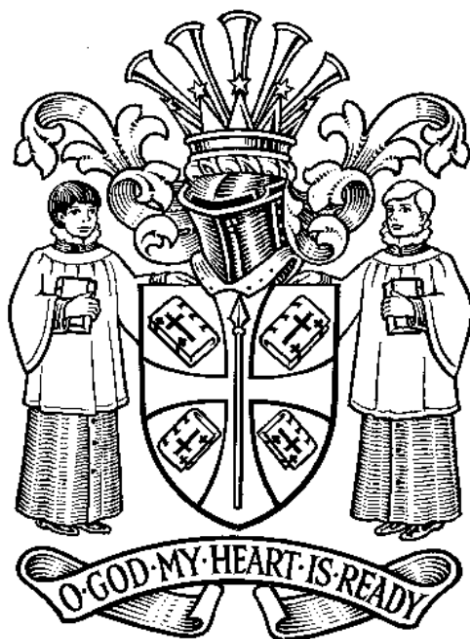


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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS Missa in C (Krönungsmesse), KV 317

Wolfgang A. Mozart
(1756-1791)

PRELUDE

Toccata in F

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

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

HYMN

DIADEMATA

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown



1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Crown him with many crowns, #494 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894).
Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Descant, Copyright © 1970, Augsburg Fortress.

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

SEEING that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant 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.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus 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 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.

ALmighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

PSALM 46

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant
(*Martin Luther/Noël Tredinnick*)

DEUS NOSTER REFUGIUM

GOD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved :
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell :
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God :
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed :
God shall help her, and that right early.
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved :
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.
O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord :
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
He maketh wars to cease in all the world :
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still then, and know that I am God :
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.
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

Colossians 1:11-20

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

The People stand.



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), Descant: John Bertalot (b. 1931).



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)

This acclamation heralds the Gospel Reading



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.
And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

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



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom

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 Leader says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The People kneel. After each petition

People **Lord, have mercy.**

After the last petition

Leader ...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

GIVE us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People stand.



THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

TO crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. *Colossians 3:14,15*

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

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

O CLAP your hands, all ye people : shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible : he is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout : the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises : sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
For God is King of all the earth : sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
Sing praises unto our King : sing praises.

From Psalm 47



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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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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.

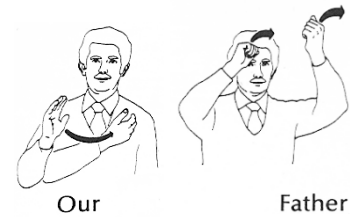
The People respond **AMEN.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 єси на небесах
أَبَانَا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ،

Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel
Pater noster, qui es in caelis
我們在天上的父
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,



Our

Father

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant and People

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

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.

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

Kyrie ultimo from Fiori Musicali

Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1583-1643)

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

Gary Davison
(b. 1961)

REJOICE, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your hearts,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules over earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your hearts,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your hearts,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He all his foes shall quell,
Shall all our sins destroy,
And every bosom swell
With pure seraphic joy.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangels' voice,
The trump of God shall sound
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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

CHRIST our King, make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1. Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they—
2. O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
3. New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
4. O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -

bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
- a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,

by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -

may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -

stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
pride, o'er - thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, #598 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.
Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentile,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengesang darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566.

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in F, BWV 540i

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)



Please join us for Coffee Hour in the at the back of the Lady Chapel after the service. **The Gift Shop will be open in the Narthex.**



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 Marjorie Carr, Sarah Aurelia Brush, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Alice Mary Hyde, Linda Griffith Vorsanger, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burks Yuille.

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

WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rector

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Iain Quinn, Organ – Tallahassee, FL

Monday 24th November – Friday 28th November

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday 25th

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass
Sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Manning, Forbes-L'Estrange, and Vaughan Williams

Wednesday 26th

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass
Sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
music by Jones, Sharpe, and Davy

Thursday 27th – Thanksgiving Day

10 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

Sung by the Saint Thomas Consort
music by Hancock, Sowerby, and Haydn

Friday 28th

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Saturday 29th

11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel
Confessor: *The Rector*

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: November 30th

The First Sunday of Advent

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*

Sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
followed by Coffee Hour at the back of the Lady Chapel
Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. The Avent Procession*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Music by Castellanos (STCS '09), Rose, Vaughan Williams, Robinson, Sheils, Byrd, MacMillan, Bach, and Simpson.



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God's Love at the Heart of New York



If you'd like to help share a bit of Christmas joy with children in need, come join us in the Parish House (location TBD) **after Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 23.**

We'll gather to make tags, add a little sparkle to the Angelus Tree, and begin ushering in the season together.



December 9 & 11 | Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 PM

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Parish Notices

The Remembrance of All Souls. We continue to pray for all our loved ones who have died at the Saturday 12 PM service. Names will be remembered as follows: November 29: T-Z

Children and Family Ministries: The Blessing of the Crèche Service, a telling of the Nativity Story, is Saturday, December 13th at 4pm. If your child wishes to participate, please email Fr. Preston at pgonzalezgrissom@saintthomaschurch.org. 10am Children's Formation is available for children Pre-K - High School from 10-10:45 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 more information, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers (ages 5-14+) 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 JLane@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School is home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Since September 2025, the Choir School (grades 4-8) has partnered with Professional Children's School for the boys' academic education, while they continue 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.

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys in their annual performances of Handel's Messiah, accompanied by the period instrument ensemble New York Baroque Incorporated on December 9 and 11 at 7:30 pm. The Choir is joined by soloists Margaret Carpenter Haigh, Daniel Moody, James Reese, and Paul Max Tipton, led by conductor Richard Tanner. Tickets for in person and livestream are available now at www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts

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. 매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30 에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45 에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요. 아래 주소로 등록하시면 월요일 아침묵상글을 이메일로 받아볼 수 있습니다. <https://mailchi.mp/saintthomaschurch/korean>

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 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 Book & Gift Store is open for shopping in the Narthex after the 11am Sunday services on November 9 through December 21. Additional hours will be on December 21 and 24, before and after the 4 PM Nine Lessons and Carols services.

Friday Bible Study occurs at 1 p.m. on Zoom, currently focusing on the book of Ecclesiastes. To receive the zoom link, contact Fr. Brown at mbrown@saintthomaschurch.org

The Annual Election for the Vestry of Saint Thomas Church will be held on December 2, 2025. The following parishioners are standing for election: As warden, Lloyd Stanford; and for the vestry, Samyel Lee, John Oghia and Karl Saunders. The by-laws of the parish define those eligible to vote as follows: "Persons of full age belonging to the Parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants at its worship and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to such election or special meeting, shall be qualified voters at any such election or special meeting." Ballots have been e-mailed and mailed if we have no emails on file. If you have not received one and are a qualified voter, please contact Lizette Hernandez at LHernandez@saintthomaschurch.org.

Christmas Candles in Memory of Loved Ones: During Christmastide, the time between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will light an eight-day candle for your loved one(s), and place it before the Crèche of Saint Thomas Church. Each candle will be affixed with the name(s) you submit. The suggested donation for each eight-day candle is \$25. All of these names will be added to the prayer list during Christmastide.



Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received 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 Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. The deadline is Monday, December 8.



The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program **Neighbor to Neighbor** provides coffee, tea, water, muffins, fresh fruit, yogurt and hot oatmeal to neighbors in need. The program serves guests between 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. every Saturday, with volunteers arriving at the Parish House on 53rd Street around 8:15 a.m. Please note that there is a signup form for interested volunteers. If you are interested in knowing more about the program and getting involved, please register to be on the mailing list for this group using the QR code:



