SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE in the

CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024 AT 11 A.M. The First Sunday after Christmas Day: The Holy Family

SOLEMN 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 de Beata Virgine

Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

PRELUDE

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614

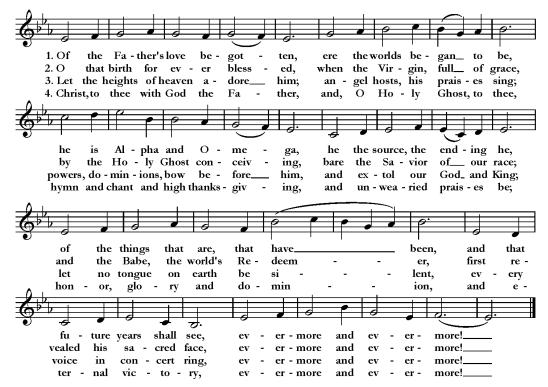
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE GREETINGS

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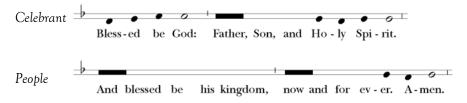
Hymn

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 PENITENTIAL ORDER



The Celebrant says

HEAR the words of the angel to Joseph: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins! Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Savior of the world."

The People kneel. Silence is kept.



Celebrant and People

A LMIGHTY and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

T 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.

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

G LORIA 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.	 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 God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. 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.
tu solus Dominus,	thou only art the Lord;
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.	thou only, O Christ.
Cum Sancto Spiritu	With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	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.

A LMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; 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

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

PSALM 148

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Tone VII⁶)

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

LAUDATE DOMINUM

O PRAISE the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height. Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light. Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens. Let them praise the Name of the Lord :

for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;
Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;
Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.
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

Colossians 3:12-17

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

The People stand.

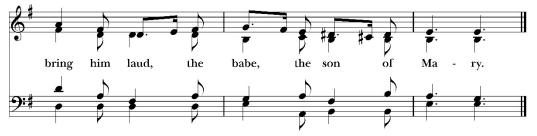




GREENSLEEVES







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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

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



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.





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

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.

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)

The Minister says

In Baptism we are all made daughters and sons of the Father and so with confidence in his great love for us we turn to him with our prayers.

The People kneel. After each petition

Minister	Lord, in thy mercy
People	Hear our prayer.

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

HEAVENLY Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help us to live as the holy family, united in love and obedience, and bring us at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

UNTO us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

UBILATE Deo in chordis et organo, in tympano et choro. Cantate et exultate et psallite sapienter. Alleluja.

Rejoice in God with strings and organ, with drum and in chorus. Sing and rejoice and sing psalms as well as you know how. Alleluia.

Paraphrase of Psalm 98:4



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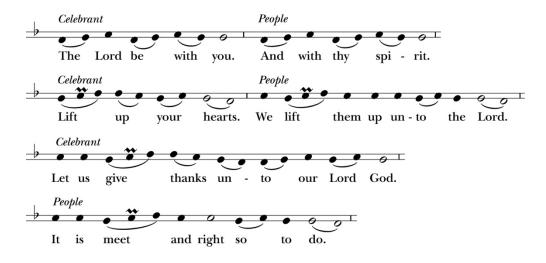
The People stand.



Angels we have heard on high, #96 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).



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 give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

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, SanctusHoly, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.Dominus Deus Sabaoth.Lord God of Hosts.Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.Benedictus qui venitBlessed is he that cometh

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

The People kneel or stand.

in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

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

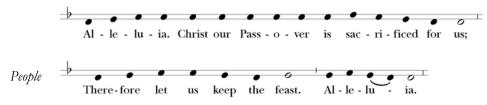
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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



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 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

DELIEVE 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.

MOTET

Adrien Willaert (c. 1490-1562)

MAGNUM mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepio. Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum. O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you.

Responsory for Matins on Christmas Day

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.



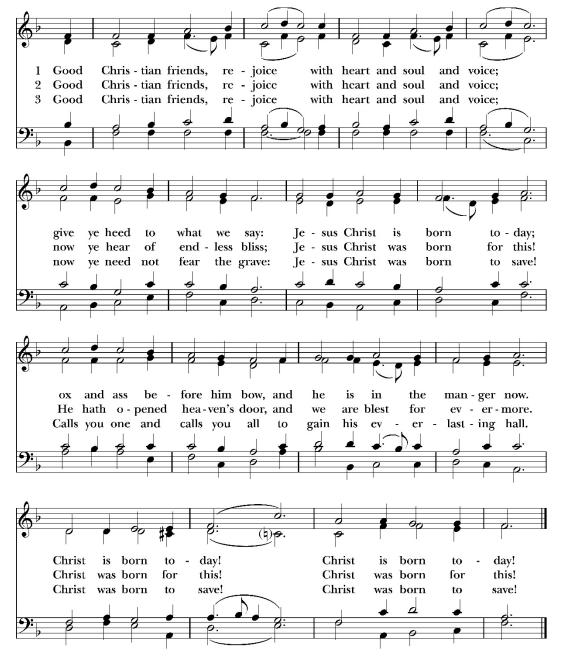
THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

MAY Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn

IN DULCI JUBILO



Good Christian friends, rejoice, #107 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

THE DISMISSAL

DeaconGo in the light and peace of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God.



VOLUNTARY

In dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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Saint Thomas gives thanks for those who have given endowed funds to provide flowers to beautify the church in perpetuity. This week, we give thanks for the memory of Charles A. Gould, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Albion E. Metcalf, and pray for the repose of their souls. We also recognize The Yuille Fund – a thank offering for Holy Innocents on December 28.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalm 104:31)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday – Friday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist *	<u>Next Sunday:</u> January 5, The Feast of the Epiphany (tr.)
Saturday 11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel Confessor: Fr. Brown	7:45 a.m. Said Mass 9 a.m. Sung Mass followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House
 11:30 a.m12 p.m. The Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue (includes Shrine Prayers) 12 p.m. Holy Eucharist* Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 	11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist* sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by Fr. Schultz Followed by Coffee Hour in the Narthex



ANNUAL APPEAL

We launched our 2025 Annual Appeal: Weaving a Rich Tapestry on October the 6th, which marked the close of our Bicentennial year. In his sermon, Father Turner preached:Remembrance; thanksgiving; new beginnings: *It's what we have done this past year, and prepares us for the future. Remember – give thanks – look forward: It is the vision of Saint Thomas Church, to be a community of love and praise, and an oasis of prayer in the middle of New York, actively weaving a tapestry of divine proportions.*

As we look ahead to the next century, we need your help. Make a pledge today!



PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) are on break until Sunday, January 5th. The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am - 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our weekly newsletter or register your interest in attending any of our December events please contact 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 on Christmas Break. The choir will continue to accept new choristers in the new year and weekly rehearsals will resume on January 9, 2025. We rehearse on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm with choristers selecting one rehearsal to attend each week. The choir sings weekly at the 9am 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.

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.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm 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.

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.

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

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

Friday Zoom Bible Study-Christ and Ekklesia: John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1pm 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. Note: We are on hiatus until January 10.

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. Note: We are on hiatus until February 2.

On October 26th we launched Neighbor to Neighbor, a service program which provides coffee, tea, croissants, and fresh fruit to community members in need. The program serves guests between 9am and 10am every Saturday, with volunteers arriving at the cloisters of the church on 53rd Street around 8:30am. If you are interested in getting involved, please register to the mailing list for this group using this QR code:



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 Tuesday, January 14, 2025. 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 scan this code:

