

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025 AT 11 A.M.
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EUCHARIST

SUNG BY THE ALUMNI CHOIR OF ST. JOHN'S IN THE VILLAGE, BALTIMORE, MD
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Chorister for a Day

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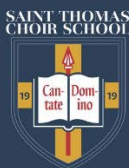
Join us on **Saturday, November 8** for Chorister for a Day at **Saint Thomas Choir School**—a unique opportunity for boys and their families to discover what it's like to be a Saint Thomas Chorister.

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

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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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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa brevis, Op. 50

Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)

PRELUDE

Introduction from Introduction, Passacaglia, and Fugue

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

THE GREETINGS

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

HYMN

LUCERNA LAUDONIAE

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

Refrain
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

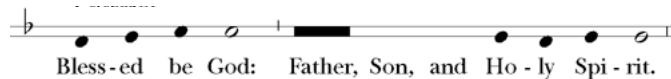
6 For each perfect gift of thine
to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Refrain

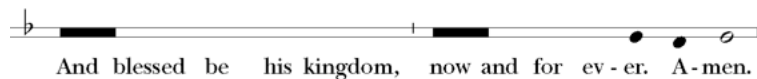


THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant



People



The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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

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,
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.

GRANT, to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right,
that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will;
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 15:1-6

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

PSALM 33:12-22

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Havergal*)

EXULTATE, JUSTI

BLESSED are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah :
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.
The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men :
from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
He fashioneth all the hearts of them : and understandeth all their works.
There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host :
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man :
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him :
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
To deliver their soul from death : and to feed them in the time of dearth.
Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord : for he is our help and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in him : because we have hoped in his holy Name.
Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us : like as we do put our trust in thee.
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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

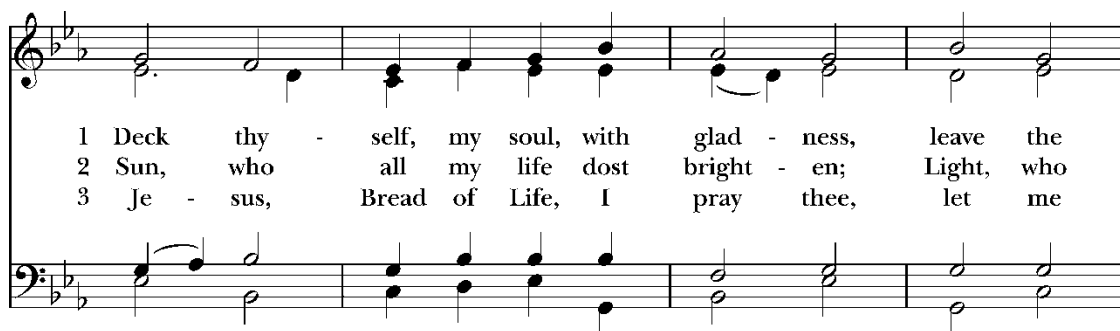
The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

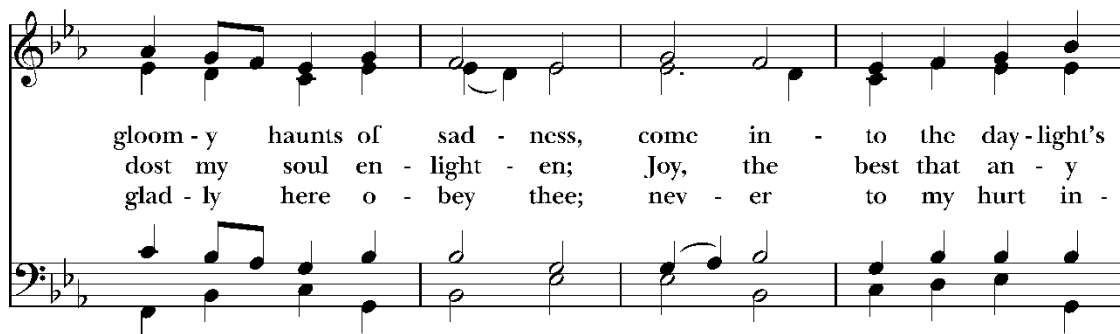


HYMN

SCHMÜCKE DICH



1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -



splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how



won-drous ban-quet found-ed high o'er all the heavens he
be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from
vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost
reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.
hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.
give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness. #339 from *The Hymnal* 1982.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor *People*
Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Cantor I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.
People Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

People
Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People
Praise be to thee, O Christ.



THE SERMON

The Rector

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 (FORM V)

The Intercessor says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying 'Kyrie eleison' (*Lord, have mercy*)

After each petition

Intercessor We pray to thee, O Lord.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

After the last petition

Intercessor ...and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

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

HASTEN, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **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

Sung by the Choir

*Herbert Howells
(1893-1982)*

THEE will I love, my God and King;
thee will I sing, my strength and tower;
forevermore thee will I trust,
O God most just of truth and power,
who all things hast in order placed,
yea, for thy pleasure hast created;
and on thy throne, unseen, unknown,
reignest alone in glory seated.

Set in my heart thy love I find;
my wandering mind to thee thou ledest;
my trembling hope, my strong desire
with heavenly fire thou kindly feedest.
Lo, all things fair thy path prepare;
thy beauty to my spirit calleth,
thine to remain, in joy or pain,
and count it gain whate'er befalleth.

O more and more thy love extend,
my life befriend with heavenly pleasure,
that I may win thy Paradise,
thy countless treasure.
Since but in thee I can go free
from earthly care and vain oppression,
this prayer I make for Jesus' sake,
that thou me take in thy possession.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)



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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

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

HOLY, holy, holy,
Lord God Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

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, and in 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,

People and Celebrant

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. Then is said

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.

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.*

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

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,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

MOTET

Sung by the Choir

*Percy Whitlock
(1903-1946)*

O LIVING bread! Who once didst die,
And lay thee down in rocky tomb:
Within my heart for ever lie,
And shed thy brightness o'er its gloom.

O precious blood! So freely shed,
Sweet pledge of pardon from above:
Speak to my heart so cold and dead,
And wake it into life and love.

O sacred food! O cleansing tide!
Fill all my soul with love divine:
O thou who didst my life redeem:
Come to my heart and make me thine.
Amen.

Bishop Walsham How (1823-1897)

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 peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



HYMN

SICILIAN MARINERS

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, #344 from *The Hymnal* 1982.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Fugue from Introduction, Passacaglia, and Fugue

Healey Willan

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Lady Chapel 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
John Henry Eydeler, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Joel Rothermel
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 below.**



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday – Thursday, August 11-14

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Friday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

Celebrant, The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin,

Bishop Suffragan in the presence of

The Most Rev. Jeremy Greaves,

Archbishop of Brisbane, Australia

Sermon by Fr. Mark Schultz

Sung by the Saint Thomas Consort

Followed by cheese, desserts, wine and soft drinks

Saturday, August 16

11:00-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice,

Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel

Confessor: Fr. Schultz

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Saturday memorial of the BVM

Next Sunday: August 17

Celebration of Saint Mary the Virgin

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Preceded by brunch in the Parish House at 12:45 p.m.

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.

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist and Procession to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fifth Avenue *

Sermon by Mo. Alison Turner

Sung by the Saint Thomas Consort

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (ages 3-10) and Faith Alive (ages 10-14) are now on summer recess and will resume at the beginning of September. 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.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers (ages 5-14) will resume rehearsals in the fall. The term will begin with Choir Camp on Saturday, September 6th. 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 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 Tour Guide Group would like to extend an invitation to individuals interested in becoming a Saint Thomas Tour Guide Candidate. Interested individuals must be pledging members of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue and should have an interest in Church History, Iconography, and Church Architecture, as well as a familiarity with the worship of the church. Candidates will work with a Mentor, an existing Tour Guide, and will receive a Study Guide. If you would like to become a Saint Thomas Tour Guide Candidate, please send an e-mail expressing your interest to: tourguides@SaintThomasChurch.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.

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

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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: Contemplative Prayer is on Break and will **resume on September 12**.

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.

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? On **Saturday, November 8**, Saint Thomas Choir School will hold a **Chorister Experience 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

Volunteer with Neighbor to Neighbor and help address the pressing needs of those experiencing hunger, homelessness, isolation, and hardship right here in Midtown. This ministry of Saint Thomas Church, in partnership with St. Patrick's Cathedral and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, is part of the *Ecumenical Outreach Partnership* (EOP), which provides professional social work support to ensure compassionate, safe, and effective outreach. Volunteers gather each Saturday from 8:30 to 10:30am at the Parish House to welcome our neighbors in need with breakfast and hospitality. Additional opportunities to serve include assisting with meal distribution on 55th Street, Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 2pm. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact Fr. Luigi Gioia at lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.