MUSIC AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

Fifth Avenue at Fifty-Third Street
New York

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2026

CONCERTS AT SAINT THOMAS

September 26, 2026 | Saturday at 3:00 PM
GRAND ORGAN SERIES I
ENTENTE CORDIALE: FRENCH AND ENGLISH ROMANTIC MASTERPIECES
David Briggs, *organ*

October 8, 2026 | Thursday at 7:30 PM
MOZART: REQUIEM
The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys *with*
New York Baroque Incorporated – Wen Yang, *Artistic Director*
Nola Richardson, *soprano*
Sara Couden, *contralto*
James Reese, *tenor*
Enrico Lagasca, *bass-baritone*
Richard Tanner, *conductor*

November 5, 2026 | Thursday at 7:30 PM
TENEBRAE: THE JOURNEY
Nigel Short, *conductor*

December 8 & 10, 2026 | Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 PM
GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL: MESSIAH
The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys *with*
New York Baroque Incorporated – Wen Yang, *Artistic Director*
Elisse Albian, *soprano*
Jay Carter, *countertenor*
Andrew Bearden Brown, *tenor*
Enrico Lagasca, *bass-baritone*
Richard Tanner, *conductor*

December 17 & 19, 2026 | Thursday at 5:30 PM and Saturday at 12:00 PM
CHRISTMAS ON FIFTH AVENUE
The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir
Jeremiah Stephenson, *organ*
Richard Tanner, *conductor*

For tickets and more information, please visit ***SaintThomasChurch.org/music***

CHORAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 11:00 — SOLEMN EUCHARIST sung by the Saint Thomas Consort
6 September
Pentecost 15
DEC 1
Service: Mass in G – *Franz Schubert*
Psalm: 119:33-40
Anthems: Though I speak with the tongues of men – *Sir Edward C. Bairstow*
Ubi caritas – *Ola Gjeilo*

TUESDAY 5:30 — SOLEMN EUCHARIST sung by the Saint Thomas Consort
8 September
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Introit: Gaudeamus omnes in Domino – *Plainsong*
Service: Missa Ave Regina coelorum – *Tomás Luis de Victoria*
Psalm: 113
Anthems: Ave Maria – *Tomás Luis de Victoria*

THURSDAY 5:30 — GRIEF IS THE PRICE WE PAY FOR LOVE -
10 September
a vigil service to mark the 25th Anniversary of 9/11
Psalm: 121
Anthems: The King of Love – *Michael McCarthy*
The Road Home – *Stephen Paulus*
Pie Jesu – *Gabriel Fauré*

SUNDAY 11:00 — SOLEMN EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISM & COMISSIONING OF
13 September
ASSOCIATE ORGANIST AND ASSOCIATE FOR MUSIC
Holy Cross (tr.)
STUDIES AND ASSISTANT ORGANIST
Saint Thomas Choir School Convocation
Service: Missa Sancti Thomae – *Jeremy Filsell*
CAN 1
Psalm: 98: 1-4
Anthems: Ave verum corpus – *Daniel Hyde*
Crux Fidelis – *King John IV of Portugal*
Voluntary: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 – *J.S. Bach*

4:00 — SOLEMN EVENSONG & CONVOCATION
Responses: *Gerre Hancock*
Psalm: 118
Service: *T. Tertius Noble* in A minor
Anthem: King of Glory – *T. Frederick Candlyn*
Voluntary: Rhapsody No. 3 – *Herbert Howells*

TUESDAY 5:30 — CHORAL EVENSONG
15 September
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys and
Our Lady of Sorrows
the Choir of Merton College, Oxford
Benjamin Nicholas, Director
Responses: *William Smith*
Psalm: 78
Service: *Francis Jackson* in G
Anthem: Salve Regina – *Gabriel Jackson*

WEDNESDAY 5:30 — CHORAL EVENSONG
16 September
Ninian
Responses: *William Smith*
Psalms: 82-85
Service: *Charles Wood* in D
Anthem: Hail, gladdening light – *Charles Wood*

THURSDAY 17 September *Hildegard of Bingen*	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG Responses: *William Smith* Psalm: 89 Service: *Sir George Dyson* in F Anthem: O Lord, support us – *David Briggs*
SUNDAY 20 September *Pentecost 17* **DEC 2**	11:00	FESTAL EUCHARIST Service: Missa brevis in D, K. 194 – *Wolfgang A. Mozart* Psalm: 145: 1-8 Anthems: Antiphon – *Ralph Vaughan Williams* Ave verum corpus – *Sir Edward Elgar* Voluntary: Sinfonia from Cantata 29 – *J.S. Bach* arr. *Marcel Dupré*
	4:00	FESTAL EVENSONG Responses: *Bernard Rose* Psalm: 119: 121-128 Service: *Sir Charles V. Stanford* in G Anthem: Great is the Lord – *Sir Edward Elgar* Voluntary: Rhapsody No. 1 – *Herbert Howells*
	5:15	ORGAN RECITAL Nigel Potts – *Chestnut Hill, MA*
MONDAY 21 September *Saint Matthew*	5:30	SOLEMN EUCHARIST Introit: Os iusti meditabitus – *Plainsong* Service: Missa O quam gloriosum – *Tomás Luis de Victoria* Psalm: 119: 33-40 Anthems: Ibant apostoli – *Francisco Guerrero*
TUESDAY 22 September	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG sung by the Choral Scholars of St James's Church, Piccadilly, London Harrison Knights, Director Responses: *Richard Shephard* Psalms: 108 Service: *Sir George Dyson* in D Anthem: Evening Hymn – *Henry Balfour Gardiner*
WEDNESDAY 23 September	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG Responses: *Gerre Hancock* Psalm: 114, 115 Service: The Saint Thomas Service – *Stephen Gauster-Filek* Anthem: God be in my head – *Philip Moore*
THURSDAY 24 September *Our Lady of Walsingham*	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG Responses: *Gerre Hancock* Psalm: 119: 1-32 Service: *Herbert Sumsion* in A Anthem: A Hymn to the Virgin – *Benjamin Britten*
SATURDAY 26 September	3:00	CONCERT: GRAND ORGAN SERIES I Entente Cordiale: French and English Romantic Masterpieces David Briggs – *New York, NY*

SUNDAY 11:00 PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST
27 September
Patronal Feast Day
CAN 2

Service: Mass of Light and Smoke – *Daniel Castellanos**
Psalm: 126
Anthems: Posuisti Domine – *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
O decus Apostolicum – *Tomás Luis de Victoria*
Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543 – *J.S. Bach*
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4:00 SOLEMN EVENSONG WITH BENEDICTION
Responses: *Gerre Hancock*
Psalm: 27
Service: *T. Tertius Noble* in B minor
Anthems: Te Deum – *Herbert Howells*
O salutaris – *Herbert Howells*
Tantum ergo – *Maurice Duruflé*
Psalm 117 – *Jeffrey Smith*
Voluntary: Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons – *Maurice Duruflé*

TUESDAY 5:30 SOLEMN EUCHARIST
29 September
Saint Michael and All Angels

Introit: Benedicite Dominum – *Plainsong*
Service: Missa brevis – *Jonathan Dove*
Psalm: 103: 19-22
Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence – *Sir Edward C. Bairstow*

WEDNESDAY 5:30 CHORAL EVENSONG
30 September

Responses: *William Smith*
Psalms: 147-150
Service: *Henry Purcell* in G minor
Anthem: O God, thou art my God – *Henry Purcell*

SATURDAY 3:00 CHORAL EVENSONG for Chorister for a Day
3 October

Responses: *Plainsong*
Psalm: 108
Service: Song of Mary – *Richard Shephard*
Nunc dimittis – *Sir Charles V. Stanford* in B flat
Anthem: The Lord is my shepherd – *Howard Goodall*

SUNDAY 11:00 SOLEMN EUCHARIST TO CELEBRATE THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS
4 October
St. Francis of Assisi
DEC 1

Service: Missa brevis – *Jonathan Dove*
Psalm: 148
Anthems: O virum mirabilem – *Peter Philips*
Praise be to the Lord for our mother the Earth – *Amy Beach*
Voluntary: Laudes – *Francis Pott*

4:00 THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Anthems: Rejoice in the Lamb – *Benjamin Britten*
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace – *Sir John Rutter*
Listen, sweet dove – *Katherine Burk*
Benedicite – *Francis Jackson*
Voluntary: Marche Triomphale – *Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens*

5:15 ORGAN RECITAL
Jackson Merrill – *New York, NY*

THURSDAY 8 October	7:30	CONCERT: MOZART REQUIEM The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys *with* Nola Richardson, *soprano* Sara Couden, *contralto* James Reese, *tenor* Enrico Lagasca, *bass-baritone* Richard Tanner, *conductor*
SUNDAY 11 October *Pentecost 20* **CAN 1**	11: 00	FESTAL EUCHARIST Service: Missa Brevis in F, KV 192 – *Wolfgang A. Mozart* Psalm: 23 Anthems: O Sacrum Convivium – *Thomas Tallis* Let all mortal flesh keep silence – *Sir. Edward C. Bairstow* Voluntary: Comes Autumn Time – *Leo Sowerby*
	4:00	FESTAL EVENSONG Responses: *Bernard Rose* Psalm: 18: 30-51 Service: The Saint Paul's Service – *Herbert Howells* Anthem: Hear my prayer – *Felix Mendelssohn* Voluntary: Allegro con brio from Sonata IV – *Felix Mendelssohn*
	5:15	PIANO RECITAL Ching-Yi Lin – *Baltimore, MD*
TUESDAY 13 October *Edward the Confessor*	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG Responses: *Kenneth Leighton* Psalms: 69 (omitting vv. 23-29), 70 Service: Westminster Abbey Service – *Christopher Robinson* Anthem: Thy word is a lantern – *Henry Purcell*
THURSDAY 15 October	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG Responses: *Kenneth Leighton* Psalm: 78 Service: *T. Fredrick Candlyn* in F sharp minor Anthem: Geistliches lied – *Johannes Brahms*
SUNDAY 18 October *Saint Luke* **DEC 2**	11:00	SOLEMN EUCHARIST Service: Messe Solennelle – *Louis Vierne* Psalm: 147 Anthems: Strengthen ye the weak hands – *Sir William H. Harris* One day, God walked in – *Simon Beattie* Voluntary: Imperial March – *Edward Elgar* arr. *G.C. Martin*
	4:00	FESTAL EVENSONG Responses: *Kenneth Leighton* Psalm: 103 Service: Magnificat – *Giles Swayne* Nunc dimittis à 8 – *Gustav Holst* Anthem: The Spirit of the Lord – *Sir Edward Elgar* Voluntary: Allegro Maestoso from Organ Sonata in G major – *Edward Elgar*
	5:15	ORGAN RECITAL Giovanni Solinas – *Viersen-Düllkin, Germany*

TUESDAY 5:30 CHORAL EVENSONG
20 October
Cornelius the Centurion
Responses: *Philip Moore*
Psalm: 104
Service: The Third Service – *Philip Moore*
Anthem: Like as the hart – *Herbert Howells*

WEDNESDAY 5:30 CHORAL EVENSONG
21 October
Responses: *Philip Moore*
Psalm: 106
Service: *Sir Charles V. Stanford* in B flat
Anthem: O for a closer walk with God – *Sir Charles V. Stanford*

THURSDAY 5:30 FESTAL EVENSONG
22 October
The Eve of Saint James of Jerusalem
Responses: *Philip Moore*
Psalms: 3, 11
Service: *Sir A. Herbert Brewer* in D
Anthem: A new song – *Sir James Macmillan*

SUNDAY 11:00 SOLEMN EUCHARIST sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
25 October
Feast of Dedication
CAN 2
Service: Messe Cum jubilo – *Maurice Duruflé*
Psalm: 122
Anthems: O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings – *Thomas Tomkins*
Behold, Now, Praise the Lord – *Sir William Henry Harris*
Te Deum: *Plainsong* and *Pierre Cochereau*
Voluntary: Carillon Sortie – *Henri Mulet*

4:00 SOLEMN EVENSONG sung by the Saint Thomas Consort
Responses: *Philip Radcliffe*
Psalm: 132
Service: *Charles Wood* in F (Collegium Regale)
Anthem: Blessed City, heavenly Salem – *Sir Edward C. Bairstow*
Voluntary: Introduction and Passacaglia in D minor – *Max Reger*

TUESDAY 5:30 CHORAL EVENSONG sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
27 October
The Eve of Saints Simon and Jude
Responses: *Robert Ashfield*
Psalms: 126
Service: *Charles Wood* in E
Anthem: Great Lord of Lords – *Charles Wood*

WEDNESDAY 5:30 SOLEMN EUCHARIST sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
28 October
Saints Simon and Jude
Introit: Iudicant sancti gentes – *Plainsong*
Service: Plainsong Mass for a Meane – *John Sheppard*
Psalm: 119: 89-96
Anthem: Laudem dicite Deo – *John Sheppard*

THURSDAY 5:30 CHORAL EVENSONG sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
29 October
Response: *Robert Ashfield*
Psalms: 143
Service: Magnificat Septimi Toni – *Tomás Luis de Victoria*
Nunc dimittis (Tone IV) – *Plainsong*
Anthem: Cantate Domino – *Giovanni Croce*

SUNDAY 1 November *All Saints' Day* **DEC 1**	11:00	PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST	
		Service:	Missa O quam gloriosum – *Tomás Luis de Victoria*
		Psalm:	34: 1-10, 22
		Anthems:	Give us the wings of faith – *Sir Ernest Bullock* O quam gloriosum – *Tomás Luis de Victoria*
		Voluntary:	Toccata from Suite, Op. 5 – *Maurice Duruflé*
	4:00	SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION	
		Responses:	*Philip Moore*
		Psalms:	148, 150
		Service:	*Sir Charles V. Stanford* in A
		Anthems:	The Fair Chivalry – *Robert Ashfield* O salutaris – *Ian Wicks* Tantum ergo – *Ian Wicks* Psalm 117 – *Jeffrey Smith*
		Voluntary:	Placare Christe Servulis – *Marcel Dupré*
MONDAY 2 November *All Souls' Day*	5:30	SOLEMN REQUIEM EUCHARIST	
		Service:	Messe de Requiem – *Maurice Duruflé*
		Psalm:	130
TUESDAY 3 November	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG	
		Responses:	*Sasha Johnson Manning*
		Psalm:	18
		Service:	Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense – *Kenneth Leighton*
		Anthem:	Te lucis ante terminum – *Matthew Martin*
WEDNESDAY 4 November	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys and members of Tenebrae, Nigel Short, Director	
		Responses:	*Sasha Johnson Manning*
		Psalms:	23
		Service:	The King's College Service – *Joanna Forbes-L'Estrange*
		Anthem:	Evening Prayer – *Joanna Marsh*
THURSDAY 5 November	7:30	CONCERT: TENEBRAE: THE JOURNEY	
		Nigel Short, *conductor*	
			Now the powers of heaven – *Alexander Gretchaninov* Virga Jesse – *Anton Bruckner* Mass for Double Choir – *Frank Martin* Wanderers – *Sarah Henderson* On the nature of daylight – *Max Richter,* arr. *Geoff Lawson* With a lily in your hand – *Eric Whitacre* The dying soldier – arr. *Mack Wilberg* and *Nigel Short* Going to Heaven – *Joanna Marsh* Media vita – *Kerensa Briggs* Figure humaine – *Francis Poulenc*

SUNDAY 11:00 SOLEMN REQUIEM EUCHARIST sung by the Sain Thomas Choir
8 November of Men and Boys with Modus Operandi Orchestra
Remembrance Sunday Service: Messe de Requiem – *Gabriel Fauré*
CAN 1 Psalm: 23

4:00 CHORAL EVENSONG with Act of Remembrance
Attended by the Patriotic and Historical Societies of New York
Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*
Psalm: 121
Service: *Sir George Dyson* in F
Anthems: Lord, thou hast been our refuge – *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
For the Fallen – *Douglas Guest*
Voluntary: Nimrod from Enigma Variations – *Edward Elgar*

TUESDAY 5:30 CHORAL EVENSONG
10 November Responses: *Andrew Millington*
Leo the Great Psalms: 53, 54, 55 (omitting v. 16)
Service: The Second Service in E flat – *Charles Wood*
Anthem: Expectans expectavi – *Charles Wood*

THURSDAY 5:30 CHORAL EVENSONG
12 November Responses: *Andrew Millington*
Psalms: 65, 66, 67
Service: Magnificat – *Giles Swayne*
Nunc dimittis – *Plainsong*
Anthem: For the Fallen – *Douglas Guest*

SUNDAY 5:30 FESTAL EUCHARIST
15 November Service: The Truro Eucharist – *David Briggs*
Pentecost 25 Psalm: 90: 1-8, 12
DEC 2 Anthems: Be still, my soul – *Percy Whitlock*
Oculi omnium – *David Briggs*
Voluntary: Fanfare – *John Cook*

4:00 FESTAL EVENSONG
Responses: *Andrew Millington*
Psalm: 89: 20-30
Service: *Sir George Dyson* in D
Anthem: And I saw a new heaven – *Edgar Bainton*
Voluntary: Scherzo no. 2 in G minor – *Marco Enrico Bossi*

5:15 ORGAN RECITAL
Jeremiah Stephenson – *New York, NY*

TUESDAY 5:30 CHORAL EVENSONG
17 November Responses: *Margaret Burk*
Hugh of Lincoln Psalm: 89
Service: *Sir Charles V. Stanford* in C
Anthem: For lo, I raise up – *Sir Charles V. Stanford*

WEDNESDAY 5:30 CHORAL EVENSONG
18 November Responses: *Margaret Burk*
Hilda of Whitby Psalms: 93, 94
Service: St. John's Service – *Laura Sheils*
Anthem: I lift up my eyes – *Margaret Burk*

SUNDAY	11:00	FESTAL EUCHARIST	
22 November		Service:	Krönungs-Messe, KV 317 – *Wolfgang A. Mozart*
Christ the King		Psalm:	95
CAN 2		Anthems:	Sing Joyfully – *James Burton*
			Rejoice, the Lord is King – *Gary Davison*
		Voluntary:	Rondo and Fugue from Sonata II – *Felix Mendelssohn*
	4:00	FESTAL EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION	
		Responses:	*Margaret Burk*
		Psalm:	93
		Service:	Collegium Regale – *Herbert Howells*
		Anthems:	Hymn to Saint Cecilia – *Benjamin Britten*
			O salutaris Hostia – *Ian Wicks*
			Tantum Ergo – *Ian Wicks*
			Psalm 117 – *Jeffrey Smith*
		Voluntary:	Acclamations from Suite médiévale, Op. 56 – *Jean Langlais*
	5:15	ORGAN RECITAL	
		Eleni Keventsidou – *London, United Kingdom*	
TUESDAY	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG sung by the Saint Thomas Choir	
24 November		of Men and Boys and Alumni of Saint Thomas Choir School	
		Responses:	*Gerre Hancock*
		Psalm:	119: 1-32
		Service:	*T. Fredrick Candlyn* in F sharp minor
		Anthem:	King of Glory – *T. Frederick Candlyn*
THURSDAY	11:00	SOLEMN EUCHARIST	
26 November		Service:	Missa Resurrectionis – *Gerre Hancock*
Thanksgiving Day		Psalm:	65
		Anthems:	Christ whose glory fills the skies – *T. Frederick Candlyn*
			Sing, my soul, his wondrous love – *Ned Rorem*
SUNDAY	11:00	SOLEMN EUCHARIST	
29 November		Introit:	Matin Responsory – *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
Advent 1		Service:	Mass for four voices – *William Byrd*
DEC 1		Psalm:	80: 1-7, 17-19
		Anthems:	This is the truth sent from above –
			arr. *Ralph Vaughan Williams* and *Christopher Robinson*
			Blow Out the Trumpet in Sion – *Martin Peerson*
		Voluntary:	Nun Komm den Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 – *J.S. Bach*
	4:00	THE ADVENT PROCESSION	
		Anthems:	I look from afar – *Gabriel Jackson*
			Drop down ye heavens – *Richard Lloyd*
			This is the truth sent from above –
			arr. *Ralph Vaughan Williams and Christopher Robinson*
			Jesus Christ the Apple Tree – *Elizabeth Poston*
			Blow Out the Trumpet in Sion – *Martin Peerson*
			O Radiant Dawn – *Sir James MacMillan*
			Laetentur caeli – *William Byrd*
			Veni domine Jesu – *Andrew Simpson*
			Advent Responsory – *Christopher Gower*
		Voluntary:	Final from Evocation – *Marcel Dupré*

WEDNESDAY 2 December	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG Responses: *William Byrd* Psalm: 18 Service: The Second Service – *William Byrd* Anthem: Prepare ye the way of the Lord – *Michael Wise*
SUNDAY 6 December *Advent 2* **CAN 1**	11:00	LITANY AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST Litany: *Henry Loosemore* Service: Mass for five voices – *William Byrd* Psalm: 85 Anthems: Rorate caeli desuper – *William Byrd* Fuit homo missus a Deo – *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina* Voluntary: Prélude, Choral varié et Fugue sur "Veni redemptor gentium" – *Margaretha Christina de Jong*
	4:00	SOLEMN EVENSONG Responses: *William Byrd* Psalm: 40: 11-21 Service: *Sir Charles V. Stanford* in B flat Anthem: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland *from* BWV 61 – *Johann Sebastian Bach* Advent Prose: *Plainsong* Voluntary: Partita 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme' – *Hugo Distler*
	5:15	CHAMBER RECITAL Players from the Historical Performance Program at The Juilliard School – *New York, NY*
TUESDAY & THURSDAY 8 & 10 December	4:00	CONCERT: MESSIAH – *George Frederick Handel* The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys *with* New York Baroque Incorporated – Wen Yang, *Artistic Director* Elisse Albian, *soprano* Jay Carter, *countertenor* Andrew Bearden Brown, *tenor* Enrico Lagasca, *bass-baritone* Richard Tanner, *conductor*
SATURDAY 12 December	4:00	THE BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE sung by The Noble Singers *A service for children and their families*

SUNDAY 13 December *Advent 3* *Gaudete* **DEC 2**	11:00	FESTAL EUCHARIST Service: *Harold Darke* in F Psalm: 126 Anthems: The Spirit of the Lord – *Sir Edward Elgar* This is the record of John – *Orlando Gibbons* Voluntary: Poème Symphonique pour le Temps de l'Avent Op. 69 – *Rachel Laurin*
	4:00	FESTAL EVENSONG Responses: *Kenneth Leighton* Psalm: 68: 1-20 Service: *Hugh Blair* in B minor Anthem: Vox dicentis – *Edward Naylor* Advent Prose: *Plainsong* Voluntary: Sortie – *Cesar Franck*
	5:15	LA NATIVITÉ DU SEIGNEUR – *Olivier Messiaen* *(Nine Meditations on the Birth of Our Lord)* Richard Tanner, *organ* *The Nancy B. and John B. Hoffman Organist and Director of Music*
MONDAY 14 December	5:30	SOLEMN EUCHARIST – Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of The Rev. Canon Carl Turner's Ordination to the Priesthood Service: Messe Solennelle – *Jean Langlais* Psalm: 127 Anthems: A Spotless Rose – *Herbert Howells* O Sacrum Convivium – *Thomas Tallis*
WEDNESDAY 16 December	12:00	A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS sung by the Saint Thomas Consort Sussex Carol – arr. *Sir David Willcocks* Adam lay ybounden – *Boris Ord* Joys Seven – arr. *Sir Stephen Cleobury* What sweeter music – *Sir John Rutter* Lully, lulla thou little tiny child – *Kenneth Leighton* Sir Christèmas – *William Mathias* Away in a manger – arr. *Stephen Tanner*
	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys and the Choir of Clare College, Cambridge Graham Ross, Director Responses: *Kenneth Leighton* Psalms: 82 Service: *T. Tertius Noble* in B minor Anthem: A Good Understanding – *Nico Muhly*
THURSDAY 17 December *O Sapientia*	5:30	CONCERT: CHRISTMAS ON FIFTH AVENUE The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir Jeremiah Stephenson, *organ* Richard Tanner, *conductor*
SATURDAY 19 December *O Radix Jesse*	12:00	CONCERT: CHRISTMAS ON FIFTH AVENUE The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir Jeremiah Stephenson *organ* Richard Tanner, *conductor*

SUNDAY 20 December *Advent 4* *O Clavis David* **CAN 2**	11:00	SOLEMN EUCHARIST Service: Missa Bel' amfitrit' altera – *Orlande de Lassus* Psalm: Magnificat – *Giles Swayne* Anthems: A Hymn to the Virgin – *Benjamin Britten* A Spotless Rose – *Herbert Howells* Voluntary: Magnificat primi toni, BuxWV 203 – *Dieterich Buxtehude*
	4:00	A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS Sussex Carol – arr. *Bob Chilcott* Adam lay ybounden – *Laura Sheils* In the bleak mid-winter – *Gustav Holst,* arr. *John Bertalot* Make we joy now in this fest – *Cecelia McDowall* In dulci jubilo – *Philip Moore* A Spotless Rose – *Herbert Howells* A Hymn to the Virgin – *Benjamin Britten* Sans Day Carol – *Sir John Rutter* A babe is born – *William Mathias* O leave your sheep – *Kenneth Leighton* The Lamb – *Sir John Tavener* Voluntary: Toccata-Gigue on the Sussex Carol – *George Baker*
MONDAY 21 December *Saint Thomas the Apostle*	5:30	SOLEMN EUCHARIST Introit: Mihi autem – *Plainsong* Service: Missa Sancti Thomae – *Jeremy Filsell* Psalm: 126 Anthem: O decus Apostolicum – *Tomás Luis de Victoria*
TUESDAY 22 December *O Rex gentium*	5:30	CHORAL EVENSONG Responses: *Thomas Tomkins* Psalm: 24 Antiphon: "O Rex gentium" Service: The Fourth Service – *Adrian Batten* Anthem: A Hymn of St Columba – *Benjamin Britten*
THURSDAY 24 December *Christmas Eve*	4:00	A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS *(See December 20 for repertoire)*
	6:00	CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS sung by the Saint Thomas Consort Service: Mass in G – *Franz Schubert* Carols: Sussex Carol – arr. *Sir David Willcocks* What sweeter music – *Sir John Rutter* Voluntary: Quand Jésus naquit à Noël – *Claude-Bénigne Balbastre*
	10:00	CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR ORGAN Jeremiah Stephenson, Jackson Merrill and Bethany Dame, *organ*
	10:30	PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY Service: Krönungs-Messe, KV 317 – *Wolfgang A. Mozart* Psalm: 96 Anthem: Sussex Carol – arr. *Bob Chilcott* Carols: Shepherd's pipe carol – *Sir John Rutter* I wonder as I wander – *Calvin Hampton* Infant holy – arr. *Gerre Hancock* In the bleak mid-winter – *Harold Darke* Silent night – arr. *Barry Rose* Voluntary: Final from Symphony No. 6, Op. 42 – *Charles-Marie Widor*

FRIDAY	11:00	PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY	
25 December		Service:	Missa brevis – *Jonathan Dove*
Christmas Day		Psalm:	98
		Anthems:	Hodie Christus natus est – *Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck*
			A child is born in Bethlehem – *Samuel Scheidt*
			The holly and the ivy – *Matthew Owens*
			Infant holy – arr. *Gerre Hancock*
			Ding dong, merrily on high – arr. *Mack Wilberg*
		Voluntary:	In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729 – *J.S. Bach*

SUNDAY	11:00	SOLEMN EUCHARIST sung by the Saint Thomas Consort	
27 December		Service:	Missa Sancti Nicolai – *Joseph Haydn*
Christmas 1		Psalm:	148
Holy Family		Anthems:	In the bleak mid-winter – *Gustav Holst,* arr. *Mack Wilberg*
DEC 1			What Child is This? – *Benedict Tanner*
		Voluntary:	Les Enfants de Dieu from La Nativité du Seigneur – *Olivier Messiaen*

CHORISTER FOR A DAY

Do you know a boy who is curious about singing, music, or life in a close-knit community? On **Saturday, October 3**, boys in grades 3–6 and their families are invited to discover what it's like to be a Saint Thomas Chorister.

Chorister for a Day at Saint Thomas Choir School offers a hands-on glimpse into this unique and joyful musical life. No previous musical training is required! The day will include fun, interactive musical activities, a choir rehearsal with the choristers and Richard Tanner, Organist & Director of Music, guided tours of Saint Thomas Church and Choir School, and a chance to sing Evensong alongside the world-renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys.

To learn more or sign up, email **asylvester@saintthomaschurch.org.**

THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys is considered to be the leading ensemble of its kind in the Anglican choral tradition in the United States. While its primary raison d'etre is to sing five choral services each week, the choir also performs regularly with Orchestra of St. Luke's and New York Baroque Incorporated as part of the Saint Thomas Church concert series. Live webcasts of choral services and further information concerning recordings, tours and concerts given by the choir can be found at *SaintThomasChurch.org.*

Over recent years, the choir has toured throughout the US, Europe and Scandinavia with performances at Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, King's College, Cambridge, the Aldeburgh Festival, at the Vatican, and in Dresden and at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig. Domestically, the choir has appeared often at National AGO Conventions. Besides annual performances of Handel's *Messiah*, the choir's concerts at Saint Thomas Church have included presentations of the Fauré, Duruflé and Mozart *Requiems*, the J. S. Bach *Passions*, Handel's *Israel in Egypt* and James MacMillan's *Seven Last Words from the Cross.*

In 2016, a concert in memory of former Director of Music John Scott was performed with Orchestra of St. Luke's under the direction of Sir Simon Rattle. The choir has made many commercial recordings, most recently in 2026 for an upcoming album inspired by the long-line of esteemed musicians who have been associated with Saint Thomas Church under the direction of Director of Music Richard Tanner.

Other recent recordings have included an album of the Music of Gerre Hancock (Signum), Propers for the Feast of Corpus Christi by William Byrd (Signum), a Christmas album, *No Small Wonder* (Acis), and albums featuring the works of Calvin Hampton and Kenneth Leighton (Signum). The Gentlemen of the Choir are all professional singers working here in New York, and the Boy Choristers live at the historic Saint Thomas Choir School and are educated in collaboration with New York's Professional Children's School.

SAINT THOMAS CHOIR SCHOOL

Saint Thomas Choir School, in the heart of New York City, is home to the treble choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys, one of the nation's leading ensembles in the Anglican choral tradition. Boys in grades 4–8 live at the Choir School, receive their academic education at Professional Children's School, and take part in an intensive musical program centered around singing five services each week at historic Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue. The Choir also performs regularly in concert, in New York, across the country, and around the world.

At Saint Thomas Choir School, the boys live in community with full-time residential staff, sharing in the rhythms of daily life—from family-style meals and afternoon sports to bedtime snacks and books. Through this unique combination of music, education, and community, the choristers form deep friendships and develop confidence, independence, and a profound sense of service, all while immersing themselves in a shared passion for music.

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