

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE  
in the  
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SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026 AT 4 P.M.  
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**SOLEMN EVENSONG**

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: HABITS OF CHRISTIAN LIFE  
“CONFESSION AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: RETURNING TO GOD”

*The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence*



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

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PRELUDE

Lenten Meditation

Harvey B. Gaul  
(1881-1945)

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

HYMN

BOURBON



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

*Now let us all with one accord.* #147 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt.  
Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859).

THE PENITENTIAL INTRODUCTION

*The Priest says these Sentences of the Scriptures*

**O** LORD, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger,  
lest thou bring me to nothing. (*Jeremiah 10:24; Psalm 6:1*)

Repent ye; for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. (*St. Matthew 3:2*)

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord;  
for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. (*Psalm 143:2*)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us:  
but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 St. John 1:8-9*)



*The Priest says*

**D**EARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

*The People kneel.*

#### THE GENERAL CONFESSION

*Priest and People*

**A**Lmighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and pronounces the Absolution*

**A**Lmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The People stand.*



VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

William Smith  
(c. 1603-1645)

*The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.*

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord's Name be praised.

*The People sit.*

WELCOME

PSALM 135:1-14

*Sung by the Choir*

Anglican Chant (*Hancock/Andrew*)

LAUDATE NOMEN

**O** PRAISE the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord : praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;  
Ye that stand in the house of the Lord : in the courts of the house of our God.

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious : O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself : and Israel for his own possession.

For I know that the Lord is great : and that our Lord is above all gods.

Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth :

and in the sea, and in all deep places.

He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world :

and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.

He smote the first-born of Egypt : both of man and beast.

He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt :

upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.

He smote divers nations : and slew mighty kings;

Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan : and all the kingdoms of Canaan;

And gave their land to be an heritage : even an heritage unto Israel his people.

Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever :

so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.

For the Lord will avenge his people : and be gracious unto his servants.

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

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

*The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.*

OFFICE HYMN

AUDI BENIGNE



1. O kind Cre - a - tor, bow thine ear To mark the cry, to know the tear  
2. Our hearts are o - pen, Lord, to thee: Thou know-est our in - fir - mi - ty;  
3. Our sins are ma - ny, this we know; Spare us, good Lord, thy mer - cy show;  
4. Give us the self - con - trol that springs From dis - ci - pline of out - ward things,  
5. We pray thee, Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty, One God, un - chang-ing U - ni - ty,



Be - fore thy throne of mer - cy spent In this thy ho - ly fast of Lent.  
Pour out on all who seek thy face A - bun - dance of thy par - d'ning grace.  
And for the hon - our of thy name Our faint - ing souls to life re - claim.  
That fast - ing in - ward sec - ret - ly The soul may pure - ly dwell with thee.  
5 That we from this our ab - sti - nence May reap the fruits of pen - i - tence.



(5.) A - men.

*O Kind Creator, bow thine ear*, #60 from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: Latin, ascribed to St. Gregory (540-604), tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931).  
Music: *Audi benigne*, plainsong, Mode ii.

MAGNIFICAT

Service in A

Herbert Sumsion  
(1899-1995)

**M**Y 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

I John 3:19-24

*The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.*



NUNC DIMITTIS

Service in A

*Herbert Sumsion*

**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I** BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy Catholick Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

*Sung by the Choir*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* And with thy spirit.

*The People kneel.*

Let us pray.

*R.* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.*



*And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the State.  
R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people.  
R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O** GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

**O** GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

#### THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

**L**IGHTEN 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.*



MOTET AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

William Byrd  
(c. 1540-1623)

**C**IVITAS sancti tui facta est deserta.  
Sion deserta facta est,  
Jerusalem desolata est.

*Your holy city has become a wilderness.  
Zion has become a wilderness,  
Jerusalem has been made desolate.*

Isaiah 64:10

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia  
*Theologian in Residence*  
"Confession and Spiritual Direction: Returning to God"

HYMN

ST. COLUMBA

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
\* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
\* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness

1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.  
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

*My God, accept my heart this day*, #645 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23.  
Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

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BLESSING

**C**HRIST give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE LENT PROSE

*Sung by the Choir*

Plainsong (Mode V)

*The People stand and join in the Refrain.*

*Refrain*  
*(1st time: Cantor) (Full)*

Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin - ned a - gainst thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.  
*Refrain*

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation,  
Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.  
*Refrain*

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.  
*Refrain*

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.  
*Refrain*

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us,  
we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.  
*Refrain*

VOLUNTARY

Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt  
BWV 637

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)



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  
Mrs. and Mr. William Andrews Clark, Lucy Chauncey, and Margaret Crane Hurlbut, 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 is growing!

**We now provide new clothing to our guests.**

**To support this ministry,  
please consider making a financial donation  
rather than bringing second-hand items.**





## WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Today

**4 p.m. Solemn Evensong\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

Sermon by Fr. Gioia

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
(except Wednesday)**

**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers\***

**12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist\***

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

*music by Byrd*

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**12 p.m.**

**The Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist**

**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

*music by Byrd, Moore, and Marsh*

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong**

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

*music by Byrd, Gibbons, and Bainton*

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer**

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

*Confessor: Fr. Brown*

**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers\***

**12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist\***

### **Next Sunday: March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Lent 3**

**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*

Sermon by the Rector

**1:30pm Korean Holy Eucharist**

한국어 감사성찬례

**4 p.m. Solemn Evensong\***

*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

**5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series\***

*Alistair Reid, Organ – New York, NY*



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# 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. For tickets and more information, visit [www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts](http://www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts).

During Lent this year, **Saint Thomas is raising money to address modern challenges facing those who are sick.** Partnering with Undue Medical Debt, we aim to raise funds to forgive medical debt, following the example of Christ's healing ministry. Every dollar donated can relieve over a hundred dollars of debt, offering tangible relief to those in need. Starting Ash Wednesday individuals may participate in this campaign by scanning the QR code. For inquiries, contact Parishioner Erich Erving at [erich@shoestringpressny.org](mailto:erich@shoestringpressny.org). Let's join together in this act of compassion, honoring Saint Thomas's legacy and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those burdened by medical expenses.



**Saint Thomas Behind the Scenes Tour, Saturday, April 11, 2025, 1:00 PM:** Saint Thomas Church Tour Guide, Bill Hearst, will lead a tour that will explore our landmark building with parishioners. From the gigantic blower in the basement that powers the great organ, to the vesting room housing the vast ecclesiastical wardrobe. This will then be followed by an ascent via winding stairs into the tower to view the carillon and its bells, and finally, it's out onto the tower roof for a panoramic view of Fifth Avenue. Please note that ascent to the tower is optional. This tour will last just under 2 hours and is best suited for individuals aged 12 and above. There is a limit of 15 participants, and each participant will be required to complete and sign a waiver. If there are more than 15 individuals who express interest, we will work to schedule another offering. Interested parishioners should register with Bill in advance at [wshearst@gmail.com](mailto:wshearst@gmail.com)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mwhite@choirschool.org).

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



매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

**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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: [lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto: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:** 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](mailto:mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org) if you're interested in joining the Study.

Participating in **Neighbor to Neighbor** is a wonderful way to enter into the Lenten practice of humility and service! Every Saturday morning between 8:30-10:30am, a group of volunteers meet in the Cloisters of the Church to provide coffee, tea, pastries, fresh fruit, oatmeal, toiletries, and community to our neighbors in need. **On the second Saturday of every month from 11am to 12pm** – we will provide new clothing to our guests. Because we distribute new clothing only, we ask that you consider making a financial donation rather than bringing second-hand items. Help make these important ministries possible by joining Neighbor to Neighbor: [communityoutreachstc@gmail.com](mailto:communityoutreachstc@gmail.com)

**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](http://www.choirschool.org/girlscourse)

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## LENT 2026

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### 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. Communion: Becoming one with God and one another
3. Prayerfulness: Abiding with God
4. Service to the Poor: Caring for our Neighbor
5. Scripture: Listening to God

### 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 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 53<sup>rd</sup> Street

#### What to Expect?

- A warm and friendly welcome
- Meaningful conversation and shared learning
- Clear, accessible introductions to Christian belief and practice

Register today and  
receive the full  
schedule and details!

