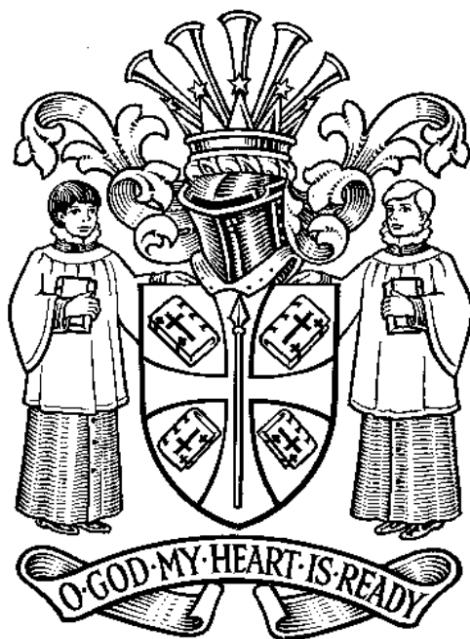


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SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 AT 11 A.M.
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE)

FESTAL EUCHARIST

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

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

Psalm-Prelude No. 1

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)*from Three Psalm Preludes for Organ, Set One, Op. 32, No. 1**"Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord beareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles."**The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.*

HYMN

CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

GRACIOUS Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be
the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread,
that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Davies*)

DOMINUS REGIT ME

THE LORD is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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 EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8-14

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

HYMN

NEW BRITAIN

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

1. saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace that brought me to
5. shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

1. now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

People



Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Alison J. Turner
Associate for Children & Family Ministry and School Chaplain

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

John Merbecke
(1505-1585)

I be-lieve in one God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,
And of all things vi-si-ble and in-vi-si-ble: And in one Lord Je-sus Christ,
the on-ly be-got-ten Son of God, Be-got-ten of his Fa-ther be-fore all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Ve-ry God of ve-ry God, Be-got-ten, not made,
Be-ing of one sub-stance with the Fa-ther By whom all things were made:
Who for us men, and for our sal-va-tion came down from hea-ven,
And was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma-ry, And was made man,
And was cru-ci-fied al-so for us un-der Pon-ti-us Pi-late. He suf-fer-ed and was bur-i-ed,
And the third day he rose a-gain ac-cord-ing to the Scrip-tures, And as-cend-ed in-to hea-ven,
And sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa-ther. And he shall come a-gain with glo-ry
to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose king-dom shall have no end.
And I be lieve in the Ho-ly Ghost, the Lord, The giv-er of life, Who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther
and the Son, Who with the Fa-ther and the Son to-geth-er is wor-ship-ped and glo-ri-fied,
who spake by the Pro-phets. And I be-lieve One Ho-ly Ca-tho-lick and A-po-sto-lick Church.
I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism for the re-mis-sion of sins. And I
look for the Re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. A-men.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel. After each petition

Leader Lord, in thy mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of thy people, and strengthen us to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The people stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

SINCE we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Arr. John Bertalot
(b. 1931)

I DANCED in the morning when the world was begun,
I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun.
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the Scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

HYMN

OLIVET

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth is for the People. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Celebrant *People*

The_ Lord be_ with_ you. And_ with thy_ spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift_ up_ your_ hearts._ We lift_ them up un - to_ the Lord._

Celebrant

Let us give_ thanks un - to_ our Lord_ God.

People

It is meet_ and right so_ to do._

The Celebrant continues

IT is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People remain standing or kneel.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

<i>Celebrant</i>	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

<i>People</i>	Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.
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The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion)*

IBELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*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.*

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

*William L. Dawson
(1899-1990)*

THERE is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all."

African American Spiritual, based on Jeremiah 8:22

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope,
of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Deacon says

Bow down before the Lord.

The Celebrant says

LOOK down in mercy, Lord, on thy people who kneel before thee; and grant that those whom thou hast nourished by thy Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

IN BABILONE



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bid; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,
thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic
Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our
we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Ite, Missa Est
(From Missa de Gloria, Op. 83)

Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Andrew Hall after the service.



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Margaret Crane Hurlbut, James S. Reilly, Jr., and Mrs. Edwin H. Weatherbee

**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 (www.saintthomaschurch.org/give) 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.**

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

With Admission of a New Chorister

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

Sermon by The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes,
Bishop of Newark

*Evensong will be followed by an organ recital by
Daniel Ficcari, New York, NY*

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

Wednesday

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

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

8 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place between the
8 a.m. and Noon services on Friday mornings during Lent.*

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist for the Eve of The Annunciation of Our Lord *

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Saturday

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

Next Sunday: March 26, Fifth Sunday in Lent Passiontide begins

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

*sung by the Noble Singers
especially suitable for Children and Families
followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

11 a.m. Litany and 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

PARISH NOTICES

The Pilgrims' Course continues Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish House. A hot meal is provided from 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 are 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 who are new to the faith or to our community. This week's topic will be "An Introduction to the Sacramental Life of the Church: Baptism and Confirmation." To discover more about topics, schedule, and to register, please visit: www.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 53rd 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 the music of Howells, Elgar, and Bairstow. This is a ticketed event. [Visit our website](#) to secure your in-person or livestream ticket.

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 for Holy Week. Tickets for this concert are free with a suggested donation of \$20 per ticket. [Reserve your in-person or livestream ticket](#) for this exciting choral event.

Children and Families: Join us after the 9 a.m. Mass as we continue our LENTEN JOURNEY in the third floor Sunday School room. During that time the older children, (age 9+) are invited to meet with Fr. Schultz for a Bible study during Lent. **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 RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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 lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org or 212-757-7013 ext: 416. The deadline for gifts is Palm Sunday, April 2. 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!

For the first part of this year, we continue our **2023 Annual Appeal: Invitation, Community, Discipleship**. You can make a pledge via the QR code below to be taken to the website or email giving@saintthomaschurch.org. Every pledge makes a difference.



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