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# 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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HOLY CROSS DAY (TR.)

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m.

Sung by the Noble Singers

The Ordinary of the Mass

Saint Thomas Mass

Jeremy Filsell  
(b. 1964)

*The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.*

Hymn

CRUCIFER

*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:

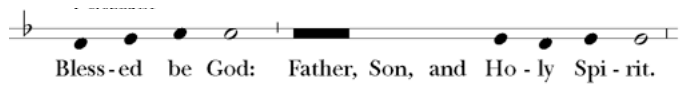
*Repeat Refrain*

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.

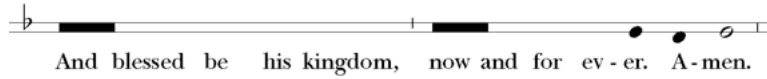
*Lift high the cross*, #473 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956).  
Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

## The Penitential Order

*Celebrant*



*People*



*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.

## Gloria in Excelsis

us, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer,  
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the  
 Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy  
 Spirit, in the glory of God the  
 Father, Amen, Amen.  
 Amen. Amen.

### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

### The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson

Numbers 21:4b-9

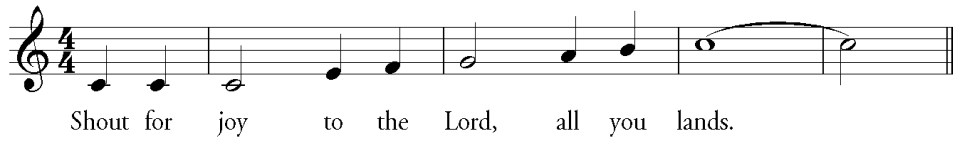
*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

*The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.*



Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory. *Refrain*

The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. *Refrain*

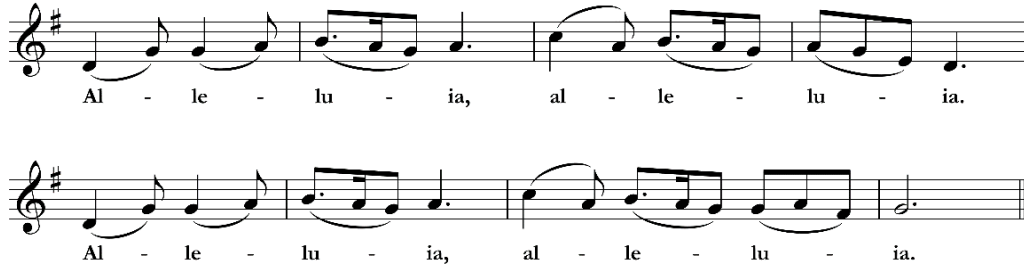
Shout with joy to the Lord all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

*Fintan O'Carroll arr. Christopher Walker*

*The People stand. The Cantor sings the Alleluia and all repeat.*



*Cantor* Speak, Lord, your servant is listening. Speak your words of wisdom,  
for the words you speak are everlasting life.

*The People repeat the Alleluia.*

The Holy Gospel

John 3:13-17

*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

*People*



*At the end*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*



The Nicene Creed

*The People stand.*

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 People remain standing. This response is used after each petition*

*People* O Savior of the world, who by your Cross and Precious Blood has redeemed us,  
Save us and help us we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

*After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant says*

*People* Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for  
our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## The Peace

*The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

*People*

## The Greetings

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Hymn

ROCKINGHAM



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an



Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*When I survey the wondrous cross*, #474 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748).  
Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).



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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 People*

**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 The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas our patron, and 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

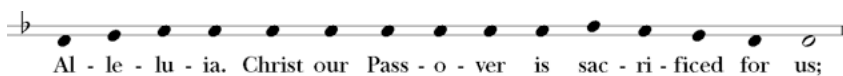
*Celebrant*      And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

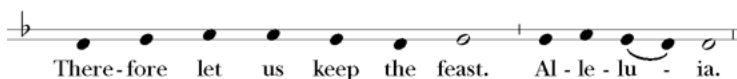
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    hallowed be thy Name,  
    thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
    on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but 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.*

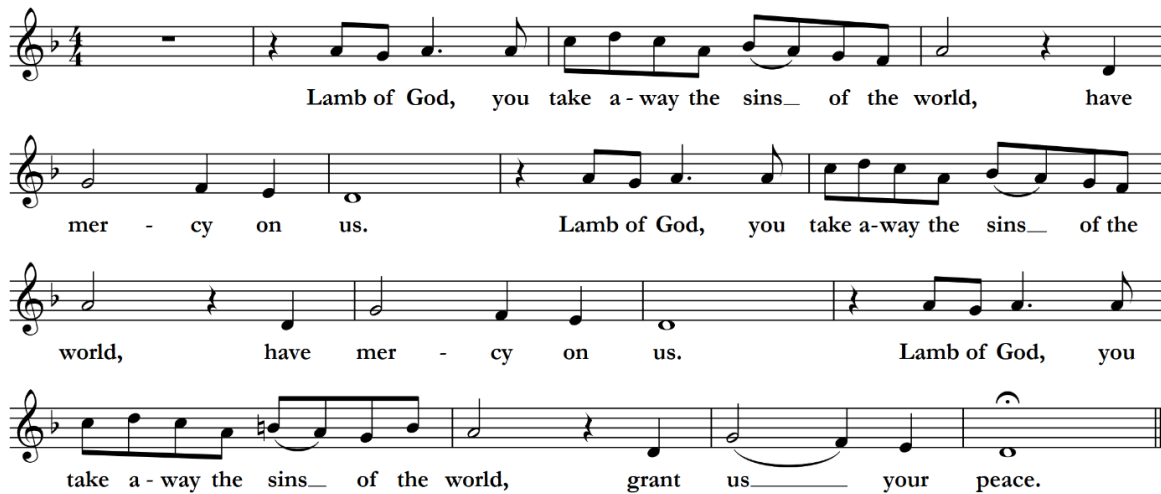
  
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*

  
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.



## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins\_ of the world, have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins\_ of the  
world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sins\_ of the world, grant us\_ your peace.

## 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 Anthem

Stephen Buzard  
(b. 1989)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move:  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

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.

### The Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

The peace of God, which passes 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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

### Hymn

ENGELBERG

*Descant*

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;  
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. \_\_\_\_\_

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

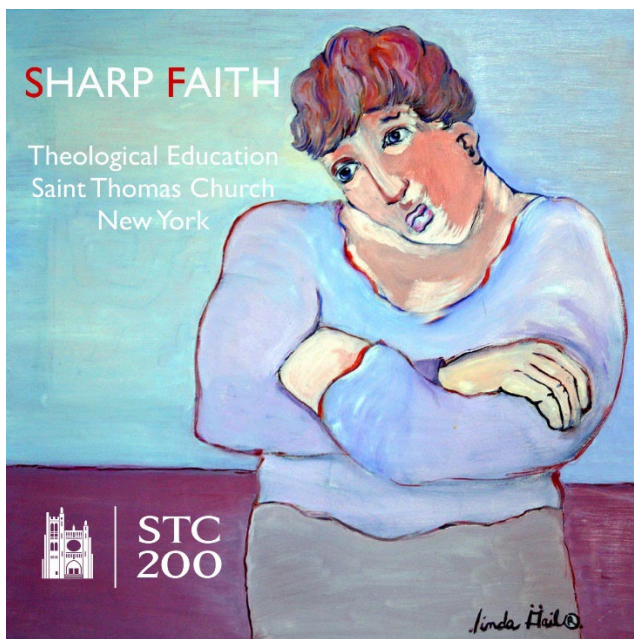
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*All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine*, #477 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984). Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.  
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Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program 2024-25 resumes today at 10 a.m. with a series of talks on *The Question of Evil and Suffering* and *The Theology of Healing* by our Theologian In Residence, Fr. Luigi Gioia.

The lectures will be livestreamed on YouTube and video-recorded. If you want to receive weekly updates about the program, or to access the dates and titles of the talks, please register at this link:



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PILGRIMS' II COURSE FALL 2024



*Want to know more about the Christian Faith?  
Want to be baptized or confirmed?  
Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church?*

A Follow-Up to the Pilgrims' course will take place in the Fall on **October 22, 29** and **November 5, 12, and 19**.

Among the topics there will be two highly appreciated talks by the Rector:

- “**Divine Design:** a guided exploration of Saint Thomas Church and of the liturgical signification of its architecture with the Rector”
- “**Unpacking the Sunday High Mass:** A step-by-step explanation of what happens and why”

A poll will be sent to the participants of the Pilgrims' course of the past few years to ask them which topics they would like to revisit or deepen. If you wish to be kept informed about the Pilgrims' Follow Up Course, please register at <https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/OnePageReg/307>



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:  
*Florence D. Hafer, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Kathleen J. Williams*

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## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Today

**11 a.m. Procession and Solemn Eucharist\***

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*  
Sermon by The Rector

**4 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Benediction\***

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

### Monday – Friday

**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers\***

**12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist\***

### Tuesday – Hildegard of Bingen

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

Followed by a short, said Mass  
*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

### Wednesday – Ember Day

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

Followed by a short, said Mass  
*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

### Thursday – Theodore of Tarsus

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

Followed by a short, said Mass  
*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

### Friday

**3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer**

*In the Resurrection Chapel*

### Saturday – Saint Matthew

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

Confessor: *Mo. Turner*

**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers\***

**12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist\***

**Next Sunday: September 22, Pentecost 18**

**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 Fr. Schultz

**4 p.m. Festal Evensong\***

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*  
Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

**5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series**

*Clara Gerdes, New York, NY*

# PARISH NOTICES

**Children and Family Ministries:** CFM Registration is now open. Please register your children on the church website for the 2024-2025 CFM Program Year. Sunday School (ages 3-10) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10 a.m. Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor) and Faith Alive meets in the Dining Room (2nd Floor). The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact [childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org).

The **Noble Singers**, our parish children's choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now accepting new choristers. The choir rehearses weekly on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Choristers select one rehearsal to attend and sing at the 9 a.m. Sung Eucharist on Sundays during the program year. 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).

Join us on Saturday, September 28 at 3 p.m. as **Concerts at Saint Thomas** opens the 2024-2025 Concert Season with a Grand Organ Concert featuring organist **Frédéric Blanc** playing **Cochereau and the French Masters**. For in-person or livestream tickets and for information about future concerts, please email us at [concerts@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:concerts@saintthomaschurch.org) or visit <https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts>. Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make a donation, please call 212-664-9360.

**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.

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every second Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45 p.m. in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도나누세요.

**New Volunteer Meeting** - Save the Date! Safe Church: an introduction to safeguarding training within the Episcopal Church will take place Sunday, September 22 from 1-2:30 p.m. on the fifth floor with lunch. Sign up details to follow in September.

**Contemplative Prayer** takes place on Fridays at 3 p.m. in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at [Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org).

**Friday Zoom Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia:** John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1 p.m. via Zoom. We have embarked 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 Fr. Schultz with any questions and for the Zoom link: [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 Margaret White: [Mwhite@choirschool.org](mailto:Mwhite@choirschool.org).

**The Saint Thomas Social Justice Outreach Group** gathers volunteers from our community to address the needs of vulnerable people facing special challenges and who struggle to meet basic needs. With St. Patrick's Cathedral and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, Saint Thomas Church is part of the EOP (Ecumenical Outreach Partnership). The EOP employs two social workers who make sure that volunteer work is done professionally, in compliance with regulations and safeguarding, and in such a way that people in need are helped to improve their life situations. Parishioners from Saint Thomas can join the distribution of meals by the EOP on 55th Street from 1-2 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Those who would like to join can write to Fr. Luigi Gioia at [Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org).

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The Reverend Prisca Lee-Pae  
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The Reverend Mark Brown, *Honorary Assistant*  
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The Reverend Stephen Morris, *Honorary Assistant*  
The Reverend David F. Mc Neeley, *Honorary Assistant*  
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