

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025 AT 4 P.M.
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SOLEMN EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

“THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM: GOD’S GLORY ABIDETH”

The Rev. Preston Gonzales-Grissom, Associate Priest for Children and Family Ministry



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Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

*Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.*

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PRELUDE

ko'u inoa
Jules Biber, cello

Leilehua Lanzilotti
(b. 1983)

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

HYMN

ERHALT UNS, HERR

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to

1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold

1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

The glory of these forty days, #143 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt.
Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543.

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

*Andrew Millington
(b. 1952)*

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 119:73-88

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Tone VII³)

MANUS TUAE FECERUNT ME

THY hands have made me and fashioned me :
O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
They that fear thee will be glad when they see me : because I have put my trust in thy word.
I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right:
and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.
O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort : according to thy word unto thy servant.
O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live : for thy law is my delight.
Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me :
but I will be occupied in thy commandments.
Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies : be turned unto me.
O let my heart be sound in thy statutes : that I be not ashamed.

DEFECIT ANIMA MEA

MY SOUL hath longed for thy salvation : and I have a good hope because of thy word.
Mine eyes long sore for thy word : saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?
For I am become like a bottle in the smoke : yet do I not forget thy statutes.
How many are the days of thy servant : when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?
The proud have digged pits for me : which are not after thy law.
All thy commandments are true : they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.
They had almost made an end of me upon earth : but I forsook not thy commandments.
O quicken me after thy loving-kindness : and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.
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

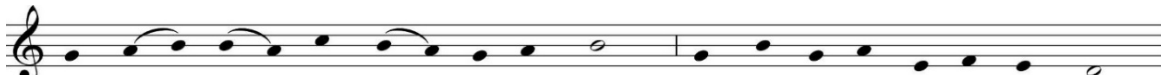
1 Kings 8:6-13, 27-30

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



OFFICE HYMN

ECCE TEMPUS



1 Now is the heal - ing time de - creed For sins of heart and word and deed,
2 Who, al - ways mer - ci - ful and good, Has borne so long our way ward mood,
3 There - fore with fast - ing and with prayer, Our sec - ret sor - row we de - clare,
4 Cleanse us, O Lord, from ev - ery stain, Help us the gifts of grace to gain,
5 We pray thee, ho - ly Tri - ni - ty, One God, un chang - ing U - ni - ty,



When we in hum - ble fear re - cord The wrong that we have done the Lord:
Nor cut us off un - spar - ing - ly In our so great in - i - qui - ty.
With all good striv - ing seek his face, And low - ly - heart - ed plead for grace.
Till with the an - gels, link'd in love, Joy - ful we tread thy courts a - bove.
That we from this our ab - sti - nence May reap the fruits of pen - i - tence.



(5.) A - men.

Now is the healing time decreed, #59 from *The New English Hymnal*— Words: Latin, Tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931).
Music: *Ecce Tempus*, plainsong, Mode iii.

MAGNIFICAT

St. Mark's Service

Jessica French
(b. 1984)

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.

The People sit.

SECOND LESSON

John 1:1-14

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.



NUNC DIMITTIS

St. Mark's Service

Jessica French

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

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

R. 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

ALmighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan:
Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations;
and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

ALmighty 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

*Caro Lesemann-Elliott
(b. 1996)*

TE lucis ante terminum,
Rerum Creator poscimus,
Ut pro tua clementia
Sis praesul et custodiam.

*To thee before the close of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That, with thy wonted favour, thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.*

Procul recedant somnia,
Et noctium phantasmata;
Hostemque nostrum comprime,
Ne pollutantur corpora.

*From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.*

Præsta, Pater piissime,
Patrique compar Unice,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito
Regnans per omne saeculum.

*O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.*

Anonymous

SERMON

The Rev. Preston Gonzalez-Grissom
Associate Priest for Children and Family Ministry
“The Temple of Jerusalem: God’s Glory Abideth”

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



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HYMN

EVENTIDE

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide, #662 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847).
Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

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.**

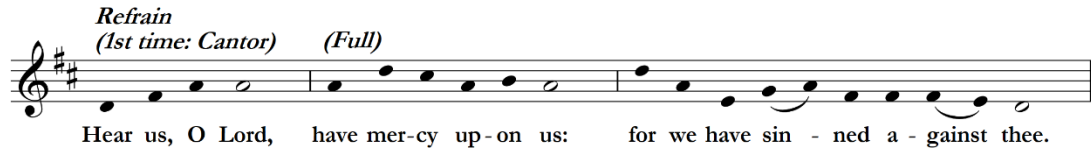


LENT PROSE

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Mode V)

The People stand and join in the Refrain.



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

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

VOLUNTARY

Variation V from Variations on 'Jesu Dulcis Memoria'

Jessica French

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series
featuring Eugene Lavery, Waco, TX*



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 and Gertrude Seney Robinson, 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)

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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 "*The Holy Bible: 'The Word of the Lord.'*"

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. 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 signup 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.**



LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITY: RELIEVING MEDICAL DEBT

At Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue, we are reflecting on our history of compassion and service to New York City. One tradition dating back to the just after the Civil War era 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.

During Lent this year, Saint Thomas is raising money to address modern challenges facing those who are sick.

Partnering with Undue Medical Debt, we aim to raise funds to forgive medical debt, following the example of Christ's healing ministry. Every dollar donated can relieve over a hundred dollars of debt, offering tangible relief to those in need.

Starting Ash Wednesday individuals may participate in this campaign by scanning the QR code below. For inquiries, contact Parishioner Erich Erving at erich@shoestringpressny.org. 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.



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) or please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation. Deadline for submission is Monday, April 7.

MONSTROSITY! LENTEN MOVIE NIGHTS

Friday evenings in Lent, at 6pm, beginning March 14, join us for the return of Lenten Movie Nights! 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 first film is *Frankenstein* (dir: James Whale, 1931, NR)

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

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

An organ recital featuring Eugene Lavery, Waco, TX

Monday – Tuesday, Thursday – Saturday

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. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

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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. Schultz

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: March 16, The Second Sunday in Lent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Gioia

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Schultz: “The Temple: Place of Sacrifice”

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

*A Chamber Recital featuring violinist Aisslinn Nosky,
New York, NY*

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (5-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor) and Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor). The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am – 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

“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.

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 Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org.
Note: for the season of Lent, we will meet in the Lady Chapel at 3:30pm, to commence after the conclusion of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30-3:30, also in the Lady Chapel.

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.

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Margaret White: Mwhite@choirschool.org.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Behind the Scenes Tour: Saturday, April 5 at 1pm. Saint Thomas Church Tour Guide, Bill Hearst, will lead a tour that will explore our landmark building with parishioners. From the gigantic blower in the basement that powers the great organ, to the vesting room housing the vast ecclesiastical wardrobe. This will then be followed by an ascent via winding stairs into the tower to view the carillon and its bells, and finally, it’s out onto the tower roof for a panoramic view of Fifth Avenue. This tour will last just under 2 hours and is best suited for individuals aged 15 and above. There is a limit of 15 participants and each participant will be required to complete and sign a waiver. Interested parishioners should register in advance with the Head Verger: Dbryan@saintthomaschurch.org.

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.