

**SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE**  
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SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 AT 11 A.M.  
THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY  
**THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND  
SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE PASSION**  
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS  
AND THE CHOIR OF NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD

Holy Week Sermon Series: 'Touching the Mystery' -  
Tears at the Heart of Things: The Battle for Virtue Begins  
The Rev. Elaine Farmer  
*Canberra, Australia*



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*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

1. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark!  
 2. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In  
 3. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The  
 4. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy  
 5. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In

all the tribes ho - san - na cry; Thy  
 low - ly pomp ride on to die: O  
 an - gel ar - mies of the sky Look  
 last and fierc - est strife is nigh; The  
 low - ly pomp ride on to die; Bow

hum - ble beast pur - sues his road With  
 Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er  
 down with sad and won - d'ring eyes To  
 Fath - er on his sap - phire throne Ex -  
 thy meek head to mor - tal pain, Then

palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.  
 cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.  
 see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 pects his own a - noint - ed Son.  
 take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign.

## THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE PASSION

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The Lector concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

*The People respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:10-18

*Sung by the Choir*

Plainsong (*Tone III*<sup>5</sup>)

IN TE, DOMINE, SPERAVI

**H**AVE mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble :  
and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.  
For my life is waxen old with heaviness : and my years with mourning.  
My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity : and my bones are consumed.  
I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours :  
and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me  
without conveyed themselves from me.  
I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind : I am become like a broken vessel.  
For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude : and fear is on every side,  
while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.  
But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord : I have said, Thou art my God.  
My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies :  
and from them that persecute me.  
Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance : and save me for thy mercy's sake.  
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

Philippians 2:5-11

*The Subdeacon concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

*The People respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

ROCKINGHAM

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an  
Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

*The People sit.*

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW

*Tomás Luis de Victoria*  
(1548-1611)

*Jesus brought before Pilate*

**W**HEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

*The suicide of Judas*

**T**HEN Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

*Jesus before Pilate*

**A**ND Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

*The Soldiers mock Jesus*

**T**HEN released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

*The People stand.*

*The Crucifixion of Jesus*

**A**ND as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

*The Death of Jesus*

**N**OW from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

*The People kneel. Silence is kept. After the silence, the people stand with the ministers.*

**A**ND, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

*The People sit.*

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Elaine Farmer  
*Canberra, Australia*

*After the sermon, silence is kept.*

## THE PEACE

*The People stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words.*

**O**NCE 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*

*People*           The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
                      **And with thy spirit.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

*Sung by the Choir*

*Judith Weir*  
(b. 1954)

**S**WEET day, so cool, so calm, so bright,  
The bridal of the earth and sky;  
The dew shall weep thy fall to-night,  
For thou must die.

Sweet rose, whose hue angry and brave  
Bids the rash gazer wipe his eye;  
Thy root is ever in its grave,  
And thou must die.

Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses,  
A box where sweets compacted lie;  
My music shows ye have your closes,  
And all must die.

Only a sweet and virtuous soul,  
Like season'd timber, never gives;  
But though the whole world turn to coal,  
Then chiefly lives.

*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

1. My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to me, Love  
 2. He came from his blest throne, Sal-va-tion to be-stow: But  
 3. Some-times they strew his way, And his sweet prais-es sing; Re-  
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He  
 5. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a-way; A

to the love-less shown, That they might love-ly be. O,  
 men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know. But  
 sound-ing all the day Ho-san-nas to their King. Then  
 made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
 mur-der-er they save, The Prince of Life they slay. Yet

who am I, That for my sake My  
 O, my Friend, My Friend in-deed, Who  
 'Cru-ci-fy!' Is all their breath, And  
 in-ju-ries! And they at these Them-  
 cheer-ful he To suf-fring goes, That

Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?  
 at my need His life did spend!  
 for his death They thirst and cry.  
 selves dis-please, And 'gainst him rise.  
 he his foes From thence might free.

6. In life no house, no home,  
 My Lord on earth might have;  
 In death no friendly tomb,  
 But what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heav'n was his home;  
 But mine the tomb  
 Wherein he lay.

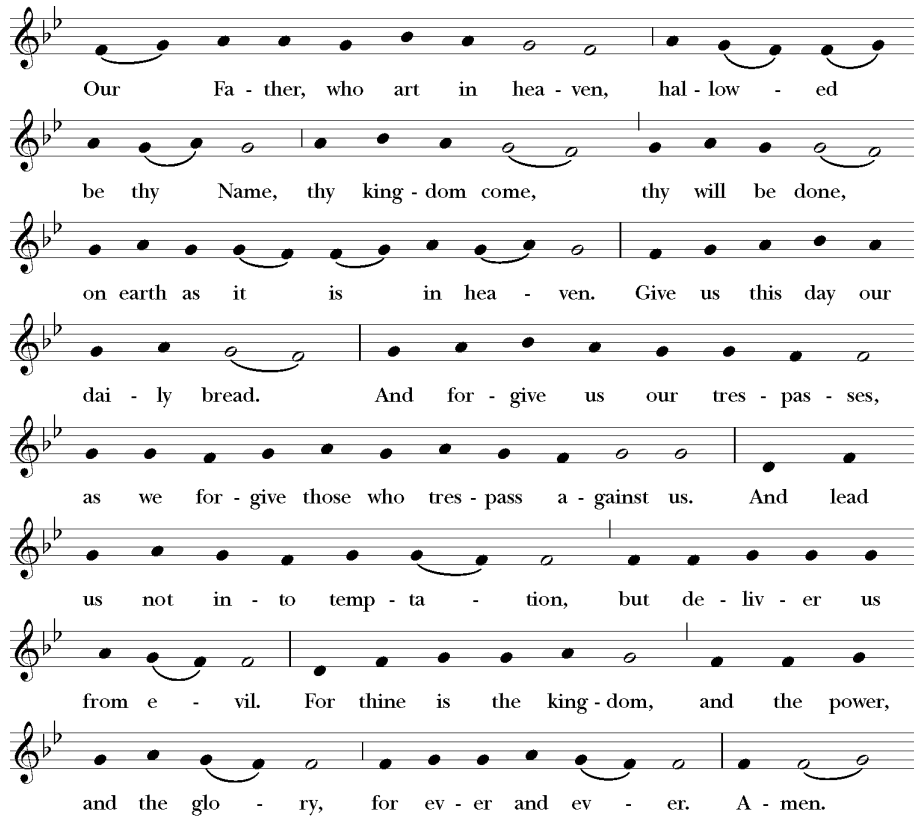
7. Here might I stay and sing,  
 No story so divine;  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like thine!  
 This is my Friend,  
 In whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 Could gladly spend.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant says*

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

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

*People* **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.*

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

**I** BELIEVE 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 and at the Chantry Altar rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers.  
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*

**A**GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.*

## MOTET

*Sung by the Choir*

*Francisco Guerrero  
(1528-1599)*

**O** DOMINE Jesu Christe,  
adoro te in cruce vulneratum  
felle et aceto potatum:  
deprecor te ut tua vulnera  
sint remedium animae meae.

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
I worship you, who was wounded on the cross  
and given gall and vinegar to drink:  
I pray that your wounds  
may be a remedy for my soul.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say*

**A**LMIGHTY 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

*Deacon* Bow down before the Lord.

*The Celebrant says*

**A**LMIGHTY God, we pray thee graciously to behold this thy family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,  
and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*All leave in silence.*

## EASTER FLOWERS

**Contributions are still 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 TODAY.**



# HOLY WEEK CHORAL SERVICES AND CONCERTS

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

## Holy Week Sermon Series: "Touching the Mystery"

*The Rev. Elaine Farmer  
Canberra, Australia*

### 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*

*Monday: "The Beauty of Holiness: Anointing & Love"*

*Tuesday: "We Want to See Jesus: Faith and Doubt"*

**6:45 p.m. Musical Meditations**

*Monday: Maks Adach, Organ; Tuesday: Jeremy Filsell, Piano; 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**

*with 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*

*"Love in the Ordinary: Service & Betrayal"*

### 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*

*"Slaying the Ram of Human Pride: Death & Turncoats"*

### 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*

*"Glimpsing God's Kingdom: Forgiveness and Grace"*

### 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: "Touching the Mystery: Resurrection"*

**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*

# PARISH NOTICES

**The Pilgrims' Course will not meet the next two weeks due to Holy Week and Easter Week.** The next meeting will be on April 19, and the topic will be "When things go wrong: Confession and Healing." 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 of Saint Thomas. Each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. To discover more about topics, schedule, and to register, please visit: [www.saintthomaschurch.org/rector/the-pilgrims-course](http://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. **NOTE: No tours today or on Easter Sunday.**

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, beautiful gifts. **NOTE: The store is closed today and on Easter Sunday.**

**The Theology Program at Saint Thomas Church** offers sound Christian teaching presented with intellectual vigor; teaching that is grounded in Holy Scripture, mediated by the catholic tradition that is the inheritance of Anglicanism, and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. **Sundays at 10 a.m.** on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House and via Zoom. The talks are given by our Theologian in Residence, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia. For information, please register with Fr. Gioia: [lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org). Our classes, on hiatus for Palm Sunday and Easter, resume Sunday, April 16.

**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).

**Children and Families:** 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 for more details: [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 ext: 416. The deadline for gifts is TODAY. Baskets will be assembled and delivered during Holy Week, and we welcome your assistance with the fun job of 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](mailto:giving@saintthomaschurch.org). Every pledge makes a difference.



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