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SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 AT 8 A.M. AND 11 A.M.

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OF EASTER DAY

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WITH SAINT THOMAS BRASS

Holy Week Sermon Series:
“Touching the Mystery: Resurrection”
The Rev. Elaine Farmer
Canberra, Australia

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Sonata No. 1 in D, Z850

Henry Purcell
 (1659-1695)

Praeludium in D, BuxWV 139

Dietrich Buxtehude
 (c. 1637-1707)

Dankpsalm, Op. 145

Max Reger
 (1873-1916)

Concerto in C Major

Francesco Manfredini
 (1684-1762)

ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Resurrectionis

Gerre Hancock
 (1934-2012)

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT

Gerre Hancock

A LLELUIA, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The People stand at the entry of the Ministers.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Celebrant Christ is risen from the dead;
People **and become the first-fruits of them that slept.**
Celebrant For since by man came death;
People **by man came also the resurrection of the dead.**
Celebrant For as in Adam all die;
People **even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

1 Cor. 15:20

HYMN

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

HYMN

LUX EOI

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
 3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
 4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
 3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
 4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
 3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
 4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORY be to God on high
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

ALmighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death
and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the
day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

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

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Smith*)

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

OGIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
because his mercy endureth for ever.
Let Israel now confess that he is gracious : and that his mercy endureth for ever.
The Lord is my strength, and my song : and is become my salvation.
The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous :
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.
The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence :
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.
I shall not die, but live : and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord hath chastened and corrected me : but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open me the gates of righteousness : that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.
 This is the gate of the Lord : the righteous shall enter into it.
 I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me : and art become my salvation.
 The same stone which the builders refused : is become the head-stone in the corner.
 This is the Lord's doing : and it is marvellous in our eyes.
 This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.
 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

Colossians 3:1-4

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

THE EASTER SEQUENCE

Sung by the Choir
[indicates verse played on the organ]

Plainsong
 arr. *Andrew Reid*
 (b. 1971)

Victimae paschali laudes
 immolent Christiani.

*Christians, to the Paschal victim
 offer your thankful praises!*

Agnus redemit oves:
 Christus innocens Patri
 reconciliavit peccatores.

*A lamb the sheep redeemeth:
 Christ, who only is sinless,
 reconcileth sinners to the Father.*

*[Mors et vita duello
 confluxere mirando:
 dux vitae mortuus,
 regnat vivus.]*

*Death and life have contended
 in that combat stupendous:
 the Prince of life, who died,
 reigns immortal.*

Dic nobis Maria,
 quid vidisti in via?

*Speak, Mary, declaring
 what thou sawest, wayfaring:*

*[Sepulcrum Christi viventis,
 et gloriam vidi resurgentis:]*

*'The tomb of Christ, who is living,
 the glory of Jesus' resurrection;*

Angelicos testes,
 sudarium, et vestes.

*bright angels attesting,
 the shroud and napkin resting.*

*[Surrexit Christus spes mea:
 praecedet suos in Galilaeam.]*

*Yea, Christ my hope is arisen;
 to Galilee he will go before you.'*

Scimus Christum surrexisse
 a mortuis vere:
 tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.
[Amen. Alleluia.]

*Christ indeed from death is risen,
 our new life obtaining:
 have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

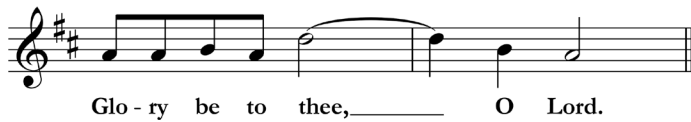
The People stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading



People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
Cantor I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore.
People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

People



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



SERMON

8 a.m. The Rector
11 a.m. The Rev. Elaine Farmer

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

HYMN

STRAF MICH NICHT



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!



E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide
through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb
bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night



flows the tide sev - ering us from bond - age past, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!
brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Celebrant says

THROUGH the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

As a reminder of baptism, the Celebrant sprinkles the People with Water from the Font blessed at the Easter Vigil.

ANTHEM AT THE SPRINKLING

Sung by the Choir

*arr. Charles Wood
(1866-1926)*

THIS joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow:

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver:

G. R Woodward (1848-1934)

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows with this collect

MAY Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal
life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

THE risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20:19-20

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The People sit.

THE GREETINGS

AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Stephen Caracciolo
(b. 1962)*

CHRISt victorious; Christ, now reigning; Christ, your Lord and King, commands!
Shouts of triumph, praise unceasing, "Holy, holy to the Lamb."

Alleluia, alleluia, Christ by heav'n and earth adored.

Alleluia, alleluia, Righteous King and mighty Lord.

Christ the Image; Christ, the Dawning; Christ the first of God's commands.

All things through him, all things for him, Stars and all of heav'n's expanse.

Alleluia, alleluia, Light and Source and Holy One.

Alleluia, alleluia, Christ who was and is to come.

Christ the Victim, Christ, the Healing; Love anoints his hands and feet.

Christ the dying; Christ the rising, God's own sacrifice complete.

Alleluia, alleluia, Hail the Chosen One of God!

Alleluia, alleluia, Great Redeemer, saving Lord.

Come Almighty, claim your kingdom. Call a nation for your own.

Come with beauty, pow'r and blessing. Gather all your people home.

Alleluia, alleluia, Christ the Banquet, Christ the Song.

Alleluia, alleluia, Christ the glory, Christ alone.

St. Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)

HYMN

UNSER HERRSCHER

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con- quered,
 Je- sus' woes are o- ver now, and the pas- sion
 yon- der glo- rious morn- ing ray, break- ing o'er the
 ris- en to a ho- lier state; and a bright- er

we are free, Christ has won the vic- to- ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur- ple east, sym- bol of our Eas- ter feast.
 Eas- ter beam on our long- ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi- rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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 Sabaoth.
 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 kneel or stand.

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_ 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

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst 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)*

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.
Please assist the ministers by taking the chalice with both hands.
You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

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

ANTHEM

Alleluia to the Easter King

*T. Frederick H. Candlyn
(1892-1964)*

CHRISt the Lord hath risen from his three-day prison:
meet it is to make merrie; Jesus will our solace be. Alleluia.
Christ to knap asunder chains that kept us under
Satan's yoke, was slain of yore: now he lives to die no more. Alleluia.
Christ our victor-giant, quells the foe defiant,
let the ransomed people sing, glory to the Easter King. Alleluia.

Anonymous 12th Century

LET the bright seraphim in burning row,
 their loud uplifted angel trumpets blow.
 Ring out, ye crystal spheres,
 and bless our human ears;
 and let your silver chime
 move in melodious time.
 If ye have power to touch our senses so,
 let the bass of heaven's mighty organ blow!
 And with the cherubim, and ninefold harmony,
 Heavenly Host make up the full consort of the angelic symphony.
 And above him stood the seraphim,
 one came unto the other and said;
 "Christ is risen! Hallelujah!"

Newburgh Hamilton (1691-1761), John Milton (1608-1674), Isaiah 6:2-3

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 EASTER BLESSING

The Celebrant or Bishop says

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

MAY Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE EASTER DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go, in the peace of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HYMN

MACCABÆUS

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen— con - quering Son,
 2. Lo, Je - sus meets us, ri - sen— from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious— Prince of Life;

End - less— is the vic - t'ry thou o - er death has won;
 Lo - ving - ly he greets us, scat - ters— fear and gloom;
 Life— is— nought with - out thee: aid us— in our strife,

An - gels— in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let— the— Church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us— more than con - querers through thy death - less love;

Kept— the— fold - ed grave - clothes where the bo - dy lay.
 For— her— Lord now liv - eth, death hast— lost its sting:
 Bring us— safe through Jor - dan to thy— home a - bove:

VOLUNTARY

Allegro ma non troppo
 from Sonata di Chiesa sopra un tema di Claudio Monteverdi

John Gardner
 (1917-2011)

THIS AFTERNOON

2:15 p.m. Easter Music for Organ

Nicolas Haigh, *organ*

Maks Adach, *organ*

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Procession

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

SERVICES THIS WEEK

The Church is open for Private Prayer and Visits

Monday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions)

Monday – Saturday at 12 p.m. *Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

Please send your requests for prayers via the website [click here](#) or emailed to: prayer@saintthomaschurch.org

The Daily Eucharist

Monday – Saturday at 12:05 p.m. *Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Chantry Chapel.

Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry in the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: Fr. Mark Brown

PARISH NOTICES

The Pilgrims' Course will not meet during the first week of Easter. 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

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 tour today.**

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, beautiful gifts. **NOTE: The store is closed today.**

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. Our classes, on hiatus through Easter Day, 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.

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.

Children and Families: On Easter Day children are invited to 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.

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.

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.



The Saint Thomas Altar of Repose 2023

