

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 AT 4 P.M.
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF LUKE ASKEW

November 2, 1999 – January 28, 2026

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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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GOD'S love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God. Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is new life in Christ over death.

EVEN those who share such faith find that there is a real sense of loss at the death of a loved one. We will each have had our own experiences of their life and death, with different memories and different feelings of love, grief and respect. To acknowledge this at the beginning of the service should help us to use this occasion to express our faith and our feelings as we say farewell, acknowledge our loss and our sorrow, and to reflect on our own mortality. Those who mourn need support and consolation. Our presence here today is part of that continuing support.



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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Nimrod
Enigma Variations, 1899

Sir Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)
Arr. Sir William Harris

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Sasha Johnson Manning
(b. 1963)

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 BIDDING

The Officiant says

GOD will show us the path of life; in his presence is the fullness of joy:
at his right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

cf Psalm 16.10

BELOVED, we meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.
Grace and mercy be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

WE look not to the things that are seen
but to the things that are unseen;
for the things that are seen are transient
but the things that are unseen are eternal.
Today we come together
to remember before God our brother Luke
to give thanks for his life
and to comfort one another in our grief.



Let us pray.

The People remain standing.

GOD our strength and our redeemer:
you do not leave us in this life
nor abandon us in death.
Hear our prayer for those in despair,
when days are full of darkness
and the future empty of hope.
Renew in them your sustaining strength
for we believe that there is nothing in all creation
that can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The People sit.

PSALM 121

Anglican Chant (*Sir Henry Walford-Davies*)

LEVAVI OCULOS

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :
from this time forth for evermore.
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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

read by Dr. Paul Beresford-Hill CBE

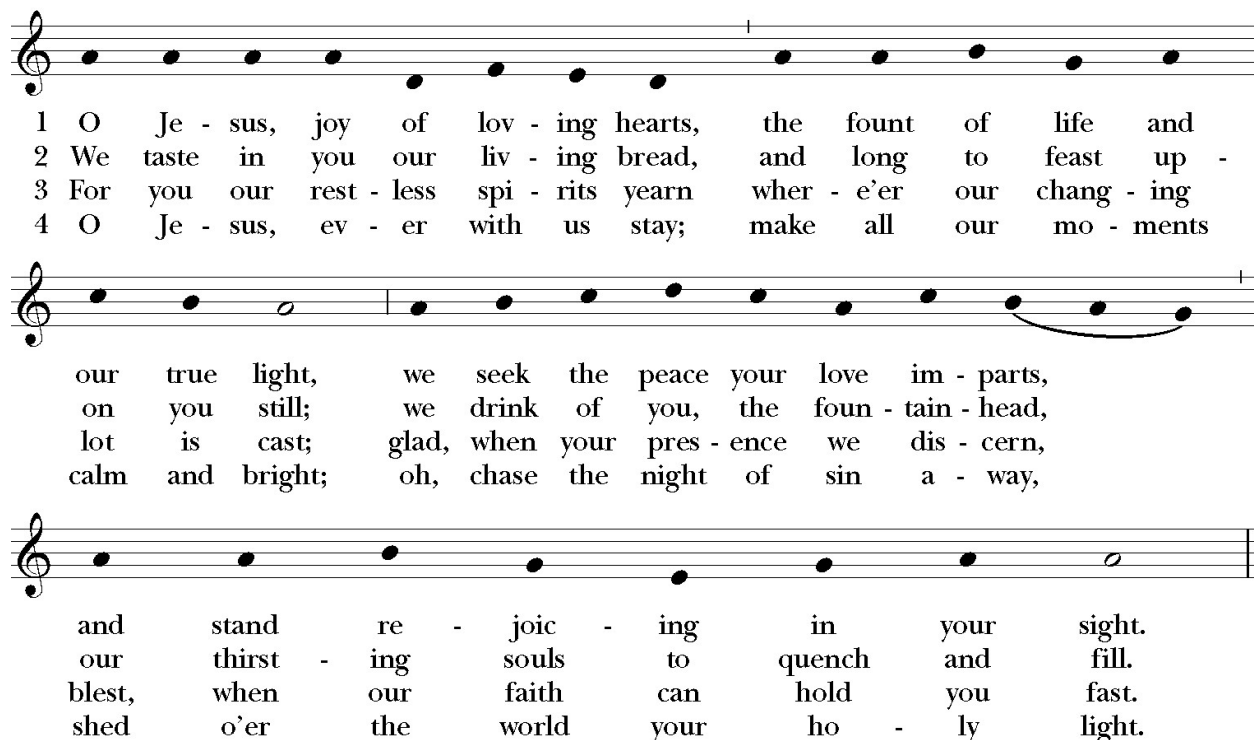
A Reading from the Book Ecclesiastes

FOR everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

The People stand

OFFICE HYMN

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of life and
2 We taste in you our liv - ing bread, and long to feast up -
3 For you our rest - less spi - rits yearn wher - e'er our chang - ing
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our mo - ments

our true light, we seek the peace your love im - parts,
on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain - head,
lot is cast; glad, when your pres - ence we dis - cern,
calm and bright; oh, chase the night of sin a - way,

and stand re - joic - ing in your sight.
our thirst - ing souls to quench and fill.
blest, when our faith can hold you fast.
shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.



MAGNIFICAT

Gloucester Service

*Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)*

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

Revelation 4

A reading from the Revelation of Saint John the Divine

AFTER this I looked, and lo, in heaven an open door! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up hither, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and lo, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne! And he who sat there appeared like jasper and carnelian, and round the throne was a rainbow that looked like an emerald. Round the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clad in white garments, with golden crowns upon their heads. From the throne issue flashes of lightning, and voices and peals of thunder, and before the throne burn seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God; and before the throne there is as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And round the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within, and day and night they never cease to sing,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,



“Worthy art thou, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for thou didst create all things,
and by thy will they existed and were created.”

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Herbert Howells

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.

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

SET us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee,
the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our
Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

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.

OFFERTORY

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

'The Twelve'

Sir William Walton
(1913-1976)

I.

WITHOUT arms or charm of culture,
Persons of no importance
From an unimportant Province,
They did as the Spirit bid,
Went forth into a joyless world
Of swords and rhetoric
To bring it joy.

When they heard the Word, some demurred,
some mocked, some were shocked:
but many were stirred and the Word spread.
Lives long dead were quickened to life;
the sick were healed by the Truth revealed;
released into peace from the gin of old sin,
men forgot themselves in the glory of the story
told by the Twelve.



Then the Dark Lord, adored by this world,
perceived the threat of the Light to his might.
From his throne he spoke to his own.
The loud crowd, the sedate engines of State, were moved by his will to kill.
It was done. One by one,
they were caught, tortured, and slain.

II.

O Lord, my God,
Though I forsake thee
Forsake me not,
But guide me as I walk
Through the valley of mistrust,
And let the cry of my disbelieving absence
Come unto thee,
Thou who declared unto Moses:
"I shall be there."

III.

Children play about the ancestral graves,
for the dead no longer walk.
Excellent still in their splendour
are the antique statues:
but can do neither good nor evil.
Beautiful still are the starry heavens:
but our fate is not written there.
Holy still is speech,
but there is no sacred tongue:
the Truth may be told in all.
Twelve as the winds and the months
are those who taught us these things:
envisaging each in an oval glory,
let us praise them all with a merry noise.

W.H. Auden (1907-1973)

HOMILY

The Rev. Mark Schultz,
Associate for Pastoral Care

A period of silent reflection may follow the homily.



ANTHEM

Pie Jesu from Messe de Requiem, Op.48

Gabriel Fauré
(1845-1924)

PIE Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.
Dona eis sempiternam requiem.

*Kind Lord Jesus, grant them rest.
Grant them eternal rest.*

PRAYERS

The minister says

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The People stand.

JESUS, bread from heaven,
you satisfy the hungry with good things:
grant us a share with People the faithful departed
in the banquet of your kingdom.

Hear us, risen Lord,
People **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, the light of the world,
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight
and opened the eyes of his faith:
bring those in darkness to your eternal light and glory.

Hear us, risen Lord,
People **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Son of the living God,
you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:
raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.

Hear us, risen Lord,
People **our resurrection and our life.**



Jesus, crucified Savior,
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,
Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:
sustain and comfort People who mourn.

Hear us, risen Lord,
People **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, our way and truth and life,
you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:
reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

Hear us, risen Lord,
People **our resurrection and our life.**

Let us bring our own prayers to God in a moment of silence.

After the silence, the minister says

ETERNAL God and Father,
look in mercy on those who remember Luke before you.
Let not the manner of his death
cloud the good memories of his life.
For Luke the trials of this world are over
and death is past.
Accept from us all that we feel
even when words fail;
deliver us from despair
and give us strength to meet the days to come
in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**



HYMN

THE THIRD TUNE

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.



THE BLESSING

The Officiant says

MAY Christ the good shepherd
enfold you with love,
fill you with peace,
and lead you in hope,
to the end of your days;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

PSALM 150

*Sung by the Choir
in procession*

Anglican Chant (*George Talbot*)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

O PRAISE God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.
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.

VOLUNTARY

*Allegro Maestoso
Sonata in G, Op. 28*

Sir Edward Elgar



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
George Arents, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Sir George A. Shearing, KBE
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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God's Love at the Heart of New York

Neighbor to Neighbor

The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



The Saint Thomas Social Outreach program **Neighbor to Neighbor** breakfast, conversation, and assistance 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:**



THE PILGRIMS' COURSE 2026

The Christian Faith for Newcomers

The **Pilgrims' Course** offers a warm and inviting introduction to the Christian faith and to how Saint Thomas lives out the Gospel in the Episcopal tradition through worship, love, and service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who is it for?

Designed especially **for those new to Saint Thomas**, this fifteen-week course pairs thoughtful talks with shared reflection and the chance to experience community over a light meal. **You are welcome to join at any time during the course!**

When?

Tuesdays, January to May
Beginning January 13, 2026
6:30 to 8:00 pm
In Person Only

Where?

Saint Thomas Church • Parish House, 1 W 53rd Street

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- Clear, accessible introductions to Christian belief and practice

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WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:30 p.m. Sunday Recital Series
The AAM Gerre Hancock Memorial Organ
Recital

Grace Jackson, organ – Houston, TX
2025-2026 AAM Gerre Hancock Intern

Monday 9th February – Friday 13th February

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Friday 13th

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Saturday 14th

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

Confessor: Fr. Moretz

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: February 15th

**The Last Sunday after Epiphany
(Quinquagesima)**

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. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by Fr. Gioia

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Aurélien Filion, organ – Lille, France

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Masses at:

**8 a.m. (said), 12 p.m. (Solemn with the choir),
and 5:30 p.m. (Solemn with the choir)**

Confessions 9:30-11:30am and 3-5pm

Imposition of Ashes all day

Parish Notices

Concerts at Saint Thomas welcomes the Choir of New College Oxford for a program of works for Holy Week on Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm. Conductor Robert Quinney leads the choir in this concert for Passiontide.

Children and Family Ministries: 10am Formation continues for children Pre-K-High School. The Children's area (near the icon of Saint Thomas) is available for families during all services, with quiet activities for young children. On Sundays, the Nursery is available on the 3rd Floor from 9-10 and 11-1pm and is for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers. To receive more information, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers rehearsals continue on Thursdays from 4:15-5:15pm. Children sing during 9am Mass. 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.

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every **Second Sunday** of the month

at **1:30 pm**. The next Korean language service is Sunday, February 8 and is preceded by brunch at 12:45 pm 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. 아래 주소로 등록하시면 월요일 아침목상글을 이메일로 받아볼 수 있습니다.

Contemplative Prayer takes place most 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.

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.



Friday Bible Study resumes on February 6 at 1 p.m. on Zoom with a series called THE VISION OF THE CITY. Join us as we dive into the enigmatic and compelling Revelation of Saint John the Divine. From examining the book's symbolism to exploring what prophetic and apocalyptic literature are for, we'll see how our author understands liturgy and worship as the touchstone for understanding everything, and we'll move with him as he brings us not into the future, but to an apprehension of the very heart of what is always already Real: the Vision of the City. Write to Fr. Schultz at mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org if you're interested in joining the Study.

Planning for next-year's MLK commemoration:

"The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke these words in a baccalaureate sermon he delivered at Wesleyan University in 1964. This year's commemoration for Martin Luther King at Saint Thomas is over, but there is now time to plan for next year's observance. If you would be interested in discussing our next commemoration, please join Pamela Lewis and other parishioners in the Parish House living room on **February 22, at 1:00 p.m.**

LENT 2026

Sunday Lenten Sermon Series at 4pm: Habits of Christian Life

Lent invites us to be more intentional in our relationship with God. This series explores five habits of Christian life that help shape faithful discipleship: confession and spiritual direction, Scripture, Communion, prayerfulness, and service to the poor. These practices form us in love of God and neighbor, renewing our lives in Christ.

- 1. Confession & Spiritual Direction:
Returning to God**
- 2. Scripture: Listening to God**
- 3. Communion: Becoming one with God and one another**
- 4. Prayerfulness: Abiding with God**
- 5. Service to the Poor: Caring for our Neighbor**

Weekdays in Lent

- Daily Shrine Prayers and Mass at 12pm
- The Way of the Cross Wednesdays at 12pm
- Reading Group for Lent Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Parish House
- Bible Study on the Book of Revelations on-line on Fridays at 1pm
- Contemplative Prayer in-person on Fridays at 3pm
- Film Club 'Let us keep the Feast' Fridays at 6:30pm in the Parish House

The 2026 Saint Thomas Girl Chorister Course will take place this year from July 18-26 with Guest Music Director Carolyn Craig, Assistant Director of Music at Wells Cathedral in England. The Saint Thomas Girl Chorister Course is an intensive choral experience for girls ages 12-18 at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York City. Throughout the course, choristers and staff live at Saint Thomas Choir School and take part in choral rehearsals and services, music history and theory classes, private vocal coaching, and outings to various sites around the city. To learn more and apply, visit www.choirschool.org/girlscourse

