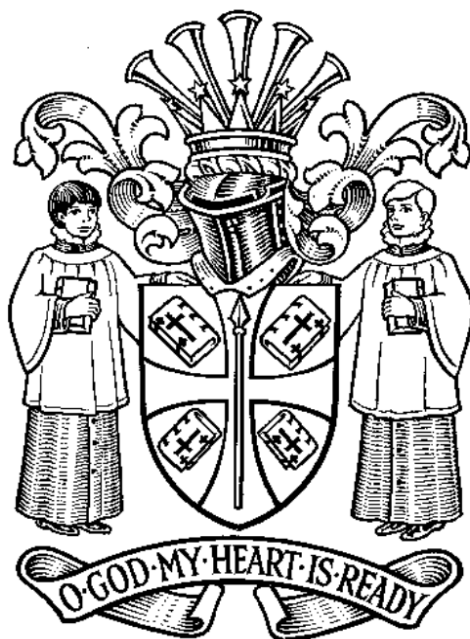


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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 AT 11 A.M.
THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (TR.)

SOLEMN EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa brevis

Jonathan Dove
(b. 1959)

PRELUDE

Credo from Organ Mass "L'homme armé"

Margaret Sandresky
(b. 1921)

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

THE GREETINGS

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

HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Unison

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - them

Harmony *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, #618 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945).

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).
Desc. Christopher Gower (b. 1939)

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

WE have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels, to God, the judge of all, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

Hebrews 12:22-24

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.



Celebrant and People

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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,
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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O EVERLASTING, God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Genesis 28:10-17

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

PSALM 103:19-22

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant
(Gerre Hancock/John Andrew)

BENEDIC, ANIMA MEA

THE Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven : and his kingdom ruleth over all.
O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength :
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.
O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion :
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.
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

Revelation 12:7-12

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

The People stand.



HYMN

DARWALL'S 148TH

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

Ye holy angels bright, #625 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862). Music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)



Cantor O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:47-51

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 SERMON

The Reverend Preston Gonzalez-Grissom
Associate Priest for Children and Family Ministry

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

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 Intercessor says

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

The People kneel. After each petition

Leader Lord, hear us.
People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

HEAVENLY Father, the angels sing by day and night around thy throne:
'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.'

With Michael, prince of the angels, who contends by our side,
with Gabriel, thy herald, who bringeth glad tidings,
with Raphael, the protector, the minister of thy healing power,
and with the whole company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People stand.



THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

THE angel said unto the Shepherds, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Luke 2:11-14

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

The People offer one another a sign of peace.

The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence, and the People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*Peter Hallock
(1924-2014)*

MICHAEL, Archangel of the King of Kings, give ear to our voices.
We acknowledge thee to be the Prince of the citizens of heaven.
And at thy prayer God sends his angels, that the enemy, with cunning craft,
shall not prevail to do the hurt he craves to weary men,
yea, thou hast the dominion of perpetual Paradise
and ever do the holy angels honor thee.
Thou wast seen in the Temple of God,
a censer gold in thy hands and the smoke of it fragrant with spices
rose up till it came before God.
Thou didst smite the cruel dragon,
and many, many souls didst thou rescue from his jaws.
Then was there a great silence in Heaven,
and a thousand, thousand, saying "Glory to the Lord King."
Michael, hear us, greatest angel,
come down from thy high seat,
bring us the strength of God and the lightning of his mercy.
Do thou, O Gabriel, put down our foes,
and thou, O Raphael, heal our sick, ease our pain.
Michael, hear us, greatest angel.
Hear us, O Michael, come down a little from thy high seat
and give us to share the joys of the blessed.

Alcuin (735-804), trans. Helen Waddell (1889-1965)





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The People stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

IT is very 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.

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God,
one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance;
and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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, which concludes

By whom, and with 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.**

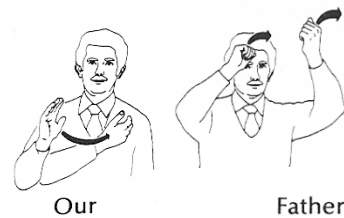
THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo
하늘에 계신 우리 아버지
Notre Père qui es aux cieux
Πατερ ημων ο εν τοις ουρανοις
Pai nosso, que estais nos Céus,
Отче наш, що еси на небесах
أَبَانَا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاءَاتِ،

Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel
Pater noster, qui es in caelis
我們在天上父
Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni
Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli
天におられる私たちの父よ
हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता,



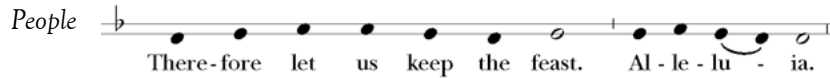
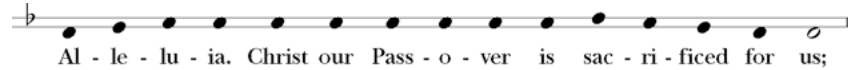
People and Celebrant

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. The Celebrant says



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

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 shouldest 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 in person)*

I BELIEVE 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 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.

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

Agnus Dei from Organ Mass "L'homme armé"

Margaret Sandresky

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.



ANTHEM

Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow
(1874-1946)

LET all mortal flesh keep silence,
and stand with fear and trembling,
and lift itself above all earthly thought.
For the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Christ our God,
cometh forth to be our oblation,
and to be given for food to the faithful.
Before him come the choirs of angels,
with every principality and power;
the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout exultantly the hymn,
Alleluia.

Liturgy of St. James, para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

After Communion, silence is kept for a while.

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 Celebrant says

GOD keep you in the fellowship of his saints and protect you through the ministry of the holy angels, that you may worship love and serve him in Christ Jesus our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

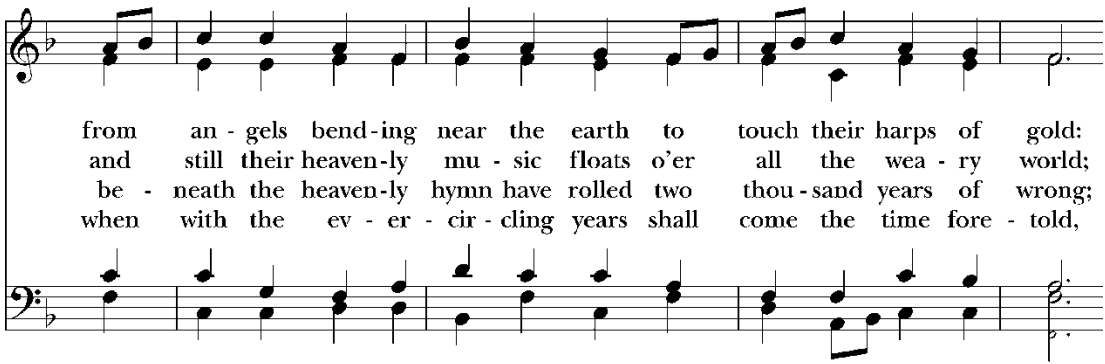


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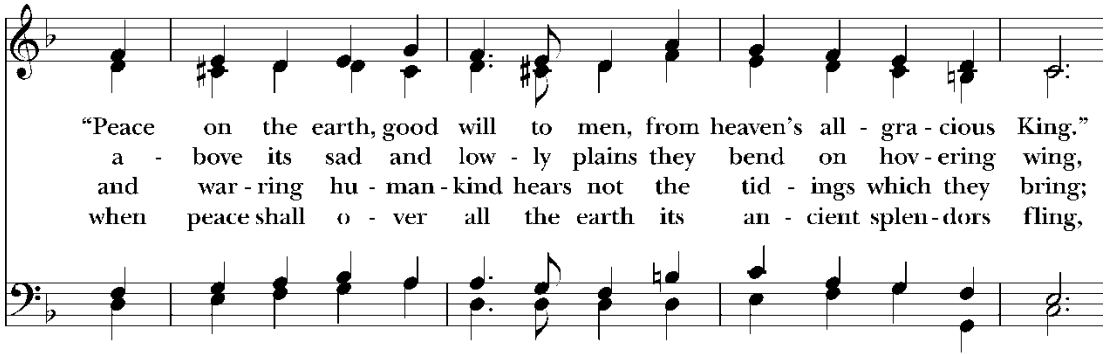
NOEL



1 It came up - on the mid-night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - en skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf - fered long;
4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by pro - phets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
be - neath the heaven - ly hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all - gra - cious King."
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ering wing,
and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the tid - ings which they bring;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

L'ange à la trompette

Jacques Charpentier
(1933-2017)

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex after the service.



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 James Massey, Ida Spear O'Neill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Frances Wasson Scoville Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Nydia Mason 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)



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:





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WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong & Benediction*
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday 30th

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
Followed by a short, said Mass
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
music by Byrd, Noble, & Rorem

Wednesday 1st – Thérèse of Lisieux

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
Followed by a short, said Mass
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
music by Byrd, Palestrina, Lassus, & Bairstow

Thursday 2nd

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
Followed by a short, said Mass
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
music by Byrd

Friday 3rd

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Saturday 4th Francis of Assisi

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

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: October 5th

Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass
Sung by the Noble Singers
followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*
with the installation of choristers and the Head and Deputy Head Choristers.
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by the Rector

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong & Te Deum in Procession*
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The 2025 Hobart Lecture Sanctuary: Space of Belonging and Thriving



The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde
Bishop of The Diocese of Washington

**October 15
7pm EST**
In-person
and online



Pádraig Ó Tuama,
Author and Poet-Theologian

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PARISH NOTICES

Chorister for a Day: Find your voice. Find yourself. On Saturday, November 8, Saint Thomas Choir School will hold its annual Chorister for a Day. Open to boys in Grades 3-6, this day will be an opportunity to experience life in the choir school community with fun activities, choir rehearsal with the choristers, tours of the Church and School, and Evensong with the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. For more information contact Margaret White, Director of Admissions and Administration: admissions@choirschool.org

The Saint Thomas Choir School is home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Beginning in September 2025, the choristers (grades 4-8) will partner with Professional Children's School for their academic education, while continuing to live and train at STCS in a close-knit, music-centered environment. They sing five weekly services at Saint Thomas Church and perform in the Concerts at Saint Thomas series. If you know a boy who loves to sing and may thrive in this unique setting, please contact Margaret White at mwhite@choirschool.org

Children and Family Ministries: All CFM programming has returned with 10am Children's Formation for Pre-K - High School from 10-1045 following the 9am Mass. The Children's area (near the icon of Saint Thomas) is available for families during all services, with quiet activities for young children. The Nursery also continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9am-1pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd floor. To receive our Summer CFM newsletter, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org

Explore the Beauty and History of Saint Thomas Church each Sunday following the 11am service with a **guided tour**. These tours offer a unique opportunity to delve into the rich history, sacred art, and exquisite architectural details of our landmark building. To take part, please meet the Tour Guide at the "Tour Guide - Meet Here" sign on the south side of the Narthex. All are warmly welcome.

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

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers (ages 5-14+) have returned to sing in the 9am mass. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:15-5:15pm, and new singers are always

welcome. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For more information, and to register your singer, contact Mrs. Lane at llane@saintthomaschurch.org

Concerts at Saint Thomas kicks off the 2025-2026 season with a Grand Organ Series recital of Baroque organ music. On Saturday, September 27th at 3pm, Associate Organist Nicolas Haigh plays the music of Nicolaus Bruhns, Vincent Lübeck, and Johann Sebastian Bach on the Taylor & Boody Loening-Hancock Gallery Organ. This performance also marks the release of a new album by Nicolas Haigh of the complete works of Bruhns, which will be available for purchase following the performance. For tickets or more information about the performance, visit www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts.

You are cordially invited to the Holy Eucharist in the Korean language every second Sunday of the month. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45 pm in the month at 1:30 pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45 pm 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.

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

The Nominating Committee of the Vestry is now soliciting suggestions from parishioners for Vestry candidates, and will meet to review them. Please understand that not all those suggested will be put on the ballot. The Nominating Committee is tasked with selecting candidates who best meet the current and future needs of the Vestry. If your suggestion does not make it onto the ballot this year, please don't be discouraged or take it as a rejection for the future. Once the Nominating Committee has assembled a ballot, candidates will be notified. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Gregory Zaffiro, Warden and Chairman; Kenneth Koen; Kazie Metzger Harvey; Jay Sterling; and Anne Kelly Treantafeles. Please send your suggestions to wardens@saintthomaschurch.org by Oct 5th.

Thursday Theology Reading Group: Join us Thursdays, 6:45-8:15 pm, as we share a meal, pray, and reflect while reading *Borders and Belonging*. The Book of Ruth: A Story for Our Times by Pádraig Ó Tuama and Glenn Jordan. A midweek pause to nourish body and spirit in fellowship and faith. Register using the QR c



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*Find your voice.
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Is your son in grades 3–6 and curious about singing, music, or life in a close-knit community?

Join us on **Saturday, November 8** for Chorister for a Day at **Saint Thomas Choir School**—a unique opportunity for boys and their families to discover what it's like to be a Saint Thomas Chorister.

The day includes:

- Fun, interactive activities
- A choir rehearsal alongside current choristers
- Guided tours of the Church and Choir School
- Sing at Evensong alongside the world-renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

To register, email:

✉ mwhite@choirschool.org



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