

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m. Sung by Cantor

The Ordinary of the Mass

A New Plainsong Mass

David Hurd (b. 1950)

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

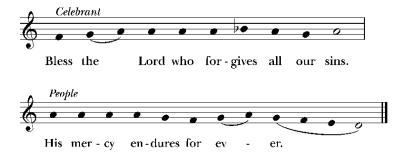
Hymn

AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH



Forty days and forty nights, #150 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt. Music: Aus der Tiefe nife ich, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Penitential Order



The Celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the celebration. Then, the Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing. Silence is kept.

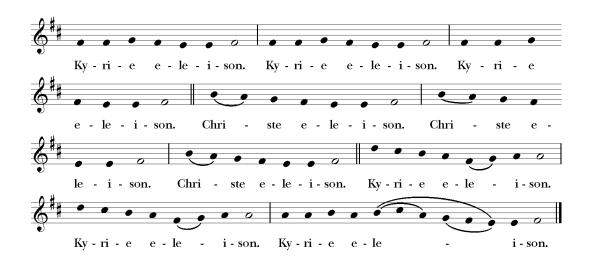
Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Kyrie



The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People Calabrant And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson Genesis 9:8-17

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-4 EVENTIDE

The choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



To you O Lord I lift up my soul; my God I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. *Refrain*

Show me your ways O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation Bernadette Farrell

The People stand. The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Cantor

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; You are the Word who leads us into light; You are the Word who brings us through the desert: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

All repeat the refrain.

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:9-15

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

★ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the end

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Mo. Lee-Pae

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Special Form)

The Leader says

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ... let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

For those preparing for baptism [and confirmation] ... and for their teachers and sponsors, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world ... that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer ... for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness ... let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant concludes with a collect.

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Greetings

Hymn ST. FLAVIAN



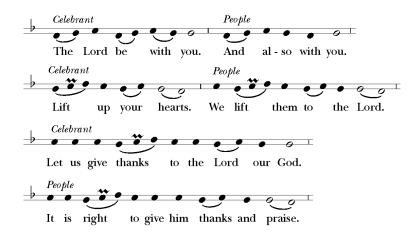
Lord, who throughout these forty days. #142 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman. Music: St. Flavian, melody from Day's Psalter, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).



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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A



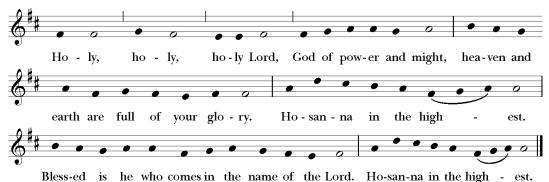
The Celebrant sings the Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus



O

The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and Peoble

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

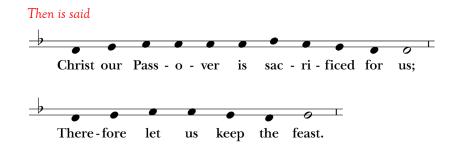
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

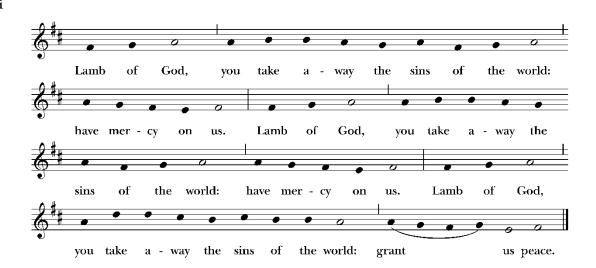
The Breaking of the Bread

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



Agnus Dei

People



The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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.

Communion Hymn ST. AGNES



Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless, #343 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: St. Agnes, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

During Lent, the Blessing is replaced by a solemn prayer. The Celebrant says

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM



O love, how deep, how broad, how high, #448 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Latin, 15th cent; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: Deus tuorum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.

50 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 next class will be on Wednesday, February 21. The subject of the week's class will be *The Christian Exodus*: An *Introduction to Lent and Holy Week*. 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

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Litany and Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia Lenten Sermon Series: "Lord, teach us to pray" – current and former clergy of Saint Thomas explore patterns of prayer.

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Alexander Ffinch, organ - Cheltenham, United Kingdom

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

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Wednesday - Ember Day 12 p.m. The Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist*

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Friday - Ember Day / Polycarp 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choristers of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Ireland

Saturday - Saint Matthias

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

<u>Next Sunday:</u> February 25, The Second Sunday in Lent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Fr. Gioia

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Gerre Hancock Memorial Organ Recital Abe Wallace, 2023-2024 AAM Gerre Hancock Intern – Nashville, TN

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Today, Sunday school is on winter break. We resume next week in the Sunday School room with a Lenten Theme of "Boats in the Bible," which will occur February 25, March 3, 10, and 17. Our "Faith Alive" series for ages 11 and up will welcome our new Assistant Priest for Children and Family Ministry, The Reverend Preston Gonzalez-Grissom, for learning on March 3, 10 and 17 in the Dining Room. And then we will all join together on March 24 for a Sunday Procession at the 9am Mass followed by a Palm Sunday Family Feast in the Dining Room at 10am. The Nursery continues to be available for the sole of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9am-1pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd floor. To receive our CFM newsletter, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Beloved Community-An Invitation from Pamela Lewis: February is Black History Month, which we will observe through a project organized around the idea of the Beloved Community. Though some of us may feel that Black History Month does not relate to our experience, as a church we can embrace this beautiful idea of Beloved Community, about which Dr. Martin Luther King had spoken powerfully and eloquently. I therefore invite you to reflect on this theme and to send in your reflection on how Saint Thomas Church is a Beloved Community to belovedcommunity@saintthomaschurch.org by February 29. On Saturday, March 2, there will be a discussion group, where we will share those reflections and engage in an open and heartfelt discussion about this beautiful idea as it relates to our parish.

Our Parish Bookstore and Gift Shop is still temporarily closed. However, we will have a table in the Narthex on Sundays after the 11am services thru March 17, selling books for Lent and Easter. If you have any questions, please reach out to giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org.

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

Friday Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Mark Schultz Fridays at 1pm via Zoom. We continue our journey of prayer, study, and reflection through the Gospel of John, discovering at every turn John's wondrous vision of the light, life, and love of God at work in the world. Having finished the Book of Signs (John 1-12) in which we encounter Jesus' public ministry, we embark this Lent on the Book of the Glory (John 13-21) in which we will witness Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. Bring your Bible, your questions, and yourself as, together, we deepen our relationship with God through scripture. Contact MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org with any questions and for the Zoom link.

The Tree of the Knowledge: Cinematic Visions of Good and Evil - A Lenten Film Series: On Friday evenings in Lent, join us for the return of Lenten Movie Nights in which we will explore together the following questions: are innocence and goodness the same? Is evil depicted as a force, a person, an illness, a situation or pattern, an archetype . . . and what do these depictions say about the film-makers' perspectives on evil and on goodness? How does the good show up-what does it look like? And how might the Church respond to or critique these visions? Each session begins at 6pm with a vegetarian meal (for those abstaining from meat on Fridays), followed by the film at 6:30pm, with a discussion afterward. For more information, please Fr. Schultz contact MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

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The event includes a tour of the school, Q&A with administration and current parents, and an opportunity for boys to rehearse and sing an Evensong service with our current choristers.



Scan here to register!