

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025 AT 4 P.M.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The Beginning of Passiontide

SOLEMN EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

“THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM: HOLY OF HOLIES”

The Rev. Matthew Moretz, Vicar



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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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PRELUDE

Three French Corantos

William Byrd
(c. 1540-1623)

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

HYMN

GERONTIUS

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the
2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was
3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in
4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and
5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most
2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am
3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -
4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his
5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!
2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.
3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;
4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.
5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Praise to the Holiest in the height, #445 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt.
Music: Gerontius, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE PENITENTIAL INTRODUCTION

The Priest says these Sentences of the Scriptures

O LORD, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger,
lest thou bring me to nothing. (*Jeremiah 10:24; Psalm 6:1*)
Repent ye; for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. (*St. Matthew 3:2*)



Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord;
for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. (*Psalm 143:2*)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us:
but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 St. John 1:8-9*)

The Priest says

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

The People kneel.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Priest and People

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and pronounces the Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People stand.



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 35

Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Willcocks, Wolstenholme)

JUDICA, DOMINE

PLEAD thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me :
and fight thou against them that fight against me.
Lay hand upon the shield and buckler : and stand up to help me.
Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me :
say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.
Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek after my soul :
let them be turned back and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief for me.
Let them be as the dust before the wind : and the angel of the Lord scattering them.
Let their way be dark and slippery : and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.
For they have privily laid their net to destroy me without a cause :
yea, even without a cause have they made a pit for my soul.
Let a sudden destruction come upon him un-awares, and his net, that he hath laid privily,
catch himself : that he may fall into his own mischief.
And, my soul, be joyful in the Lord : it shall rejoice in his salvation.
All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee,
who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him :
yea, the poor, and him that is in misery, from him that spoileth him?
False witnesses did rise up : they laid to my charge things that I knew not.
They rewarded me evil for good : to the great discomfort of my soul.
Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth, and humbled my soul with fasting :
and my prayer shall turn into mine own bosom.
I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother :
I went heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.
But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together :
yea, the very abjects came together against me unawares,
making mouths at me, and ceased not.
With the flatterers were busy mockers : who gnashed upon me with their teeth.



Lord, how long wilt thou look upon this :
O deliver my soul from the calamities which they bring on me,
and my darling from the lions.
So will I give thee thanks in the great congregation : I will praise thee among much people.
O let not them that are mine enemies triumph over me ungodly :
neither let them wink with their eyes that hate me without a cause.
And why? their communing is not for peace :
but they imagine deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.
They gaped upon me with their mouths, and said :
Fie on thee, fie on thee, we saw it with our eyes.
This thou hast seen, O Lord : hold not thy tongue then, go not far from me, O Lord.
Awake, and stand up to judge my quarrel : avenge thou my cause, my God, and my Lord.
Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness : and let them not triumph over me.
Let them not say in their hearts, There, there, so would we have it :
neither let them say, We have devoured him.
Let them be put to confusion and shame together, that rejoice at my trouble :
let them be clothed with rebuke and dishonour, that boast themselves against me.
Let them be glad and rejoice, that favour my righteous dealing :
yea, let them say alway, Blessed be the Lord,
who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.
And as for my tongue, it shall be talking of thy righteousness : and of thy praise all the day long.
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

1 Kings 8:6-13

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

VEXILLA REGIS

Verses 2, 4, and 6 shall be sung by upper voices only; verses 3 and 5 by lower voices.

1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go, _____
2. Where deep - for us the spear - was dyed, _____
3. Ful - fill'd is all that Da - vid told _____
4. O Tree of beau - ty, Tree of light, _____
5. On whose dear arms, so wide - ly flung, _____

The Cross shines forth in mys - tic glow, _____
Life's tor - rent rush - ing from his side, _____
In true pro - phe - tic song of old, _____
O Tree with roy - al pur - ple dight, _____
The weight of this world's ran - som hung, _____

Where he in flesh, our flesh who made, _____
To wash us in that pre - cious flood, _____
The un - i - ver - sal Lord is he, _____
E - lect on whose tri - um - phal breast _____
The price of hu - man - kind to pay _____



Our sent - tence bore, — our ran - som — paid. — (7.) A - men. —
Where min - gled wa - ter flow'd, and — blood. —
Who reigns — and tri - umphs from — the — tree. —
Those ho - ly limbs — should find — their — rest! —
And spoil — the spoil - er of — his — prey. —

6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy pow'r with us prevail
To give new virtue to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.

7. To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

The royal banners forward go, #79 from *The New English Hymnal* — Words: Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609);
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866). Music: *Vexilla Regis*, plainsong, Mode i.

MAGNIFICAT TERTII TONI

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525-1594)

MAGNIFICAT anima mea, Dominum
et exultavit spiritus meus
in Deo, salutari meo.
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ:
ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent
omnes generationes.
Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est,
et sanctum nomen eius,
et misericordia eius
a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,
dispersit superbos
mente cordis sui.
Deposuit potentes de sede
et exaltavit humiles;
esurientes implevit bonis
et divites dimisit inanes.
Suscepit Israel puerum suum
recordatus misericordiæ suæ,
sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

The People sit.

My 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.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:19-25

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.



NUNC DIMITTIS TERTII TONI

Orlandus Lassus
(1532-1594)

NUNC dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace:
quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
quod parasti ante faciem
omnium populorum:
lumen ad revelationem gentium,
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*Lord, 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

I 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

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

℟. 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.
R. 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

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O 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

William Byrd

NE irascaris Domine satis,
et ne ultra memineris iniquitatis nostrae.
Ecce respice populus tuus omnes nos.

*Be not angry, O Lord,
and remember our iniquity no more.
Behold, we are all your people.*

Isaiah 64:9

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Moretz

Vicar

“The Temple of Jerusalem: Holy of Holies”

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



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HYMN

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN [PASSION CHORALE]

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

O sacred head, sore wounded, #168 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930);
st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt. Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612);
adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

BLESSING

CHRIST give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

LENT PROSE

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Mode V)

The People stand and join in the Refrain.

Refrain
(1st time: Cantor) (Full)

Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin - ned a - gainst thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.
Refrain

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation,
Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.
Refrain

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.
Refrain



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Refrain

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us,
we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Refrain

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William Byrd

5:15 P.M. CHAMBER RECITAL

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series
featuring Players from the Historical Performance Program at The Juilliard School, New York, NY*



Saint Thomas gives thanks for those who have given endowed funds to provide flowers to
beautify the church in perpetuity. This week, we give thanks for the memory of
Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Munsell, Beth Pearce Nelson, Elizabeth van Bokkelen Nichols,
Eliza J. Watson and John J. Watson, and pray for the repose of their souls.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalm 104:31)

PARISH NOTICES



PALM CROSSES

Please join us Thursday, April 10 between the hours of 10am and 3pm to help us make Palm crosses.
The crosses will be sent to our parishioners who are house bound, our Easter Basket recipients, and our
Neighbor to Neighbor friends. Don't worry if you have never made a Palm cross, we will show you how and
don't worry if you can't spend the whole day with us. We will be making them in the Dining Room on the 2nd
floor of the Parish House. A light lunch will be served. Any questions? Contact Femintz309@gmail.com.



MONSTROSITY! LENTEN MOVIE NIGHTS

Our final session is this Friday! Following a vegetarian meal (for those abstaining from meat on Fridays),
we'll engage with a curated series of films both classic and contemporary. This year, our series is based around
this theme: Monstrosity! We'll explore together the following questions: how are monsters made? Or would it be
better to ask: how are monsters projected? How is 'otherness' constructed, categorized, and construed as
monstrosity? Is the other-as-monster a mirror of a community's fear, a mirror of a community's deepest most
alienated self? How can we move from the rejection and alienation of the 'other' to real celebration of the beauty
of uniqueness? Our final film is *There Will Be Blood* (dir: Paul Thomas Anderson, 2007, R).

You must register to attend! Contact Fr. Schultz (Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org) for the registration link.



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God's Love at the Heart of New York



HELP US SHARE EASTER JOY!

Please bring **chocolate Easter treats** and **new spring clothing for children** (sizes 2T-14) to the Parish House by **Sunday, April 6th**. We are filling Easter baskets for **St. Ann's Episcopal Church in the Bronx** and children staying at a **Safe Horizons** shelter for survivors of domestic abuse.

Want to help assemble baskets? Join us on **Tuesday, April 8th, from 2-4 PM** in the Parish House.

For more information, contact **Linda Morfi** at [212-757-7013](tel:212-757-7013) ext. 416 or Lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org.

You may also make a donation online using the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITY: RELIEVING MEDICAL DEBT

Medical Debt Forgiveness Campaign: Once again Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue reflects on our history of compassion and service to New York City. One tradition dating back to just after the Civil War is the church's participation in the Easter Parade, where members carried flowers used in the Easter service to St. Luke's Hospital located at 54th Street. This was a small way Saint Thomas Church showed caring for the sick and suffering of New York. As Easter calls us to new life in the resurrection, we invite you to extend your generosity to those with medical debt. For every dollar contributed, we can absolve over \$100 of medical debt, profoundly impacting not just individuals but entire families, bringing peace of mind and well-being.

You may participate in this campaign by scanning the QR code below.

For inquiries, contact Parishioner Erich Erving at Erich@shoestringpressny.com. Let's join together in this act of compassion, honoring Saint Thomas's legacy and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those burdened by medical expenses.



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 subject of this week's class will be "*Mission and Ministry: Vocation, Ordination, and the Mission of the Church.*" 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 on-line. (Note: No classes on April 15 or 22 due to Holy Week and Easter week; those who wish to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, that service will be on Saturday, April 19, at 5:30pm.)



To register please scan this code:



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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR
The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



The Saint Thomas Social Outreach program **Neighbor to Neighbor** 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 sign-up form for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in knowing more about the program and getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



Children and Family Ministries: Today, in place of Sunday School and Faith Alive at 10am, we will have rehearsals for the Palm Sunday readings in the 9am Mass on Sunday, April 13th. 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.

“Let Mutual Love Continue: An Exhortation to Inhabit the Community of Witness.” **The Zoom Bible Study Group** has embarked on its next course, diving into the Epistle to the Hebrews. Examining the Epistle’s structure, ecclesiology, and Christology, we’ll discover a vision of community that transcends time, space and circumstance, rooted by faith in the never-ending love of God. As the epistle’s author encourages us to remain faithful to Jesus in a time of oppression and fear, they help us to understand what it means to truly take our place in a community that witnesses to a reality of love that is both immanent and transcendent. The Study meets Fridays at 1pm on Zoom. Each session begins with prayer for the needs of the community, and continues with our engagement with scripture, ending at 2:15pm. Contact Fr. Schultz (Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org) to join. *Note: We will not meet Holy Week or Easter Week.*

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. *Note: There will be no tour offered on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.*

The Noble Singers, our parish children’s choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is accepting new choristers for the new year. We rehearse on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm with choristers selecting one rehearsal to attend each week. The choir sings 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 Taizé 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: for the season of Lent, we will meet in the Lady Chapel at 3:30pm, to commence after the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30-3:30. We will not meet the Friday of Holy Week or Easter Week, April 18 and 25.*

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.

Easter Flowers: Contributions are now being received for Easter Flowers 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 Easter service leaflet. In order to cover the cost of the flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per person. Please go to our website (www.saintthomaschurch.org/give) Deadline for submission is TOMORROW, Monday, April 7.

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 1:30 에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45 에 2 층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

A chamber recital featuring players from the Historical Performance program at The Juilliard School, New York, NY

Monday – Tuesday, Thursday – Friday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday

12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Said Mass

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Thursday

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Friday

12:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Lady Chapel

Saturday

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

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: April 13,

Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Solemn Eucharist of the Passion*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew McGowan,
Dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University



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The Opportunity of a Lifetime

*A Residential Program for Boys
in Grades 4-8 Who Love to Sing*

Saint Thomas Choir School is the home away from home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. At STCS, boys in grades 4-8 live in community with full-time staff, sharing in the many routines of daily life: family-style meals, afternoon sports and recreation, bedtime snacks and books. Residential staff nurture and guide the students, helping them grow into young men who exhibit poise, presence, and a profound sense of service, all while immersing themselves in a shared passion for music.

Beginning in September 2025, Saint Thomas Choir School will partner with Professional Children's School to offer an unparalleled, music-centered education in the heart of Manhattan. While continuing to live at STCS, the boy choristers will be formally enrolled at PCS, an institution with a longstanding tradition of academic excellence and a deep commitment to supporting the performing arts. An average day will include several hours at PCS for core academics, with remaining time based at STCS for studies in Latin, theology, and music theory, as well as weekly private music lessons, sports, and recreational activities.

If you know a boy who loves to sing and would thrive within this extraordinary musical and educational environment, please contact us at admissions@choirschool.org.



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