



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 27, 2023

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m.

Cantor: Benjamin Howard

The Ordinary of the Mass

Coventry Acclamations

Peter Jones/Paul Inwood

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Hymn

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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 welcomes the people and introduces the celebration. Then, the Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

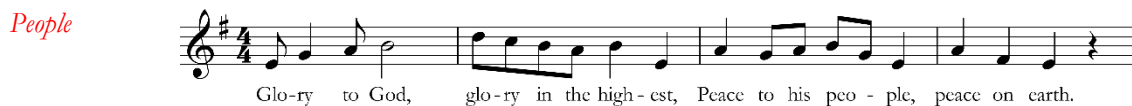
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son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

The Celebrant says

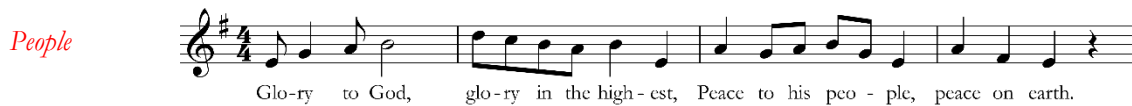
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Cantor Glory to God, glory in the highest, Peace to his people, peace on earth;



Cantor Lord God, Heavenly King, almighty God and Father,



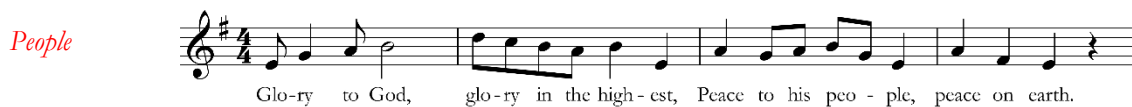
Cantor We worship you,



Cantor Give you thanks,



Cantor Praise you for your glory;



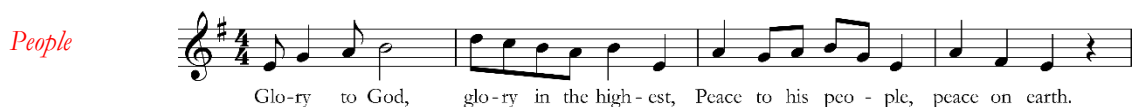
Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God Lamb of God;
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us,



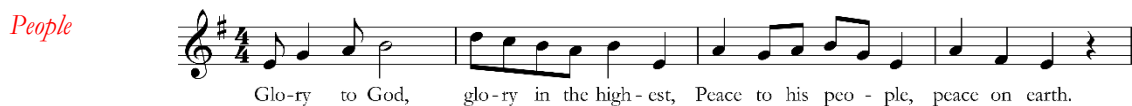
Cantor You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer,



Cantor Glory to God, glory in the highest, Peace to his people, peace on earth



Cantor For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God – the glory of God the Father



Cantor Amen.



The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson

Isaiah 51:1-6

Lector

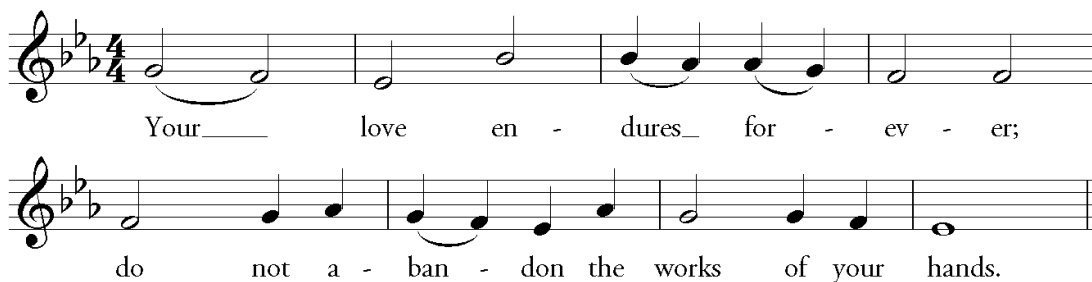
The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

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I will give thanks to you O Lord with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.
When I called you answered me;
you increased my strength within me. *Refrain*

All the kings of the earth will praise you O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. *Refrain*

The People stand. The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.



Cantor Welcome with meekness the implanted word
that has the power to save your souls.

All repeat the Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

People ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the end

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Fr. Moretz

The People stand for the Nicene Creed and the Prayers.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

The Leader says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People remain standing. This response is used after each petition

People Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation:
 Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
People **Amen.**

The Peace

The Celebrant says

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

The Greetings

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, cars at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
 by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant sings the Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
 to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image,
 and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all
 the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Cantor and People

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and God of might, heav'n and
earth are full, heav'n and earth are full, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est: ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho-
san - na in the high - est. Blest is he who comes, blest is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho-
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est: ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.

Organ 1st & 2nd time – Cantor only

O Lamb of God, _____ you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

All

O Lamb of God, _____ you take a-way the sins of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

*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.*

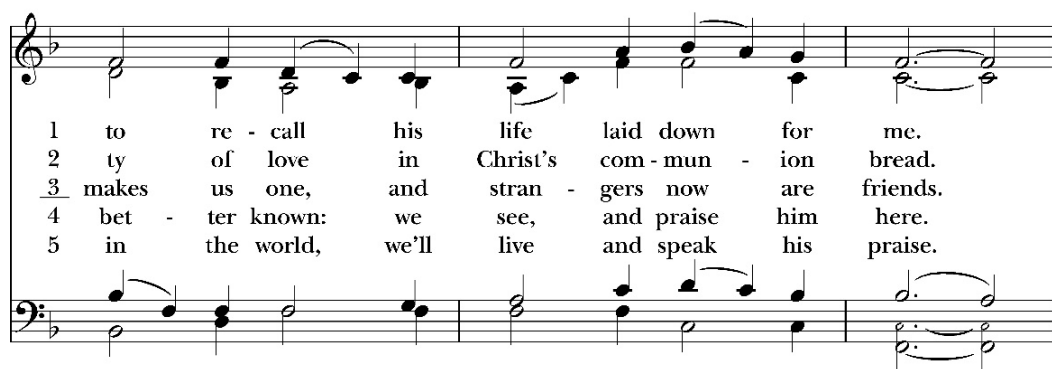
Communion Hymn

LAND OF REST

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er mct, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



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After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in the Peace of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Albion E. Metcalf II, and Joel Rothermel

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Saturday

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

**11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. The Rosary at the Shrine of
Our Lady of Fifth Avenue**

**Next Sunday: September 3, The Fourteenth
Sunday after Pentecost**

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 Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by Fr. Moretz

SUMMER FEASTS 2023

5:30 p.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST
with the Gentlemen of the Choir
followed by cheese, wine, and soft drinks

Friday, September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PARISH NOTICES

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11 am 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.

Our Parish House **Bookstore and Gift Shop** is temporarily closed as we prepare for our Bicentennial celebrations. In October, the Bookstore and Gift Shop will be relocated to part of the Narthex nearest the Chantry Chapel. We are excited about making this resource and ministry more available to those who visit our church throughout the week. And we are grateful for Jean Savage and all those who are making this transition possible through their leadership and support. If you have any questions, please reach out to giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Theology Program at Saint Thomas Church offers sound Christian teaching presented with intellectual vigor; teaching grounded in Holy Scripture, mediated by catholic tradition that is the inheritance of Anglicanism, and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. **Sundays at 10am** on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House and via Zoom. The talks are given by our Theologian in Residence, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia. For info, contact Fr. Gioia: lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families: Nursery and Sunday School are now on recess until September 17, however throughout the Summer children continue to be welcome at Saint Thomas Church! Welcome activity packs and Sunday Papers are now available for children in the Narthex. In addition, 9am and 11am services will be streamed into the Nursery which is available for the sole use of babies and toddlers. Families using the Nursery are welcome to return to the Church at any time, especially for Communion or a Blessing. Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter and details of Children and Family plans for the Fall: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Soup Kitchen: On September 10, after the 11am service there will be a meeting held on the 5th Floor to evaluate whether there is enough volunteer help to resume the Saint Thomas Soup Kitchen. Anyone interested in seeing this worthy and much needed outreach of the church return is urged to attend. At that time we will work out the necessary details and with the support of enough volunteers' hours set a date to start the Soup Kitchen. Light refreshments will be served.

Back to School Drive! Saint Thomas Church is pleased to help students attending St. Ann's after school program in the Bronx and children at the Lang Shelter on the lower east side, as well as migrant children known to our EOP (Ecumenical Outreach Program) ages 5-14. There are two ways to help: *Option One:* Donate a backpack filled with supplies for a child in grades 1-8. Please put a tag on the backpack designating which grade the backpack is for. *Option Two:* Sponsor a backpack with a donation of \$75: a backpack complete with supplies can be purchased on your behalf. Please write "Back to School 2023" on the memo line of your check or choose "Back to School – Backpack Sponsor" from the menu on the giving page of our website. Need more info? Email or call Linda Morfi, lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org, 212-757-7013, ext 416.

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 is accepting applications from boys currently in grades 2-5 for admission to the 2023-2024 academic year. The school exists to nurture and educate the approximately 30 boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented boys come from Michigan to Texas, and Massachusetts to Virginia, and even Manhattan. 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 resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 14 and our first Sunday back will be Sunday, September 17 at the 9am Sung Mass. Watch for news about our September Choir Camp event and other special events such as our Preschool Music Circle. 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.

Throughout the summer, we continue our **2023 Annual Appeal: Invitation, Community, Discipleship**. You can make a pledge via the QR code below to be taken to the website or email giving@saintthomaschurch.org. Every pledge makes a difference.



ASSISTING CLERGY

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You may contact the Wardens using this address: Wardens@SaintThomasChurch.org.

BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND



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God's Love in the
Heart of New York

Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Saint Thomas Church October 12 – 15, 2023

Thursday, October 12

3:00 p.m. Opening of the Bicentennial Exhibition

5:30 p.m. Bicentennial Orchestral Eucharist to commemorate the first service in 1823
Preacher: The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop of New York,
followed by a Champagne Reception

Friday, October 13

7:30 p.m. Saint Thomas at 200 : A Musical Legacy
Concert with the Choir of Men and Boys with Saint Thomas Brass
(Free Admission)

Saturday, October 14

6:00 p.m. Bicentennial Black-tie Gala Fundraiser at the University Club

Sunday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. Andrew Mead, Rector Emeritus, followed by Brunch

2:15 p.m. Organ Recital on the Taylor-Boody Organ (hand-pumped)

3:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Te Deum

Preacher: The Sub-Dean of Chapel Royal, The Rev. Canon Paul Wright LVO



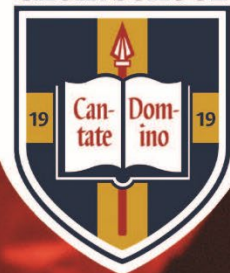
BICENTENNIAL GALA

A milestone occasion, celebrating Saint Thomas Church's two-hundred-year history. The evening will serve as an opportunity to share the inspiring story of Saint Thomas Church, reflecting on its rich history, and looking to the future.



A Small School in a Great City

SAINT THOMAS
CHOIR SCHOOL



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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the next step

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