

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026 AT 4 P.M.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The Beginning of Passiontide

SOLEMN EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CONSORT
AND THE CHOIR OF KEBLE COLLEGE, OXFORD, UK

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: HABITS OF CHRISTIAN LIFE
“SERVICE TO THE POOR: CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBOR”

The Rev. Preston Gonzalez-Grissom, Associate Priest for Children and Family Ministry



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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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PRELUDE

O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort
O, wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen
from Vier Kleine Choralvorspiele

Franz Schmidt
(1874-1939)

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

HYMN

CRUCIFER

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Lift high the cross, #473 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)
Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)



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

DEARLY 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

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, 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

ALMIGHTY 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

*Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)*

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 30

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Atkins)

EXALTABO TE, DOMINE

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up : and not made my foes to triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his : and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life : heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed : thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.

Thou didst turn thy face from me : and I was troubled.

Then cried I unto thee, O Lord : and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

What profit is there in my blood : when I go down to the pit?

Shall the dust give thanks unto thee : or shall it declare thy truth?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy : thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing : O my God, I will give thanks unto thee 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.



FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 1:1-19

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

PANGE LINGUA



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| 1. Sing, my tongue, the glor-ious bat - tle, | Sing__ the end - ing of the fray,____ |
| 2. God in pi - ty saw man fal - len, | Sham'd and sunk in mi - se - ry,____ |
| 3. There fore when th'ap-point-ed ful - ness | Of__ the ho - ly time was come,____ |
| 4. Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, | Now__ at length his hour ful- fill'd,____ |
| 5. To the Tri - ni - ty be glo - ry, | To__ the Fa - ther and the Son,____ |



O'er the cross, the vic - tor's tro - phy,	Sound the loud tri - um-phant lay:____
When he fell on death by tast - ing	Fruit of the for - bid - den tree:____
He was sent who mak - eth all things	Forth from God's e - ter - nal home:____
Born for this, he meets his Pas - sion,	For that this he free - ly will'd,____
With the co - e - ter - nal Spir - it,	Ev - er Three and ev - er One,____



Tell how Christ, the world's Re - deem - er,	As a Vic - tim__ won the day.
Then an - oth - er tree was chos - en	Which the world from__ death should free.
Thus he came to earth, in - car - nate,	Off-spring of a__ maid - en's womb.
On the Cross the Lamb is lift - ed,	Where his life - blood__ shall be spill'd.
One in love and one in splen-dour,	While un - end - ing__ a - ges run.



(5.) A - men.____

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle. #78 from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: St. Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274). Music: *Pange lingua*, plainsong, Mode iii.



MAGNIFICAT

Kenneth Leighton

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

II Corinthians 8:1-9

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Kenneth Leighton

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.

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 ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

ALmighty 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

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.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Imogen Holst
(1907-1984)*

IN what torne ship soever I embarke
That ship shall be my embleme of thy Arke;
What sea soever swallow mee, that flood
Shall be to mee an embleme of thy blood;
Though thou with clouds of anger do disguise
Thy face; yet through that maske I know those eyes
Which, though they turne away sometimes
They never will despise

I sacrifice this Iland unto thee
And all whom I lov'd there, and who lov'd mee;
When I have put our seas twixt them and mee
Put thou thy sea betwixt my sinnes and thee
As the trees sap doth seeke the root below
In winter, in my winter now I goe
Where none but thee, th'Eternall root
Of true Love I may know

John Donne (1572-1631)

SERMON

The Rev. Preston Gonzalez-Grissom
Associate Priest for Children and Family Ministries
"Service to the Poor: Caring for our Neighbor"

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



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HYMN

REST

1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

1 ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
2 sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
3 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
4 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
5 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

1 pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
2 us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
3 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in - ter - pret - ed by love!
4 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
5 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, #652 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: Rest, Frederick Charles Maker (1844-1927)

BLESSING

CHRIST 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.**

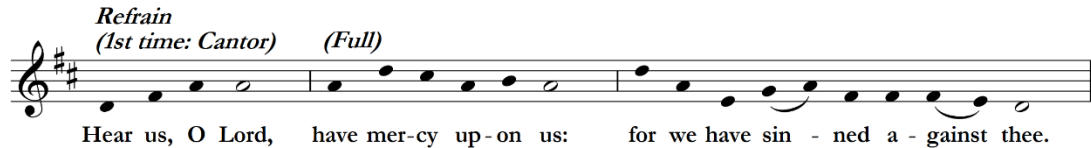


LENT PROSE

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Mode V)

The People stand and join in the Refrain.



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

Chorale No. 3 in A-minor

César Franck
(1822-1890)

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

*Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series
featuring David Heinze, Organ – Bronxville, New York*



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
Timothy S. Rothermel, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Munsell, 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)



WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Dāvids Heinze, Organ – Bronxville, NY

Monday 23rd March – Friday 27th March

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers* (except Wednesday)

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday 24th – Eve of the Annunciation

5:30 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
music by Scott, De Monte, and Biebl

Wednesday 25th – The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12 p.m. The Way of the Cross

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
music by Hassler

Thursday 26th

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
music by Scott, Asola, and Gombert

Friday 27th

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Saturday 28th

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 29th

Lent 5 – Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Holy Week begins

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. The Liturgy of the Palms and Solemn Eucharist of the Passion*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys and
the Choir of New College, Oxford, UK

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley



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HOLY WEEK

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

March 29 - April 5, 2026



HOLY WEEK PREACHER

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley

Author and Norris-Hulse Professor Emeritus of Divinity, University of Cambridge, U.K.

Sermon Series: The Journey of Desire: Passion, Temptation and Transformation

All Choral Services are sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys unless otherwise noted

Palm Sunday, March 29

- 7:45am Said Mass
- 9am The Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Mass sung by the Noble Singers
- 11am The Liturgy of the Palms and Solemn Eucharist of the Passion, with the Choir of New College, Oxford UK
- 4pm Solemn Evensong and Sermon

Monday and Tuesday, March 30 & 31

- 12pm Shrine Prayers and Said Mass
- 5:30pm Solemn Eucharist with Sermon, sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
- 5:45pm Holy Week Musical Meditations
 - Monday: J.S. Bach: Passion and Praise, Robert Quinney, organist
 - Tuesday: Buxtehude: Membra Jesu Nostri sung by The Saint Thomas Consort

Wednesday, April 1

- 12pm The Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist
- 5:30pm Sermon
- 5:45pm The Office of Tenebrae

The Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday, April 2

- 5:30pm The Mass of the Lord's Supper with Sermon including Procession to the Altar of Repose and the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 3

- Confessions: 10:30-11:30am and 3:30-5:00pm
- 10:30am The Way of the Cross for Children and Families
- 12-3pm **The Three Hours Devotion** led by the Gentlemen of the Choir
The Seven Last Words from the Cross will be explored by **Donyelle McCray**, Associate Professor of Homiletics at Yale Divinity School
- 5:30pm The Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Sermon
Including the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion



Holy Saturday, April 4

- 5:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptisms and the First Mass of Easter

Easter Day, April 5

- 8am & 11am Procession, Solemn Eucharist, Sermon, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
8am Preacher: The Rector; 11am Preacher: Professor Coakley
- 2:15pm Easter Music for Organ
- 3pm Solemn Evensong and Easter Procession



Join us online!



PARISH NOTICES

Martin Luther King Day Commemoration

Planning Meeting: The Beloved Community comprises those who serve, regardless of who they are or where they come from. If you would be interested in working on next year's MLK Day commemoration, we need your help. Please join Pamela Lewis and your fellow parishioners today at 1:00 p.m. in the 5th floor conference room. A light lunch will be provided.

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.

Please join us this Thursday, March 26th for our annual **Palm Cross making event**. We will be assembling crosses to distribute to our "Neighbor to Neighbor" friends as well as to our church members who can no longer attend services. No prior experience is necessary! We will show you how to fold Palm to make a cross. Join us anytime between 10:30 and 3p.m.

Contributions are now being received for **Easter Flowers 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 Easter service leaflet. In order to cover the cost of the flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per person. To give: visit www.saintthomaschurch.org/give or send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation. Deadline for submission is **Monday, March 16**.

We invite you to be part of our **Easter Outreach** by donating treats for children in need, or by using the QR code to make a donation. Please bring chocolate



Easter bunnies, foil-wrapped chocolate eggs, and individually wrapped Easter treats, along with any little stuffed bunny or appropriate toy for an Easter basket to the Parish House by Saturday, March 28th. Baskets will be assembled on Sunday, March 29th, after coffee hour in the Parish House—just stop by if you're available! Your generosity makes a difference to children and families. For more information, contact Linda Morfi at 212-757-7013 ext. 416 or lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Church has long shown compassion for the sick in New York. After the Civil War, parishioners carried flowers from the Easter service to St. Luke's Hospital on 54th Street as a sign of care for those suffering. This Lent, we continue that tradition by partnering with Undue Medical Debt to help relieve the burden of medical bills. Every dollar donated can erase more than one hundred dollars of debt. Give today by scanning the QR code or emailing Erich Erving at erich@shoestringpressny.org.



Saint Thomas Behind the Scenes Tour, Saturday, April 11, 2026, 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



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 **1:30pm**.

It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm 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.



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.

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 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.

Beginning Saturday, February 21 – and continuing 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

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

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. 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