SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 11 a.m. Trinity Sunday

FESTAL EUCHARIST

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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 Trinity, also called The Hospitality of Abraham, is an icon created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the early 15th century.



THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Service in B-flat

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

PRELUDE

La Père (from Trois Mèditations sur la Saint Trinité)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

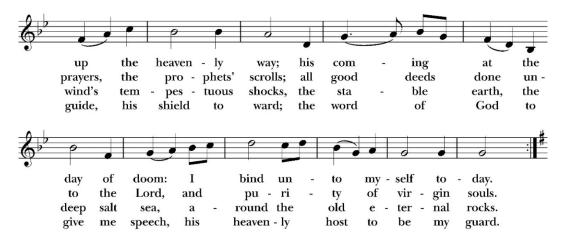
The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

HYMN

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE







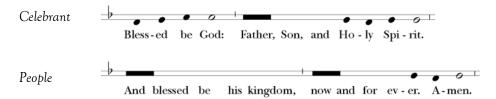
The choir alone sings:

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.





THE PENITENTIAL ORDER



CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8, 9

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

The 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

GLORY be to God on high, and in 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, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

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, with the Holy Ghost, art most high

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 and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



PSALM 29

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Attwood)

AFFERTE DOMINO

BRING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name: worship the Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters: it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation :

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees: yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf: Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood: and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

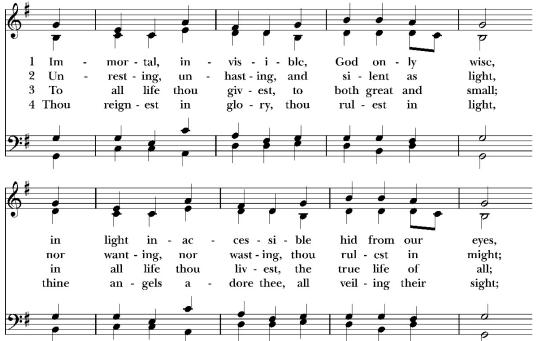
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:12-17

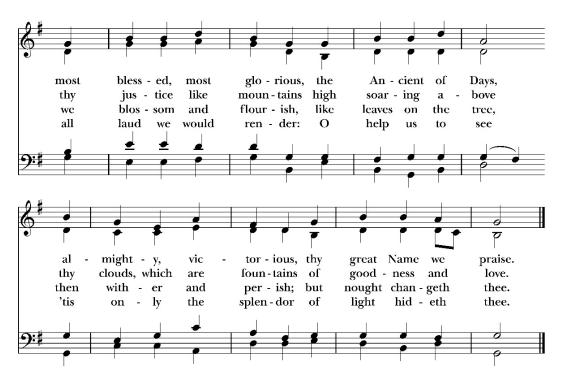
Subdeacon The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

HYMN ST. DENIO







Immortal, invisible, God only wise, #423 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord,

which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Reverend Alison J. 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 (FORM III)

The Celebrant says

ET us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

The People kneel.

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.



Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee; That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

In a moment of silence, let us bring our own petitions to the Lord.

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

LORD our God, accept the fervent prayers of thy people; in the multitude of thy mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to thee for help; for thou art gracious, O lover of souls, and to thee do we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The People stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People 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

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Alexander Gretchaninoff (1864-1956)

HOLY, holy, holy, ever-blessed Lord God Almighty,
O holy, holy, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
Saints and martyrs bless and praise thee, angels and archangels praise thee, singing: Heaven and earth are full of thy great glory, glory be to thee, O Lord.
Glory be to God in the highest, glory to God the Father, glory to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit, alleluia.

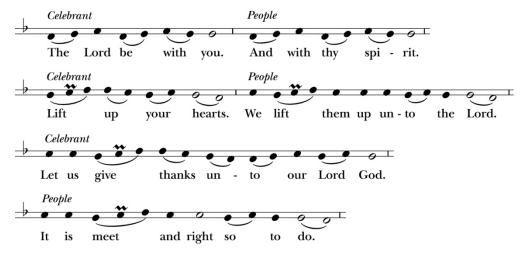




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The People stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant continues

 $I^{\rm T}$ 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.

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

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.

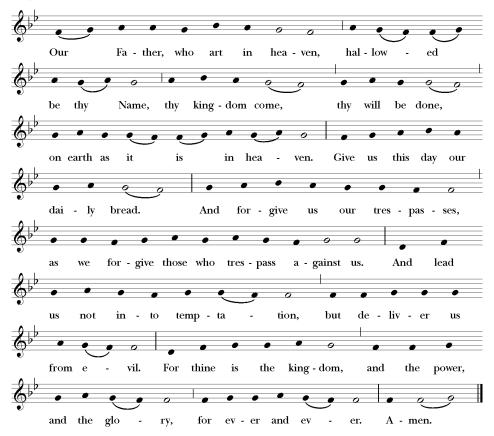
The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

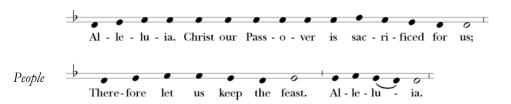
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant



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 (for those unable to receive Holy Communion in person)

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.

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY Le Fils (from Trois Mèditations sur la Saint Trinité) Jean Langlais

AGNUS DEI Sung by the Choir

C Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

MOTET

Jeremy Filsell
(b. 1964)

TRINITY of blessed light, O Unity of princely might, the fiery sun now goes his way; shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

To thee our morning song of praise, to thee our evening prayer we raise; O grant us with thy saints on high to praise thee through eternity.

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

Office Hymn for Trinity Sunday

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

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth 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.

The People stand.



HYMN



Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty, #362 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

Music: Nicaea, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.



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

20 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, May 29. The subject of the week's class will be *Praying with All the Senses*. 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, The Ralph Mead Hyde family, the Rev. Leslie John Alden Lang, and Albion E. Metcalf

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Note: Saturday's Holy Eucharist will take place at 9 a.m., due to Prize Day ceremonies for the graduating choristers.

Friday – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by The Rector

Saturday

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

Note: we will not have confessions this week, due to Prize Day ceremonies for the graduating choristers.

Next Sunday: June 2, Corpus Christi (Valedictory)

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 The Rector

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (ages 3-10) and Faith Alive (ages 10-14) are meeting today. The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use 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.

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 Tour Guide Group would like to extend an invitation to individuals interested in becoming a Saint Thomas Tour Guide Candidate. Interested individuals must be pledging members of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue and should have an interest in Church History, Iconography and Church Architecture, as well as a familiarity with the worship of the church. Candidates will work with a Mentor, an existing Tour Guide, and will receive a Study Guide. If you would like to become a Saint Thomas Tour Guide Candidate, please send an e-mail expressing your interest to: tourguides@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.

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

매달 둘째 주일 오후1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요. 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.

Friday 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.

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.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now on Summer Break. We will begin our Fall 2024 Choir Term with a Choir Camp Day on Saturday, September 7 from 10am-4pm. Weekly rehearsals will resume in early September and we will return to singing and leading worship at the 9am Sung Mass on Sunday, September 15. We welcome new singers at any time. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For more information, and to register your singer, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed! The Saint Thomas Soup Kitchen is looking to grow its corps of volunteers to launch a successful re-start of the ministry! Particularly needed at this time are people who are willing and able to travel one of the routes on Saturday mornings, delivering a good meal, lovingly prepared, to food-insecure folks along the way. Might this be a ministry to which the Spirit is calling you? To find out more, and to receive a Volunteer Application, write to soupkitchen@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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Saint Thomas Choir School educates the treble choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. The boys are nurtured and educated in grades three through eight and live together in the heart of Manhattan at the only boarding choir school in the U.S.

Life at the Choir School extends far beyond the choir stalls and classroom—boys enjoy animated conversations at the dinner table with resident faculty, quiet stories read before bed, outings to shows, and Central Park as their backyard. These formative experiences inspire many graduates to recall their time at the Choir School as the "privilege of a lifetime."

The Choir School invites you to visit and learn more about this distinctive educational opportunity. Tuition is modest and generous scholarships are available.

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Call to take the next step Nora Thomson Director of Outreach & Enrollment 212-247-3311

