

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH
NEW YORK

December 25, 2024
Christmas Day at 11 a.m.
Sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

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*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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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Sancti Thomae
in tempore enim pestilencia

Jeremy Filsell
(b. 1964)

PRELUDE

Fantasia - The Christmas Light

Simon Preston
(1938-2022)

The People stand at the entry of the Ministers.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

<i>Celebrant</i>	Do I not fill heaven and earth? Saith the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Now he is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.
<i>Celebrant</i>	From eternity to eternity thou art God,
<i>People</i>	And now we see thee as a new-born child.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.
<i>People</i>	O come let us adore him. Alleluia.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN


ADESTE FIDELES

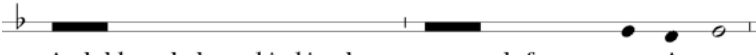
arr. David Willocks
(1919-2015)

- O** COME, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
2. God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
3. See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
4. Lo! star-led chieftains
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
5. Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
6. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

18th Century Latin, trans. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant 
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People 
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.



The Celebrant says

THE sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

MOST merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. 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

GLORIA 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.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

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, 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10

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

PSALM 98

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Suter*)

CANTATE DOMINO

OSING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation :
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel :
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is : the round world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord :
for he is come to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.
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

Hebrews 1:1-12

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

The People stand.



HYMN

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

OF the Father's heart begotten
 Ere the world from chaos rose,
 He is Alpha: from that Fountain,
 All that is and hath been flows;
 He is Omega, of all things
 Yet to come the mystic Close,
 Evermore and evermore.

2. By his word was all created;
 He commanded and 'twas done;
 Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
 Universe of three in one,
 All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
 All that breathes beneath the sun,
 Evermore and evermore.

3. This is he, whom seer and sybil
 Sang in ages long gone by;
 This is he of old revealed
 In the page of prophecy;
 Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
 Let the world his praises cry!
 Evermore and evermore.

4. Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
 Angels and Archangels, sing!
 Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
 Let your joyous anthems ring,
 Every tongue his name confessing,
 Countless voices answering,
 Evermore and evermore.

Prudentius (b. 348), tr. Roby Furley Davis, 1906

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)
arr. Colin Mawby
(1936-2019)

This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading. The Choir sings the Alleluia and all repeat.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

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 People sit.

THE SERMON

The Rector

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand. At Christmas, it is customary to kneel at the underlined words, otherwise to bow.

I 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 Leader says

UNTO us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.
Let us bring before God the needs of the world.

The People kneel.

Wonderful counsellor, give thy wisdom to the rulers of the nations,
and especially to our President and to all in authority.

Lord, in thy mercy

People **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, make the whole world know that the government is upon thy shoulders.
Bless Matthew our Bishop, and all who proclaim thy truth.

Lord, in thy mercy

People **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, establish thy reign of justice and righteousness for ever.
We pray for all who are suffering today; the homeless in our city,
all refugees, and all who are suffering through war, famine, invasion, or oppression.

Lord, in thy mercy

People **hear our prayer.**

Prince of peace, bring in the endless kingdom of thy peace;
we pray for those who have died, and especially our loved ones,
and those for whom these flowers are given in memory,
and for whom these candles burn at the Christmas Crèche.

Lord, in thy mercy

People **hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, let us bring our own special prayers to God.

Silence is kept.

The Celebrant says

OGOD, who makest us glad by the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only
Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer,
so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge;
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People **Amen.**

The People stand.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And with thy spirit.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Iain Farrington
(b. 1984)*

NOVA, nova! [News, news!]

Gabriel of high degree,
He came down from the Trinity
From Nazareth to Galilee.
Nova, nova.

He met a maiden in a place;
He kneeled down before her face;
He said: "Hail, Mary, full of grace!"
Nova, nova.

When the maiden saw all this,
She was sore abashed, ywis,
Lest that she had done amiss.
Nova, nova.

Then said the angel, "Dread not you,
You shall conceive in all virtue
A child whose name shall be Jesu."
Nova, nova.

Then said the maid: "Verily,
I am your servant truly,
Ecce ancilla Domini."
[Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.]
Nova, nova.

15th Century

The People stand.



HYMN

GOD REST YOU MERRY
arr. David Willcocks

GOD rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

3. The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessèd babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

4. Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

18th Century London Carol

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

IT is 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

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*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

ALL glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth,
and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy,
didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him,
and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.
He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute,
and in his holy Gospel command us to continue,
a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,
"Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you,
and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make,
with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee,
the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make;
having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us,
and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.
Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the
most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly
benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him,
that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;



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,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 shouldst 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)*

IBELIEVE 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 various stations around the church.
Please follow the direction of the ushers. Intinction is not permitted.
Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

Adeste Fideles
from 12 Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes, Op. 8

Jeanne Demessieux
(1921-1968)

CAROLS

Sung by the Choir

Lute-Book Lullaby

Francis Pott
(b. 1954)

SWEET was the song the virgin sang,
When she to Bethlehem Juda came
And was delivered of a son,
That blessed Jesus had to name.
'Lullaby, lahula, lullaby.
Sweet babe,' sang she, 'my son,
And Eke a saviour born,
Who hast vouchsafed from on high
To visit us that were forlorn.
'Lullaby, lahula, lullaby.
Sweet babe,' sang she,
And rocked him sweetly on her knee.

Lute Book of William Ballet (17th century)



Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)

OF a rose,
a lovely rose, is all my song.

Listen, nobles, old and young,
How this rose at outset sprung;
In all this world I know of none
I so desire as that fair rose.

The angel came from heaven's tower
To honour Mary in her bower,
And said that she should bear the flower
To break the Devil's chain of woes.

In Bethlehem that flower was seen,
A lovely blossom bright of sheen;
The rose in Mary, heaven's Queen;
Out of her womb that blossom rose.

The first branch is full of might,
That sprouted on the Christmas night
When star of Bethlehem shone bright,
For far and wide its lustre shows.

The second branch sprang forth to hell,
The Devil's fearful power to quell;
And there henceforth no soul could dwell;
Blessed the coming of that rose!

To heaven sprang the third shoot,
Sweet and fair, both stem and root,
To dwell therein and bring us good;
In priestly hands it daily shows.

Let us then with honour pray
To her who is our help and stay.
And turns us from the Devil's way;
From her that holy bloom a rose.

Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

And this hymn is sung if needed, the People kneeling or sitting.

HYMN

CRADLE SONG

AWAY in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my bedside till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Anonymous 19th Century American



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY 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 Bishop blesses the People

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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

MENDELSSOHN

arr. David Willocks

HARK! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.



3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Carillon on 'Orientis Partibus'

*Arthur Wills
(1926-2020)*



UPCOMING SERVICES

The Church is open for Private Prayer and Visits to the Christmas Crèche
Thursday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions)
Thursday – Saturday at 12 p.m. *Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

Please send your requests for prayers via the website or emailed to: prayer@saintthomaschurch.org

The Daily Eucharist
Thursday – Saturday at 12:05 p.m. *Live audio stream and then on-demand.*
Thursday: Saint Stephen
Friday: Saint John
Saturday: Holy Innocents

Confessions, Spiritual Advice, and Healing Ministry
Saturday, December 28, 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Confessor: The Rector

Sunday, December 29, 2024 – The Holy Family

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9:00 a.m. Sung Mass

11:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by Mo. Turner

ANNUAL APPEAL



We launched our 2025 Annual Appeal in October, 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!



PILGRIMS' COURSE 2025



It's not the destination, but the journey that matters

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:



PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) are on break until January 5th. The Nursery is available for the use of babies and toddlers with parents/caregivers, from 9am – 1pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our weekly newsletter 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. 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. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org.
Note: We will not meet on December 27.

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 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 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 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.*

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 Saint Thomas Theological Education Program 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 Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For info, email: Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org. *Note: We are on hiatus until February 2.*



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Given to the Greater Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

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