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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
CHORAL EVENSONG WITH AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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CHORAL EVENSONG

in honor of those who have given their lives,
and those who have served in the Armed Forces of our Country,
and for
the One Hundred and Second Annual Flag Service
for the Patriotic and Historical Societies of New York

PRELUDE

Solemn Prelude 'In Memoriam', from For the Fallen, Op. 80, no. 3

Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

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

INTROIT

For the fallen

Douglas Guest
(1916-1996)

THEY shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

NATIONAL HYMN

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand, #718 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907).
Music: *National Hymn*, George William Warren (1828-1902).

ST. ANNE

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - curc;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

O God, our help in ages past, #680 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5.
Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).



THE BIDDING

BELOVED in Christ, we remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability, and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith, for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may live together in freedom, justice, and peace.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Martin How
(1931-2022)

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 35

Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Willcocks, Wolstenholme)

JUDICA, DOMINE

PLEAD thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me :
and fight thou against them that fight against me.

Lay hand upon the shield and buckler : and stand up to help me.

Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me :
say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek after my soul :

let them be turned back and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief for me.

Let them be as the dust before the wind : and the angel of the Lord scattering them.

Let their way be dark and slippery : and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.

For they have privily laid their net to destroy me without a cause :

yea, even without a cause have they made a pit for my soul.

Let a sudden destruction come upon him un-awares, and his net, that he hath laid privily,
catch himself : that he may fall into his own mischief.

And, my soul, be joyful in the Lord : it shall rejoice in his salvation.

All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee,

who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him :

yea, the poor, and him that is in misery, from him that spoileth him?



False witnesses did rise up : they laid to my charge things that I knew not.
They rewarded me evil for good : to the great discomfort of my soul.
Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth, and humbled my soul with fasting :
 and my prayer shall turn into mine own bosom.
I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother :
 I went heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.
But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together :
 yea, the very abjects came together against me unawares,
 making mouths at me, and ceased not.
With the flatterers were busy mockers : who gnashed upon me with their teeth.
Lord, how long wilt thou look upon this :
 O deliver my soul from the calamities which they bring on me,
 and my darling from the lions.
So will I give thee thanks in the great congregation : I will praise thee among much people.
O let not them that are mine enemies triumph over me ungodly :
 neither let them wink with their eyes that hate me without a cause.
And why? their communing is not for peace :
 but they imagine deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.
They gaped upon me with their mouths, and said :
 Fie on thee, fie on thee, we saw it with our eyes.
This thou hast seen, O Lord : hold not thy tongue then, go not far from me, O Lord.
Awake, and stand up to judge my quarrel : avenge thou my cause, my God, and my Lord.
Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness : and let them not triumph over me.
Let them not say in their hearts, There, there, so would we have it :
 neither let them say, We have devoured him.
Let them be put to confusion and shame together, that rejoice at my trouble :
 let them be clothed with rebuke and dishonour, that boast themselves against me.
Let them be glad and rejoice, that favour my righteous dealing :
 yea, let them say alway, Blessed be the Lord,
 who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.
And as for my tongue, it shall be talking of thy righteousness : and of thy praise all the day long.
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

Micah 4:1-5

read by Ms. Jane Campbell

Daughters of the American Revolution

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



OFFICE HYMN

THAXTED

1. I__ vow to thee, my count - ry, all earth - ly things a - bove, en - tire and whole and
2. And there's a - no - ther count - ry I've heard of long a - go, most dear to them that
per - fect, the ser-vice of my love: the__ love that asks no ques - tion, the__
love her, most great to them that know; we__ may not count her ar - mies, we__
love that stands the test, that lays u - pon the al - tar the dear - est and the best; the
may not see her King; her_ for - tress is a faith - ful heart, her pride is suf - fer - ing; and
love that ne - ver fal - ters, the love that pays the price, the__
soul by soul and si - lent - ly her shin - ing bounds in - crease, and her
love ways that makes un - daunt - ed the fin - al sac - ri - fice.
are ways of gent - le - ness and all her paths are peace.

I vow to thee, my country, #355 from *Common Praise* – Words: Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1919).
Music: *Thaxted*, Gustave Holst (1874-1934), adapt.

MAGNIFICAT IN D

Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow
(1874-1946)

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

John 15:9-13
read by Ms. Tessa Dunning
Daughters of the British Empire

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.



NUNC DIMITTIS IN D

Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

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 catholic 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 ETERNAL Lord God, who holdest all souls in life: Give, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth thy light and thy peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served thee here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND 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 THIRD 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

Sung by the Choir

Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

LORD, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever the earth and the world were made,
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him;
or the Son of man, that thou so regardest him?
Man is like a thing of nought: his time passeth away like a shadow.
But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever,
and thy remembrance throughout all generations.
Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion,
yea the time is come, for it is time that thou have mercy.
Comfort us again, now after the time that thou hast plagued us;
and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity. Amen.

Psalm 90:1, 2, 15; Psalm 144:3-4; Psalm 102:12-13

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

A minister says

Let us pray.

The People kneel.

God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

God the Son,
have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy upon us.

Holy and blessed Trinity,
have mercy upon us.

From all fear and prejudice, bitterness, and all hardness of heart,
good Lord, deliver us.

From all spite, revenge, and destructive anger,
good Lord, deliver us.

From the desire to dominate others, to impose our will, and from all feelings of superiority,
good Lord, deliver us.

Open our hearts towards our neighbor, and help us to work together for the common good.
Lord, hear us and help us.



Strengthen us to stand for all that is just and true and right.
Lord, hear us and help us.

Grant that we may come to understand our enemies,
Lord, hear us and help us.

Bring release to those with abiding memories of hurt and injury.
Lord, hear us and help us.

Lord grant us the grace to receive forgiveness, and to forgive as we are forgiven.
Lord, hear us and help us.

Comfort all them that mourn, the troubled, and all that call upon thee in their distress.
Lord, hear us and help us.

Guide the leaders of the nations and them that work for peace,
and make us all subject to Christ's just and gentle rule.
Lord, hear us and help us.

Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Silence is kept. The minister concludes the Litany with this collect

MOST merciful and everlasting God, we remember those whom thou hast gathered from the storm of war into the peace of thy presence: grant that we, being faithful till death, may receive with them the crown of life that never fades, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

SERMON

Chaplain Captain Mark Winward
U.S. Navy Senior Chaplain



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HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

AMERICA

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my
no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal
lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our

fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,
rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,
land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let freed - om ring.
my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

My country, 'tis of thee, #717 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895).
Music: America, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745.

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The People stand. The Rector says

LET us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping those who have died for their country in conflict; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.



A Veteran says the Exhortation

THEY shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

People **We will remember them.**

The Bugler plays 'Taps.'

THE SILENCE

The silence is broken by the Bugler playing 'Rouse.'

A Veteran says the Kohima Epitaph

WHEN you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

The Rector says

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of thy love; and bring us all, with them, to thine eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE COLORS

The Rector says

THE Lord bless and hallow the flag of the United States of America,
and may he prosper and protect the republic for which it stands,
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

AN ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Rector says

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

People **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

People **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

People **We will.**

LORD God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve thee and all the peoples,
in the course of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of thy name.
Guide us by the spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always. **Amen.**



THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

NATIONAL ANTHEM

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
o'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light, #720 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843).
Music: *National Anthem*, source unknown, ca. 18th cent.

THE BLESSING

GO forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor everyone;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Alexander L'Estrange
(b. 1974)

GOD be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Sarum Primer (1558)



RECESSIONAL HYMN

MATERNA

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

O beautiful for spacious skies, #719 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt.
Music: Materna, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903).

VOLUNTARY

Chorale Fantasia 'O God our help'

C. Hubert H. Parry
(1848-1918)



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
John Wesley Brown, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Linda Griffith Vorsanger, and John A. Warden



ANNUAL VESTRY ELECTIONS

The Annual Election for the Vestry of Saint Thomas Church will be held on December 5, 2023.

The following parishioners are standing for election: As Warden, Lloyd Stanford;
and for the Vestry, Christopher Haley, Winnie King, and Benita Potters.

The by-laws of the parish define those eligible to vote as follows: "Persons of full age belonging to the Parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants at its worship and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to such election or special meeting, shall be qualified voters at any such election or special meeting." Ballots have been mailed electronically, mailed via USPS to those without online access, and will also be available at the reception desk of Saint Thomas Church (1 West 53rd St.) If you have not received a ballot and are a qualified voter, please contact Lizette Hernandez at [\(212\) 757-7013](tel:2127577013). Please note that the By-Laws of Saint Thomas Church have recently been changed by the Vestry so that terms of office begin on January 1 following the election.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong* – Consecration of
Samuel Seabury, 1796

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday – Margaret of Scotland, Queen, 1093

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

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. Moretz

**Next Sunday: November 19, The Twenty-Fifth
Sunday after Pentecost**

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

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

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

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

5:30 p.m. Chamber Recital

The Western Wind, New York, NY

PARISH NOTICES

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am service. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign.

Our Parish **Bookstore and Gift Shop** is temporarily closed as it is being relocated to part of the Narthex nearest the Chantry Chapel. If you have any questions, please reach out to giftshop@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.

Children and Family Ministries: The Nursery is open 9am to 1pm for the use of babies and young children with parents/caregivers. Services are streamed into the Nursery during this time. Sunday School meets at 10am on the 3rd floor and in the Dining Room. For more info, contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1pm. Fr. Schultz leads a zoom 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 info, contact Fr. Schultz: MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from all over the country to sing, study, play, perform, and live together. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Nora Thomson: nthomson@choirschool.org.

Preschool Music Circle: Children ages 2-5 and their caregivers are welcome to join us in the Sunday School Room on Saturdays from 10-11am for this new musical offering. Mrs. Kellerman-Filsell will lead children and caregivers in 30 mins of age-appropriate musical activities followed by a light snack and some play-time. Caregivers are strongly encouraged to attend and participate with their child(ren). For more information, and to register your child, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, has resumed weekly rehearsals and singing at the 9am Mass. We welcome new singers at any time. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For info, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received 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 Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. The deadline is Sunday, December 11.

On Thanksgiving Day our **Angel Tree** will be revealed. There will be tags on the tree for children from St. Ann's Episcopal Church and Safe Horizons shelter as well as some of the migrant children known to the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership. We hope you will take a tag, and ask you to bring the requested gift to STC before December 19. Would you like to help wrap gifts, decorate the Angel Tree or make tags for the Angel Tree? Please volunteer by contacting Linda Morfi: lmorfi@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Our **Parish Annual Meeting** will be Thursday, November 16 from 7-8:30 pm. Join us for Evensong at 5:30 pm, followed by a short mass, then refreshments in the Nave til 7 pm. This meeting will include presentations from our Rector, Clergy, Wardens Vestry, and Senior Staff. There will also be short presentations on our finances from CFO Jenny Herrera, auditors PKR O'Connor Davies, and the J.P Morgan Team with members of our Investment Committee. This meeting will be live-streamed and participants can join in the Q&A time via this address: questions@saintthomaschurch.org. We may not have time to address all questions that evening, but they will receive an answer. Please register via the QR code so that we can ensure proper catering for those in attendance:



