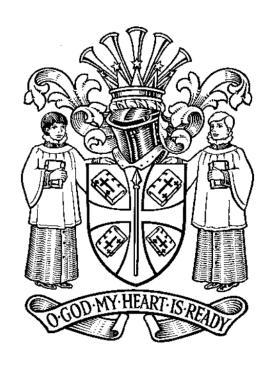
SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024 AT 4 P.M. THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

FESTAL EVENSONG WITH ADMISSION OF CHORISTERS

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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PRELUDE Fantasia C-final William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

INTROIT

David Hill
(b. 1957)

Praise our God, all you his servants.
You who fear him, both small and great.

Jesus Christ came and preached to us.

Peace to you who were far off, and peace to those who were near.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

And he shall reign for ever and ever. Alleluia.

Revelation 19:5; Mark 1:15; Ephesians 2:17; Revelation 11:15

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
- R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- V. O God, make speed to save us.
- R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- V. Praise ye the Lord.
- R. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 72 Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Noble)

DEUS, JUDICIUM

GIVE the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son. Then shall he judge thy people according unto right: and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right:

defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth: from one generation to another. He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool: even as the drops that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish:

yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other:

and from the flood unto the world's end.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him: his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents:

the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.



All kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth: the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

He shall be favourable to the simple and needy: and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong:

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia:

prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills:

his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth.

His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities : which shall be blessed through him; and all the heathen shall praise him.

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things;

And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever :

and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

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 Daniel 5

ADMISSION OF CHORISTERS

The Head of School presents the Probationers for admission to the Rector, saying

Reverend Father, I present to you Julian Calemmo and Aiden Park, 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 as a Chorister of this Church?

The Boys answer

I do.

Taking each Probationer's hand, 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 each new Chorister with a surplice and then hands to the Rector a Hymnal.

The Rector hands the Hymnal to each 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**.

After each Probationer has been admitted, the Head and Deputy Head Chorister take the admitted Chorister 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.

The Head and Deputy Head Chorister take their places in the Choir stalls.



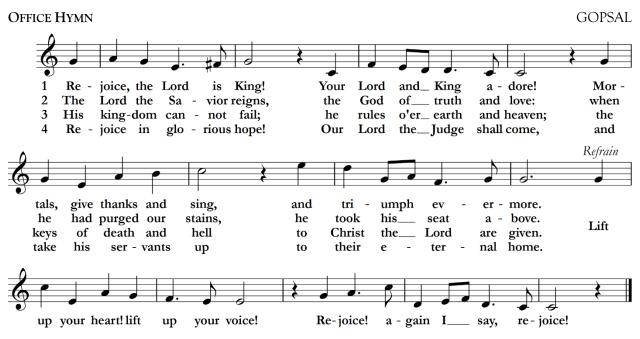
The Rector says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

A LMIGHTY 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 Edric and Ephrem 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.



Rejoice, the Lord is King, #481 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Gopsal, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. John Wilson (1905-1992). Arrangement, By permission of Oxford University Press.



The Second Service Orlando Gibbons MAGNIFICAT (1583-1625)

Y 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 John 6:1-15

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS The Second Service Orlando Gibbons

ORD, 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

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 Catholick 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

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

K. 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.

- V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
- K. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. O Lord, save the State.
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. O Lord, save thy people.
- R. And bless thine inheritance.
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

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 AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Christopher Tye (c. 1505-1572)

MNES gentes, plaudite manibus : jubilate Deo in voce exsultationis: quoniam Dominus excelsus, terribilis : rex magnus super omnem terram.

Subjecit populos nobis : et gentes sub pedibus nostris.

Elegit nobis haereditatem suam : speciem Jacob quam dilexit.

Ascendit Deus in jubilo : et Dominus in voce tubae.

Psallite Deo nostro, psallite : psallite regi nostro, psallite; quoniam rex omnis terrae Deus : psallite sapienter. Regnabit Deus super gentes : Deus sedet super sedem sanctam suam. Principes populorum congregati sunt cum Deo Abraham :

quoniam dii fortes terrae vehementer elevati sunt.

O clap your hands together, all ye people: O Sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high, and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat.

The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham: for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Psalm 47



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HYMN MILES LANE



6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe,

Refrain

All hail the power of Jesus' Name, #451 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.

Music: Miles Lane, William Shrubsole (1760-1806).

THE BLESSING

The Rector says

THE peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.



PSALM 150 Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Talbot)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

PRAISE 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 Fantasia A-final William Byrd



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Helen Green Battle, Arthur Trumbull Hill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Linda Griffith Vorsanger

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The Saint Thomas Book & Gift Store will be open in the Narthex Sundays after the 11 a.m. service through December 22, 2024. Additional times are Sunday, December 22 after 4 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols, and Christmas Eve December 24 from 12 p.m. until after the 4 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols. Stop by and view our collection of Calendars, Mugs, Ornaments, Christmas cards, CDs, and books for Advent & Christmas.

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Christmas Candles in Memory of Loved Ones: During Christmastide, the time between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will light an eight-day candle for your loved one(s), and place it before the Crèche of Saint Thomas Church. Each candle will be affixed with the name(s) you submit. The suggested donation for each eight-day candle is \$25. All of these names will be added to the prayer list during Christmastide.

Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist.

The deadline is Sunday, December 15.

80 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?

The Follow-Up to the Pilgrims' course concludes this week!

November 26: "Unpacking the Sunday High Mass: A step-by-step explanation of what happens and why" (Fr. Carl Turner, Rector)

The talks take place at 6:30 pm in the Parish House. You can register using the QR code below:



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR
The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



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. Please note there is a signup form for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in getting involved, please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.



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!





WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Friday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers* 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong* Followed by a short, said Mass sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday – THANKSGIVING DAY 11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Saturday

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

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: December 1
The First Sunday of Advent

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 The Reverend Andrew C. Mead,
Rector Emeritus

4 p.m. The Advent Procession* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Our Annual Blessing of the Créche - Nativity Story Service is Saturday, December 14. We are distributing roles to children who wish to be involved so please contact Father Preston if you have questions or want to join! Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor) and Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor). 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 CFM newsletter 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 accepting new choristers. The choir rehearses weekly on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm. Choristers select one rehearsal to attend each week and sing 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.

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. Note: We will not meet on Friday, November 29.

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 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm 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. 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 with God through relationship scripture. Contact Fr. Schultz with any questions and Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org. Zoom link: Note: We will not meet on Friday, November 29.

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.

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.

Please support Ecumenical Outreach Project's New Clothing Drive by donating men's new winter socks (sizes L, XL, and XXL) as well as new men's briefs and undershirts (sizes L, XL, and XXL). Donations may be brought to Reception. Items may also be ordered through Amazon and delivered directly to Saint Thomas Church. Please include 'Attn: Reception' in the mailing address field. For more information, please contact Frances Mintz: Femintz309@gmail.com.

This Thanksgiving season, our community outreach program, Neighbor to Neighbor, hopes to bring the warmth of the holiday spirit to our homeless community. We're planning to include pies in our Saturday, November 30th meal offering, and would be grateful for your support. If you're able, please consider donating a pie (pumpkin or any other favorite, homemade or store-bought). Pies can be dropped off at the Parish House on Friday, November 29th, between 1-5 p.m. Just ask for Frances when you arrive. Thank you for helping us make this Thanksgiving special for all!