

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 AT 4 P.M.
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (SEPTUAGESIMA)

FESTAL EVENSONG
WITH ADMISSION OF NEW CHORISTERS
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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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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PRELUDE

Meditation on John Keble's Rogationtide Hymn

John Ireland
(1879-1962)

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

Reginald Alwyn Surplice
(1906-1977)

O PRAISE the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.
Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

Psalm 148:1, 3; Psalm 150:6

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

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

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.*

The People sit.

WELCOME



PSALM 138

Anglican Chant (*Ley*)

CONFITEBOR TIBI

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart :
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name,
because of thy loving-kindness and truth :
for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.
When I called upon thee, thou heardest me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.
All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord :
for they have heard the words of thy mouth.
Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord : that great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly :
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me :
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies,
and thy right hand shall save me.
The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me :
yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.
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.

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-20

ADMISSION OF NEW CHORISTERS

*The Choir and Ministers stand; the People remain seated.
The Head of School presents the Probationers for admission to the Rector, saying*

Reverend Father, I present to you Julian and Emrys,
to be admitted as Choristers of this Church of Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue.

The Rector asks the Boys to be admitted the following

Do you desire to be admitted a Chorister of this Church?

The Boys answer

I do.

Taking each Probationer's hand in turn, the Rector says

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I admit you, N.,
as a Chorister of this Church. **Amen.**

The Director of Music vests the new Chorister with a surplice and then hands to the Rector a Hymnal.

The Rector hands the Hymnal to the newly admitted Chorister, saying

Remember always that what you sing with your lips, you should believe in your heart,
and what you believe in your heart, you should practice in your life. **Amen.**



When all have been admitted, the Head and Deputy Head Chorister take each newly admitted Chorister, in turn, to his place in the Choir stalls and say,

Pursuant to a decree of the Venerable Rector and Vestry of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, we install you, N., as a Chorister of this Church.

When all have been installed, the Head and Deputy Head Chorister take their places in the Choir stalls.

The Rector says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who makes us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable unto thee: We offer our prayers to thee for thy servants here present, and more especially for them who have now been admitted to a place in the Choir of this Church. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy holy word that, in the end, they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People remain standing for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



OFFICE HYMN

SURREY

1 Cre - a - tor Spi - rit, by whose aid the world's foun -
 2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, the Fa - ther's
 3 Plen - teous of grace, come from on high, rich in thy

da - tions first were laid, come, vis - it ev - ery hum - ble
 prom - ised Par - a - clete, thrice ho - ly Fount, thrice ho - ly
 seven - fold en - er - gy; make us e - ter - nal truth re -

mind; come, pour thy joys on hu - man - kind; from sin and
 Fire, our hearts with heaven - ly love in - spire; come, and thy
 ceive, and prac - tice all that we be - lieve; give us thy -

sor - row set us free, and make thy tem - ples wor - thy thee.
 sa - cred unc - tion bring to sanc - ti - fy us while we sing.
 self, that we may see the Fa - ther and the Son by thee.

Creator Spirit, by whose aid, #500 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: John Dryden (1631-1700); tr. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*.
 Music: *Surrey*, melody Henry Carey (1690?-1743).



MAGNIFICAT IN D

Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow
(1874-1946)

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

1 Corinthians 14:12-20

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN D

Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

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 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.*

℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

℞. *And grant us thy salvation.*

℣. O Lord, save the State.

℞. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

℣. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

℞. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

℣. O Lord, save thy people.

℞. *And bless thine inheritance.*

℣. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

℞. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

℣. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

℞. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



THE 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 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

*Ned Rorem
(1923-2022)*

O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready :
I will sing, and give praise with the best member that I have.
Awake, thou lute and harp : I myself will awake right early.
I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples :
I will sing praises unto thee, among the nations.
For thy mercy is greater than the heavens : and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.
That thy beloved may be delivered : let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.
God hath spoken in his holiness : I will rejoice.
Hast not thou forsaken us, O God : and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
O help us against the enemy : for vain is the help of man.
Through God we shall do great acts : and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 108:1-7, 11-13

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Luigi Gioia
Theologian in Residence



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HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

NOVA VITA

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, #508 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.
 Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

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

OPRAISE 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

Allegro Giocoso

Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

from Organ Sonata in E-Flat Major (1938)

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series
 featuring Rebecca Ehren, Washington, D.C.*



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Mrs. James H. Ottley, Mrs. Charles W. Sanders

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:15 p.m. Organ Recital

Rebecca Ehren, Washington, D.C.

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday - Eve of Candlemas

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Friday - Candlemas

5:30 p.m. Candlemas Procession and

Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday

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

Next Sunday: February 4, The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Choral Mattins and Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Mo. Turner

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rector

5:15 p.m. Chamber Recital

Splendors of the Italian Baroque:

Featuring ensembles from the Historical Performance program at the Juilliard School, New York, NY

PARISH NOTICES

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.

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.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1pm. 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 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.

"Lift Every Voice: Reflections on the Beloved Community" - In observance of Black History Month in February, the parish is invited to reflect on the term "Beloved Community," which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had developed as the vision where social ills will cease to exist, and where love is life's guiding principle. A dedicated form will be provided on the church's website for writing and submitting reflections on how Saint Thomas is a Beloved Community. The deadline to submit this form is February 29th. On Saturday, March 2, from 10 to 11:45 am, in the parish house, there will be a group discussion led by Pamela Lewis and others about our reflections, as well as about the information on the four "Emancipator" statues, which will be the essay subjects written by Ms. Lewis.



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, January 31. The subject of the week's class will be *God the Holy Spirit: Being "Fully Alive" with the Gifts of the Spirit*. 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