

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE  
in the  
CITY OF NEW YORK



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The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 AT 4 P.M.  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
*The Beginning of Passiontide*

## SOLEMN EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

**LENTEN SERMON SERIES ON THE BEATITUDES**  
**“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”**  
*The Rev. Zachary Thompson, Vicar, St. James’ Madison Avenue*

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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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PRELUDE

Prelude in C minor, BWV 546

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

## INTROIT

*Sung by the Choir*

*Anthony Douglass Caesar*  
(1924-2018)

**G**REATER love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
Christ became obedient unto death: even the death of the cross.  
Now if we be dead with Christ: we believe that we shall also live with him.

*John 15:13; Philippians 2:8; Romans 6:8*

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

## HYMN

BRESLAU

1 We sing the praise of him who died, of  
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see in  
3 The cross: it takes our guilt a - way, and  
4 It makes the cow - ard spi - rit brave, and  
5 The balm of life, the cure of woe, the

1 him who died up - on the cross; the sin - ner's hope let  
2 shin - ing let - ters, God is love: he bears our sins up -  
3 holds the faint - ing spi - rit up; it cheers with hope the  
4 nerves the fee - ble arm for fight; it takes its ter - ror  
5 mea - sure and the pledge of love, the sin - ner's re - fuge

1 sin de - ride: for this we count the world but loss.  
2 on the tree: he brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
3 gloom - y day, and sweet - ens ev - ery bit - ter cup.  
4 from the grave, and gilds the bed of death with light.  
5 here be - low, the an - gels' theme in heaven a - bove.

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

*The Priest says these Sentences of the Scriptures*

O Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger,  
lest thou bring me to nothing. (*Jeremiah 10:24; Psalm 6:1*)

Repent ye; for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. (*St. Matthew 3:2*)

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord;  
for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. (*Psalm 143:2*)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us;  
but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 St. John 1:8-9*)

*The Priest says*

**D**EARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

*The People kneel.*

## THE GENERAL CONFESSION

*Priest and People*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and pronounces the Absolution*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The People stand.*

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Thomas Tomkins  
(1572-1656)

*The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.*

- ℣. O Lord, open thou our lips.  
℞. *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*  
℣. O God, make speed to save us.  
℞. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*  
℣. 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.*  
℣. Praise ye the Lord.  
℞. *The Lord's Name be praised.*

*The People sit.*

WELCOME

PSALM 30

*Sung by the Choir*

Anglican Chant (*Atkins*)

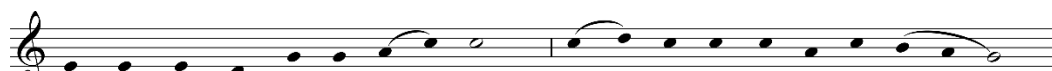
EXALTABO TE, DOMINE

**I** WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up :  
and not made my foes to triumph over me.  
O Lord my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.  
Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell :  
thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.  
Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his :  
and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.  
For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life :  
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.  
And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed :  
thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.  
Thou didst turn thy face from me : and I was troubled.  
Then cried I unto thee, O Lord : and gat me to my Lord right humbly.  
What profit is there in my blood : when I go down to the pit?  
Shall the dust give thanks unto thee : or shall it declare thy truth?  
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be thou my helper.  
Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy : thou hast put off my sackcloth,  
and girded me with gladness.  
Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing :  
O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:1-9

*The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.*



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



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



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



(5.) A - men. \_\_\_\_\_

## MAGNIFICAT

## The Second Service

*William Byrd*  
(c. 1540-1623)

**M**Y 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

Matthew 20:30-34

*The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

## The Second Service

*William Byrd*

**L**ORD, 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

*Officiant and People*

**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 Officiant and Choir*

℣. The Lord be with you.  
℞. *And with thy spirit.*

*The People kneel.*

Let us pray.

℞. *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.*

℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
℞. *And grant us thy salvation.*

℣. O Lord, save the State.  
℞. *And mercifully bear us when we call upon thee.*

℣. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
℞. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

℣. O Lord, save thy people.  
℞. *And bless thine inheritance.*

℣. Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
℞. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

℣. O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
℞. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

#### THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### THE THIRD 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 FOURTH COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

**L**IGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The People sit.*

#### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

**O**MENSCH, beweine deine Sünde groß,  
Darum Christus seines Vaters Schoß  
Äußert und kam auf Erden;  
Von einer Jungfrau rein und zart  
Für uns er hier geboren ward,  
Er wollt der Mittler werden,  
Den Toten er das Leben gab  
Und legt dabei all Krankheit ab  
Bis sich die Zeit herdrange,  
Daß er für uns geopfert würd,  
Trüg unser Sünden schwere Bürd  
Wohl an dem Kreuze lange.

*O man, bewail your great sin,  
for this, Christ from his Father's bosom  
went forth and came to earth.  
Of a virgin pure and gentle  
he was born here for our sake,  
he was willing to mediate.  
To the dead he gave life  
and conquered all sickness  
until the time came  
that he should be sacrificed for us,  
to carry the heavy burden of our sins  
upon the Cross itself.*

*Seybald Heyden (1499-1561)*

#### SERMON

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



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

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

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

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: *Rest*, Frederick Charles Maker (1844-1927).

### SOLEMN BLESSING

**C**HRISt crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
 a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
 and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The People stand and join in the Refrain.*

*Refrain*  
*(1st time: Cantor) (Full)*

Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin - ned a - gainst thee.

**H**EAR us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
 listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

*Refrain*

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation,  
 Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

*Refrain*

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
 pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

*Refrain*

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
 grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

*Refrain*

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us,  
 we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

*Refrain*

**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](http://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.**



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*

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## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

**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

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 in-person 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org) 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](mailto:giving@saintthomaschurch.org). Every pledge makes a difference.

