; esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes. Suscepit Israel puerum suum recordatus misericordiæ suæ, sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in sæcula. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

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 EPISTLE

Romans 16:25-27

The Subdeacon concludesThe Word of the Lord.The People respondThanks be to God.

The People stand.





GABRIEL'S MESSAGE



The angel Gabriel from heaven came, #265 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924). Music: *Gabriel's Message*, Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943). Copyright © 1961 B. Feldman and Co Ltd., trading as H. Freeman & Co. Reproduced by permission of EMI Music Publishing Ltd. 138-140 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H OLD, England.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





Cantor Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessèd art thou among all women and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

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

People Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia Theologian in Residence

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 (SPECIAL FORM)

[There should be a brief pause between the petition and the verse from the Magnificat]

As we pray to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray with Mary, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior."

The People kneel.

Almighty God, thy prophet of old foretold a day when a virgin would conceive and bear a son who would be called Emmanuel. Help us to look forward to thy deliverance and to seek the fullness of your kingdom.

For he hath regarded: *People* **the lowliness of his handmaiden.**

> The angel Gabriel declared unto Mary that she was to be the mother of the Savior. Help all Christian people to be open to thy word and obedient to thy will.

For behold from henceforth:

People all generations shall call me blessed.

Mary rejoiced with Elizabeth and sang thy praise with her Magnificat. Help us to live joyful lives that sing thy praises.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me,

People and holy is his Name.

The child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature in the home of Mary and Joseph. Strengthen our homes and families, and keep under thy protection all those whom we love.

For his mercy is on them that fear him *People* throughout all generations.

Mary bore a son of David's line, a king whose reign would never end. Bless all the nations of the world with Christ's gift of peace.



He hath showed strength with his arm; *People* he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

At the wedding at Cana in Galilee, Mary said to the stewards "Do whatever he tells you." May we respond to Christ's call to build the Beloved Community.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,

People and hath exalted the humble and meek.

At the foot of the cross of Christ stood his mother, and from the cross she received his lifeless body in her arms. Give comfort and healing to all who suffer and all who watch the suffering of those they love.

He hath filled the hungry with good things,

People and the rich he hath sent empty away.

The apostle John saw a vision of a woman in heaven, robed with the sun. Bring us with all those who have died in the faith of Christ to share the joy of heaven with Mary and all the saints.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *People* as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

In a moment of quiet, let us bring our own prayers to the Lord.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with this collect

FATHER in heaven, by whose grace the virgin mother of thy incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

I N the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

The People offer one another a sign of peace.

The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence, and the People sit.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548 - 1611)



CCE, Dominus veniet et omnes sancti ejus cum eo. Alleluia. Et erit in die illa lux magna. Alleluia.

Ecce apparebit Dominus super nubem candidam, et cum eo sanctorum millia. Alleluia. Et erit in die illa lux magna. Alleluia.

Behold, the Lord comes and all his saints with him. Alleluia. And on that day there will be great light. Alleluia.

Behold, the Lord will appear on a white cloud, and with him thousands of saints. Alleluia. And on that day there will be great light. Alleluia.

Antiphon from Vespers on the Fourth Sunday of Advent



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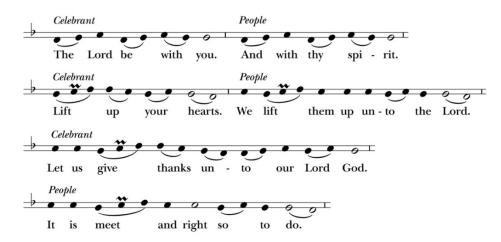
HYMN

GREENSLEEVES



What child is this, who, laid to rest, #115 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant continues

T is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying



SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory, Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel or stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

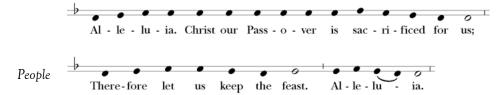
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
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







PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says



REHOLD 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 shouldest 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.

> Cristóbal de Morales (c.1500-1553)

ANTHEM

E CCE Virgo concipiet et pariet filium, et vocabitur nomen ejus: Admirabilis, Deus fortis. Super solium David, et super regnum ejus sedebit in aeternum.



Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called: Wonderful, mighty God. Over the throne of David, and over his kingdom, he will reign in eternity.

Isaiah 7:14; Communion Antiphon for Advent IV

After Communion, silence is kept for a while.

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.

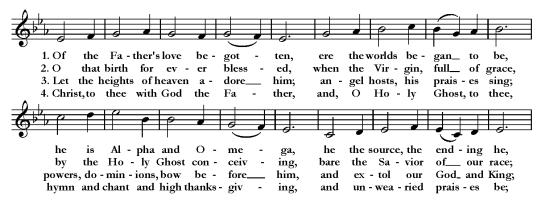
THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

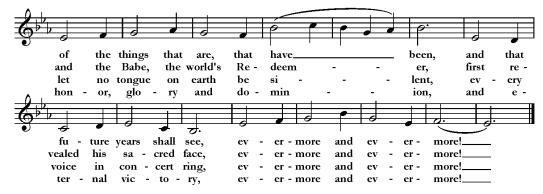
MAY the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM







Of the Father's love begotten, #82 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: Divinum mysterium, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt Piae Cantiones, 1582.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon	Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata Sesta (from Secondo Libro di Toccate)

Girolamo Frescobaldi

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



ور PILGRIMS' COURSE 2024

Want to know more about the Christian Faith? Want to be baptized or confirmed? Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church? The Pilgrims' Course 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, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. The first class will commence on Wednesday, January 17. A simple hot meal is available at 6:30pm, and the class runs from 7-8pm. Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join us on-line. To register please email: pilgrims@saintthomaschurch.org

> The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Margaret Crane Hurlbut

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CHRISTMAS AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

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Sunday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m. A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

5:30 p.m. VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS (Said at the High Altar)

10 p.m. Christmas Music for Organ and Brass

10:30 p.m. PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY (MIDNIGHT MASS) sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Brass

Music of Malcolm, Moore, Willcocks, Rutter, and Filsell Sermon by The Right Reverend Matthew Heyd, Bishop Coadjutor of New York

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Monday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

9 a.m. SAID EUCHARIST at the High Altar

11 a.m.

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Music of Walton, Martin, Willcocks, and Rutter Sermon by The Rector

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

<u>The Church is open for Private Prayer and Visits to the Christmas Crèche</u> Tuesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

> <u>Shrine Prayers (Intercessions)</u> Tuesday – Saturday at 12 p.m. Live audio stream and then on-demand.

Please send your requests for prayers via the website click here or emailed to: prayer@saintthomaschurch.org

The Daily Eucharist

Tuesday – Saturday at 12:05 p.m. Live audio stream and then on-demand. Tuesday: Saint Stephen Wednesday: Saint John Thursday: Holy Innocents Friday: St. Thomas of Canterbury

<u>Confessions, Spiritual Advice, and Healing Ministry</u> Saturday, December 30, 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Confessor: Fr. Mark Schultz

Sunday, December 31, 2023 ~ FESTAL EUCHARIST

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9:00 a.m. Said Mass

11:00 a.m. Festal Eucharist sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by Fr. Gioia