

## DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

(BCP pages 67-86, 102 & 95, Advent IV, Yr 2A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit:

Isaiah 45.8, Psalm 19.1, Rorate

**D**rop down ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness / let the earth open, and bring forth a Saviour. (Ps) The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork. Glory be... [Repeat Antiphon]

MONDAY (23) *Advent Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm  
Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 25.1-15; Luke 1.57-66

TUESDAY (24) **CHRISTMAS EVE** (White) 12:15 pm  
Low Mass with Hymns, 5:30 pm;  
Organ recital 10:30 pm;  
Midnight Mass, 11:00 pm

WEDNESDAY (25) **CHRISTMAS DAY** (White)  
*The Nativity of the Lord*  
8:00 am Early Eucharist  
9:30 am Sung Eucharist - BAS Rite  
11:00 am Solemn Eucharist  
**No Evensong**

THURSDAY (26) **HOLY DAY** (Red) 12:15 pm  
Saint Stephen the Martyr  
Pr Bk Propers, page 108  
Introit: Ps 119, pt 3; Gradual: Ps 119, pt 21  
**No Evensong**

FRIDAY (27) **HOLY DAY** (White) 5:30 pm  
*Saint John the Evangelist*  
Pr Bk Propers, page 110  
Introit: Ps 92.1-4; Gradual: Ps 92.12-15

SATURDAY (28) **HOLY DAY** (Red) 10:00 am  
The Holy Innocents  
Pr Bk Propers, page 111  
Introit: Ps 8.1-2; Gradual: Ps 124.5-7

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# Saint Thomas's Church

(Congregation Established 1874)

*The heavens declare the glory of God!*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen. *Collect of Advent, BCP*

**R**AISE up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen. *Collect of Advent IV*

December 22, 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rorate)

## EARLY EUCHARIST AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

*Plain Celebration: Prayer Book, pages 67-86*

Propers, pages 102 & 95, Introit: Psalm 19.1-6; Gradual: Psalm 145.18-22

## SUNG EUCHARIST AT HALF-PAST NINE

*Book of Alternative Services Rite*

Music of the Mass: *Mass of the Good Shepherd, Matthew Larkin*

Greeting and Trisagion

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*Revised Common Lectionary*

Homily: Fr Ajit John

Creed

The Prayers of the People (*as announced*)

Confession & Absolution & the Peace

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Offertory Hymn 192 "The GOD whom earth, and sea, and sky" *EISENACH*

Eucharistic Prayer no. 3

Our Father, etc.

Communion Motet: 'Ave Maria' *Tomas Luis de Victoria*

Hail Mary, full of grace. The LORD is with thee. Thou art blessed among women and blessed is JESUS, the fruit of thy womb. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen. (Luke 1.28,42)

Hymn 229 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence" *PICARDY*

Prayer after Communion, Blessing & Dismissal

## MORNING PRAYER (MATTINS) AT HALF-PAST TEN

Prayer Book, pages 6-11, 102 & 95, Psalm 33; Isaiah 30.8-21 & Revelation 14.13—15.4  
During Advent - Surge, Illuminare, *page 28*, replaces Te Deum

## CHORAL EUCHARIST AT ELEVEN O’CLOCK

*Music of the Mass: Missa X: Alma Pater*

Prelude: Liturgical Prelude No. 2 (conditor alme siderum)

*George Oldroyd*

Introit: ‘Advent Prose—Rorate’ (*please kneel*)

*Mode I*

*All kneel for the Collect for Purity, Summary of the Law, Kyrie Eleison & the Collect of the Day*

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-16

Psalm 80 1-7, 17-19-*Qui regis Israel*

*Tone IV,4*

Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7

Sequence Hymn 192 ‘The GOD whom earth, and sea, and sky’

*EISENACH*

Gospel: Matthew 1.18-25

Creed (*Prayer Book, page 71*)

*Merbecke*

Homily: Fr Ajit John

Offertory Hymn 62 ‘O come, O come, Emmanuel’

*VENI EMMANUEL*

*The people sit at the conclusion of the hymn  
and stand again as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Intercessions (*please stand, kneel, or sit*) R / Lord, hear our prayer

Invitation, Confession and Absolution (*pages 76-77*)

Sursum Corda, Sanctus & Benedictus (*pages 78-81*)

Eucharistic Prayer (*pages 82-83*)

Our Father (*page 85*)

*Merbecke*

Peace, Prayer of Humble Access & Agnus Dei (*pages 83 & 84*)

Communion Hymn 229 “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

*PICARDY*

Motet: ‘Komm, Jesu, Komm’

*J.S. Bach*

*Come, Jesus, come, my body is weary, my strength wanes more and more, I long for your peace; the sour path becomes too difficult for me! Come, come, I will yield myself to you; you are the true path, truth and life.*

*Therefore I enclose myself in your hands and say goodnight to you, world! Even though my lifetime rushes to its end, my spirit is nevertheless prepared. It shall soar with its Saviour, since Jesus is, and remains, the true path to life. (Paul Thymich, 1684/1697)*

Prayer after Communion & Blessing (*page 85 & 86*)

Christmas Pageant by the children of Saint Thomas’s

Hymn 734 ‘Away in a manger’

*CRADLE SONG*

Postlude: Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733

*J.S. Bach*

FLOWERS AND THE DECORATIONS IN THE CHURCH  
ON CHRISTMAS DAY are the gift of the congregation.

Please use the envelopes provided. You may make a thanksgiving or memorial offering.



**THIS EVENING AT SEVEN**, in place of our customary Solemn Evensong and Devotions, we shall have *A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS*. This delightful and popular service is of the nature of a vigil; its expectance builds, from the story of the Fall of Adam and Eve, through the Prophets, to the coming of Christ. So this evening we will anticipate Christmas Eve. It is a good service to introduce family and friends to your parish.

*Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after Nine Lessons and Carols this evening.*



## SOLEMN MIDNIGHT MASS OF CHRISTMAS

**beginning at 11:00 pm on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Organ recital at 10:30 pm

Motet: Hodie, Christus natus est, Francis Poulenc

(*Music of the Mass: Missa ‘Ad praesepe,’* George Malcolm)

## CHRISTMAS DAY: Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

*Said Eucharist 8:00 am* (Book of Common Prayer)

*Sung Eucharist 9:30 am* (Book of Alternative Services Rite)

*Solemn Eucharist 11:00 am* (Traditional Rite)

(*Music of the Mass: Missa Corde natus est parentis,* Healey Willan)

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY PROCESSION & SOLEMN EUCHARIST :

**Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** at 6:15 pm

## THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

*Said Eucharist 8:00 am* (Book of Common Prayer)

*Sung Eucharist 9:30 am* (Book of Alternative Services Rite)

*Solemn Eucharist 11:00 am* (Traditional Rite)

**SOLEMN EVENSONG WITH EPIPHANY CAROLS,**

**PROCESSION & DEVOTIONS** at 7:00 pm

**Please note:**

*There is no Evensong on Christmas Day, December 26, or on Sunday, December 29*