

**SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE**  
in the  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**



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The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.

**CANDLEMAS PROCESSION AND  
SOLEMN EUCHARIST**

SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR

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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*Recording and Photography during the service is not permitted.*

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## PRELUDE

A Fancy

William Byrd

*The People stand as the Choir and Ministers process to the Narthex entrance to the Nave.  
The People, holding unlit candles, turn to face the Celebrant who greets them with these words*

*Celebrant* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Celebrant says*

**B**ELOVED in Christ, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgment, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

*The People's candles are lighted as the Choir sings*

## ANTHEM

Plainsong (*Mode I*)

**S**USCEPIMUS Deus, misericordiam tuam in medio templi tui:  
secundum nomen tuum, Deus:  
ita et laus tua in fines terrae:  
justitia plena est dextera tua.

Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis:  
in civitate Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:  
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.  
Suscepimus . . .

*We have waited, O God, for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy Temple:  
according to thy Name, O Lord, so is thy praise unto the world's end:  
Thy right hand is full of thy justice.*

*Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised:  
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.*

*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.  
We have waited . . .*

*From Psalm 48*

*The People hold their candles high as the Celebrant then says the following prayer*

Let us pray.

**G**OD our Father, source of all light, today thou hast revealed to the aged Simeon thy light which enlightens all nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Deacon sings*

Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

OLD 120TH

1. Hail to the Lord who comes, Comes to his tem - ple gate!  
2. But borne up - on the throne Of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,  
3. There Jo - seph at her side In rev - erent won - der stands;  
4. Hail to the great First - born, Whose ran - som price they pay!  
5. O Light of all the earth, Thy chil - dren wait for thee!

Not with his an - gel host, Not in his king - ly state;  
Watched by her du - teous love, In her fond arms at rest;  
And, filled with ho - ly joy, Old Si - meon in his hands  
The Son be - fore all worlds, the Child of man to - day,  
Come to thy tem - ples here, That we, from sin set free,

No shouts pro - claim him nigh, No crowds his com - ing wait;  
Thus to his Fa - ther's house He comes, the heav'n - ly guest.  
Takes up the prom - ised Child, The glo - ry of all lands.  
That he might ran - som us Who still in bon - dage lay.  
Be - fore thy Fa - ther's face May all pre - sent - ed be!

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit. They hold their lighted candles until after the Gospel Reading.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### THE LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

QUAM DILECTA!

**O** HOW amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!  
 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord;  
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young;  
 even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be always praising thee.  
 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are thy ways.  
 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; and the pools are filled with water.  
 They will go from strength to strength,  
 and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.  
 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.  
 Behold, O God our defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.  
 For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.  
 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.  
 For the Lord God is a light and defence;  
 the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he  
 withhold from them that live a godly life.  
 O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.  
 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.

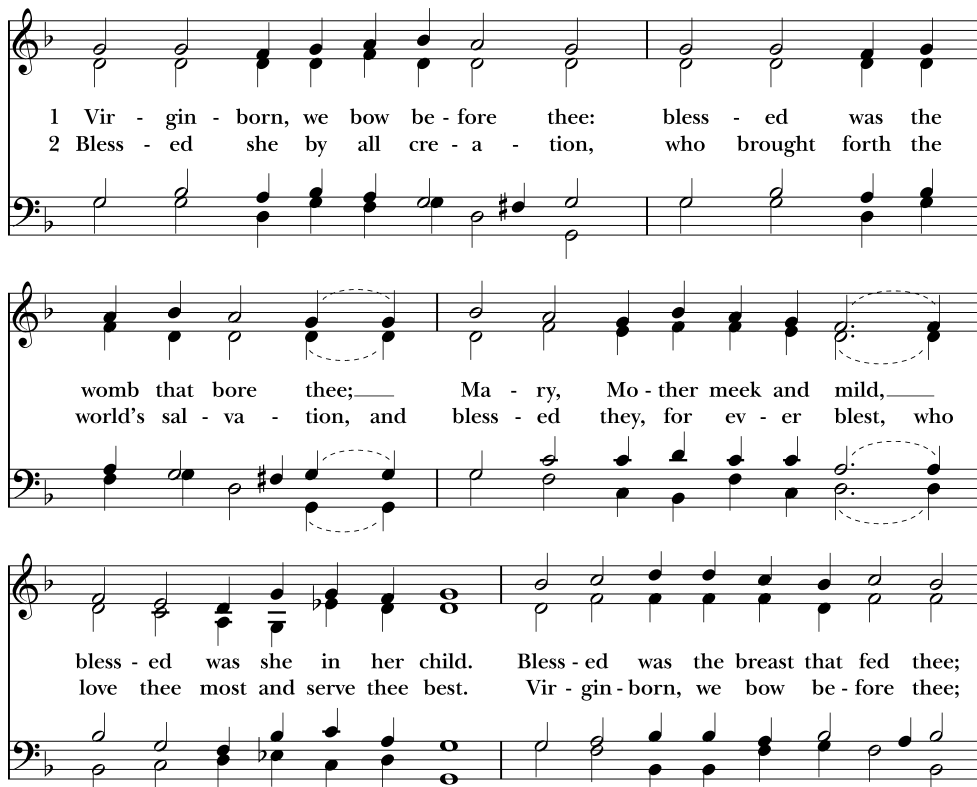
THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

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

HYMN

PSALM 86



1 Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bless - ed was the  
 2 Bless - ed she by all cre - a - tion, who brought forth the  
 womb that bore thee; — Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, —  
 world's sal - va - tion, and bless - ed they, for ev - er blest, who  
 bless - ed was she in her child. Bless - ed was the breast that fed thee;  
 love thee most and serve thee best. Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee;

bless - ed was the hand that led thee; bless - ed was the  
 bless - ed was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - ther  
 par - ent's eye that watched thy slum - bering in - fan - cy.  
 meek and mild, ——— bless - ed was she in her Child.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: *Psalm 86*, Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Plainsong (*Mode VI*)

*This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*

*Cantor* *People*  
 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor* A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

*People*  
 Al - le - lu - ia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 2:22-40

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.  
*People* **Glory be to thee O Lord.**

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee O Christ.**

*The people sit and extinguish their candles.*

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Matthew J. Moretz  
*Vicar*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.*

**I** BELIEVE in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*The People stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace*

**I**N the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*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, MOTET

*Sung by the Choir*

*Thomas Tomkins*  
(c. 1505-1585)

**A**lmighty and everlasting God,  
we humbly beseech thy majesty,  
that as thy only begotten Son  
was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh,  
so grant that we may be presented unto thee  
with pure hearts and clean minds,  
by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Collect for the Purification*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant sings the Preface*

**I**T is 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

<b>S</b> ANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The People kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes*

By whom, and with 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.**

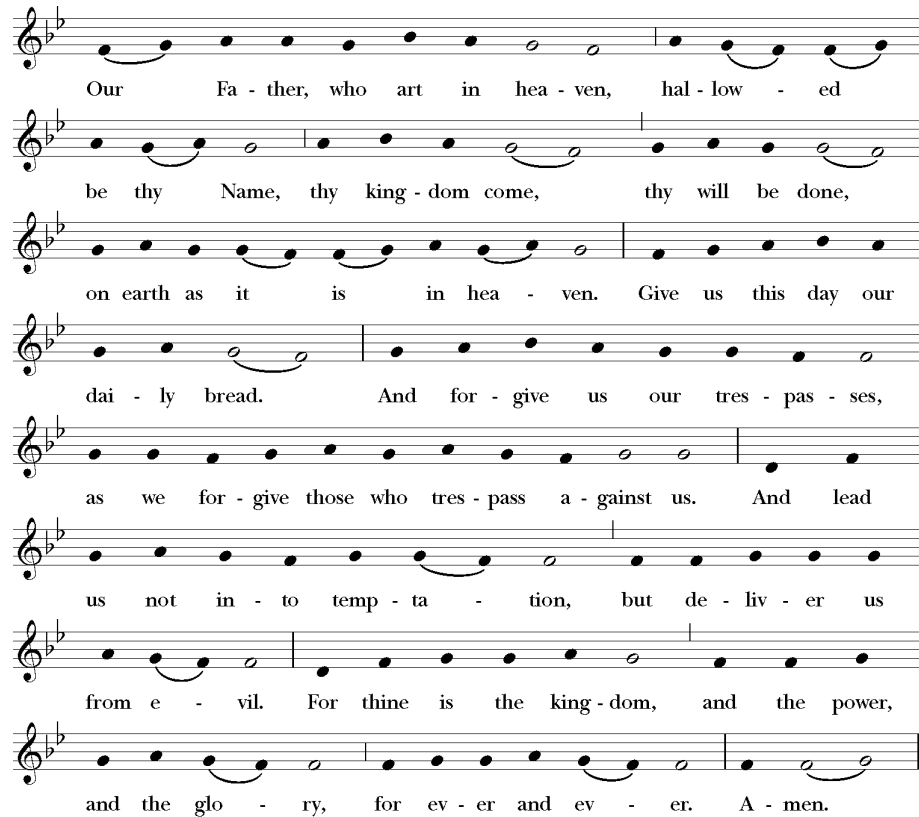


## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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

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

## 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 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)*

**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. Intinction 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.*

*The People kneel.*

### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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 BLESSING

*The Celebrant says*

**C**HRISt, whose glory fills the skies,  
fill you with radiance  
and scatter the darkness from your path.

*People* **Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

*People* **Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

*People* **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you, and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

*The People stand and the people's candles are then lighted.*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

Quarti toni

*Ivo de Vento*  
(1543-1575)

**N**UNC dimittis servum tuum, Domine,  
secundum verbum tuum in pace:  
quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum  
quod parasti ante faciem  
omnium populorum:  
lumen ad revelationem gentium,  
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.  
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, Sicut  
erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in  
sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;  
which thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people;  
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.*

*Luke 2:29-31*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

Go, in the light and peace of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY**

Fantasia of Four parts

*Orlando Gibbons*  
(1583-1625)

**WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

\* indicates livestreamed.

**Friday & Saturday**  
**12 p.m.** Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist\*

**Friday**  
**3 p.m.** Contemplative Prayer  
*In the Resurrection Chapel*

**Saturday**  
**11-11:30 a.m.** Confessions, Spiritual Advice,  
Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel  
*Confessor: The Rector*

**11:30 a.m.** Rosary\* at the Shrine of our Lady of  
Fifth Avenue

**This Sunday: February 5, Fifth Sunday after the  
Epiphany**

**7:45 a.m. Said Mass**

**9 a.m. Sung Mass**  
*especially suitable for Children and Families  
followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

**11 a.m. Choral Mattins and Festal Eucharist\***  
*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*  
Sermon by The Rector

**4 p.m. Festal Evensong\***  
Sermon by Rev. Dr. Angus Ritchie, Director of the  
Centre for Theology and Community in London  
*sung by the Choir of Men and Boys*  
*followed by a Chamber Recital by The New Consort –  
Brian Mummert, Artistic Director*

## 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 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. Next week's topic will be "The Trinity: The Church Community Reflects Our Belief in God as "Three in One." To discover more about topics, schedule, and to register, please visit:  
<https://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. Tours generally last an hour and 15 minutes. 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 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 other selections of books, 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).

**Register today for Winter Choir Camp!** Choir Camp is a FREE Children and Families Event at Saint Thomas Church for children ages 5-12 on Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants will explore singing and music together through games, classes, rehearsals, and hands on music making activities such as building a working organ! Come learn about our 9 a.m. parish children's choir, the Noble Singers, and other opportunities for children in our worship and Sunday School spaces. Sit in the choir stalls and sing with our organ and learn about how music fits into our worship and daily lives at Saint Thomas Church! Register Today:  
<https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/OnePageReg/263>

**Children and Families:** Sunday School and Nursery meet in the Sunday School room after the 9 a.m. service. To learn more or get your children involved, **sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of programs and activities for 2023:  
[Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Childrenandfamilies@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).

**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 for the Winter Term, contact  
[RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:giving@saintthomaschurch.org). Every pledge makes a difference.

