

# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

# in the CITY OF NEW YORK

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The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

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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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT: PASSIONTIDE BEGINS

MARCH 26, 2023

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m. Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell Sung by The Noble Singers

The Ordinary of the Mass

New Plainsong

David Hurd (b. 1950)

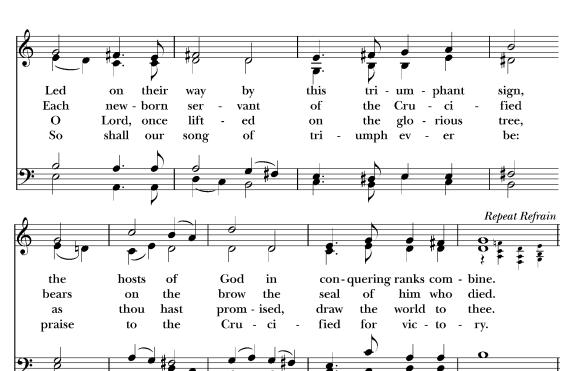
The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Hymn

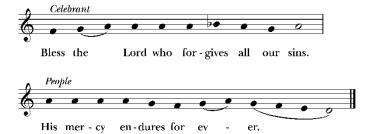
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#### The Penitential Order



The Celebrant may say a sentence of scripture. The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing. Silence is kept.

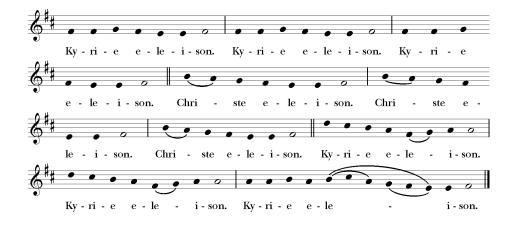
# Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

# The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

# Kyrie



# The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People Celebrant And also with you. Let us pray.

#### Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The People sit.

# The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 130

The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat



Out of the depths have I called to you O Lord; Lord hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. If you Lord were to note what is done amiss, O Lord who could stand? For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. *Refrain* 

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;
With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. *Refrain* 

Gospel Acclamation

Bernadette Farrell

The People stand. The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Cantor You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;

You are the Word who leads us into light;

You are the Word who brings us through the desert:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

All repeat the refrain

The Holy Gospel John 11:1-45

The Minister reads the Gospel, first saying

# The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the end

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Mo. Turner

The People stand for the Nicene Creed and the Prayers.

#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father:

The leader begins the prayers

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church,

that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;

for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended,

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

People in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

*People* in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness,

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

*People* in your mercy hear us.

In a moment of quiet, we offer our own intercessions to the Lord.

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers

of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

# The Peace

# The Celebrant says

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace. (*Ephesians 2:13-14*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

# People

And also with you.

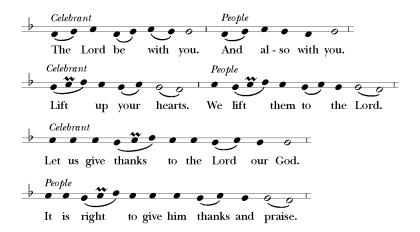
#### The Greetings

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn BRESLAU



Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855), alt. Music: *Breslau*, melody from Lochamer Gesangbuch, ca. 1450; harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).



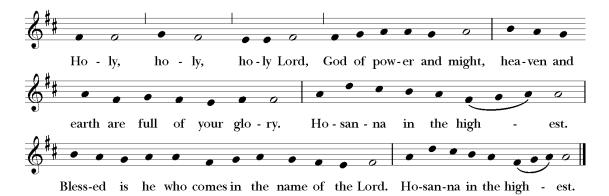
#### The Celebrant sings the Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus & Benedictus



The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

#### Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, St. Thomas our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

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

#### Celebrant and People

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

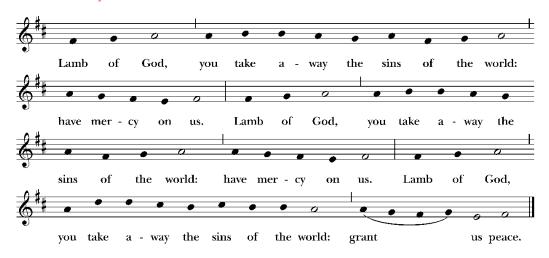
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then is said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

# Celebrant and People



# The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

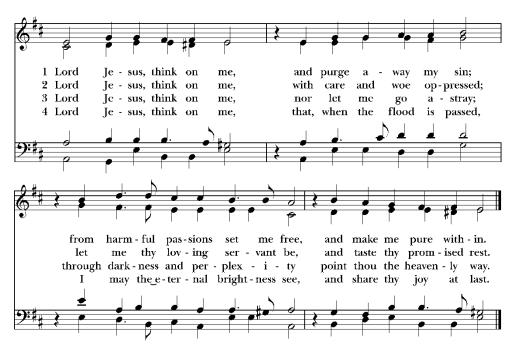
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

# People Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted. You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

# Communion Hymn SOUTHWELL



Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt. Music: Southwell, from Daman's Psalter, 1579; adapt. Hymnal 1982.

Taizé Chant Jacques Berthier

This chant is repeated quietly.



After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

#### The People stand. Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Solemn Prayer and Dismissal

#### The Celebrant says

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.

HOLY WEEK POSTCARD NOW AVAILABLE WITH THE FULL SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP AND CONCERTS. PLEASE SEE AN USHER UPON EXITING.

# **EASTER FLOWERS**

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. Please go to our website (<a href="www.saintthomaschurch.org/give">www.saintthomaschurch.org/give</a>) or please 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 Sunday, April 2.

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Munsell, Elizabeth van Bokkelen Nichols, and Timothy S. Rothermel

# **WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

\* indicates livestreamed.

#### Today

# 11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist\*

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

# 4 p.m. Solemn Evensong\*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

Sermon by The Rev. Zachary Thompson, Vicar, St. James' Madison Avenue

Monday – Tuesday, Thursday – Saturday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist\*

# Wednesday

12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist\*

# **Friday**

8 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place between the 8 a.m. and Noon services on Friday mornings throughout Lent.

# 3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

# Saturday

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

Next Sunday: April 2, Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

# 9 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Mass

sung by the Noble Singers especially suitable for Children and Families 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 Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rev. Elaine Farmer, Canberra, Australia

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

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: "Blessed are the Pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Sermon by The Rector

# PARISH NOTICES

The Pilgrims' Course continues Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Parish House. A hot meal is provided at 6:30 p.m. This annual educational and fellowship series explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes open to all and particularly suited to those who wish to be baptized, confirmed, or become members. Each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those new to the faith or to our community. This week's topic will be "They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread': The Eucharist at the Heart of Our Common Life." To discover more, please visit: saintthomaschurch.org/rector/the-pilgrims-course

**Saint Thomas Church Tours** are available on Sundays after the 11 a.m. service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign.

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is open Sunday following the 11 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. New in stock: Fr. Luigi Gioia books, "Saint Benedict's Wisdom", "Say it to God: In Search of Prayer: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018", "Touched by God: The way to contemplative prayer", and many books for Lent and Easter, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1 p.m. Fr. Schultz leads a series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Join us as we continue our exploration of the Book of Signs (John 1:18 through chapter 12). For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School is accepting applications from boys currently in grades 2-5 for admission to the 2023-2024 academic year. The school exists to nurture and educate the approximately 30 boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented boys come from Michigan to Texas, and Massachusetts to Virginia, and even Manhattan. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Ruth Cobb, rcobb@choirschool.org.

Concerts at Saint Thomas welcomes the Choir of New College Oxford on tour with a 2-Concert event. On Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m., the choir presents a program featuring music of Howells, Elgar, and Bairstow. Visit our website to secure your in-person or livestream ticket, as this is a ticketed event.

And on **Saturday, April 1 at 3 p.m.** the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys joins forces with the Choir of New College Oxford for an afternoon of choral masterpieces. Tickets for this concert are free with a suggested donation of \$20 per ticket. Reserve your inperson or livestream ticket for this exciting choral event.

Children and Families: In Sunday School after the 9 a.m. Mass this week, we will continue our LENTEN JOURNEY and readers for Palm Sunday will practice their script with Ms. Lewis. Join us for our Palm Sunday Procession at 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. next Sunday, April 2. At 10 am there will be a HOLY WEEK focused Family Feast with our annual Palm Cross making workshop and 9 + Bible Study. On Good Friday, April 7 all are welcome to join us for our Way of the Cross: The Way of Love liturgy and activities for children and their families, starting at 10:15 a.m. Throughout Holy week and Easter Day children will join their families for Mass. Parents of young children may access the nursery during these services. Please note there is no Sunday school on April 16. We resume with a child focused Easter celebration on April 23 at the 9 a.m. Mass. Sign up for our weekly newsletter, with details of programs and activities for 2023: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, sings at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays during the program year. We welcome new singers at any time! No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer, contact <a href="RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org">RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org</a>.

Easter Giving Opportunity: With Easter and the season of renewal comes our annual Easter Basket project for St. Ann's Episcopal Church and Safe Horizon's Shelter, which serves survivors of domestic abuse. There are a number of ways you can help! You can drop off Easter candy and small gifts for Easter Baskets in reception during regular business hours; and/or donate an Easter outfit using our online giving portal or by contacting Linda Morfi at <a href="mailto:lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org">lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org</a> or 212-757-7013 x416. The deadline for gifts is Palm Sunday. Baskets will be assembled and delivered during Holy Week, and we welcome your assistance with the fun job and filling the baskets and preparing them for the children!

**Annual Appeal:** Please make a pledge via the QR code below or email giving@saintthomaschurch.org. Every pledge makes a difference.



# HOLY WEEK CHORAL SERVICES AND CONCERTS

The choral services are video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand

#### MONDAY AND TUESDAY, APRIL 3 AND 4

12:30 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Mass 5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Preacher: Mother Farmer

6:45 p.m. Musical Meditations:

Monday Maks Adach, Organ Tuesday Jeremy Filsell, Piano The Atlantic Reed Consort

# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist 5:30 p.m. The Office of Tenebrae

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

# MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

5:30 p.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper with

Procession to the Altar of Repose and Stripping of the Altars

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Preacher: Mother Farmer

#### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

10:30-11:30 a.m. & 3:30-5 p.m. Confessions

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. The Way of the Cross - The Way of Love

A celebration especially for children and families

12 p.m. The Three Hours' Devotion

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Preacher: Fr. Gioia

5:30 p.m. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion including the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Preacher: Mother Farmer

#### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

5:30 p.m. The Great Vigil, Baptism, and First Mass of Easter

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Preacher: Mother Farmer

# **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Procession, Solemn Eucharist, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Saint Thomas Brass

Preachers: 8 a.m. The Rector, 11 a.m. Mother Farmer

2:15 p.m. An Eastertide Prelude to Evensong

From the organists of Saint Thomas Church

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Easter Procession

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

#### ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Matthew Moretz Vicar and Chief Operating Officer The Reverend Alison J. Turner Associate for Children & Family Ministry and School Chaplain The Reverend Mark Schultz Associate for Pastoral Care The Reverend Prisca Lee-Pae Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry The Reverend Dr. Luigi Gioia

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# Do you know a boy who loves to sing?

Saint Thomas Choir School nurtures and educates the treble choristers of the renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Boys in grades 3–8 from across the country sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school during the academic year, thriving in a community that shares a passion for music. Singing in a professional choir, the boys grow into young men with poise, presence, and a deep sense of serving the community. Graduates of the choir school are prepared for a rewarding journey through adolescence and beyond, regardless of their professional goals. To learn more, visit www.choirschool.org or contact Ruth Cobb at admissions@choirschool.org or 212.247.3311, ext. 541.

Give him the opportunity of a lifetime.