

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
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SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 AT 4 P.M.
THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

SOLEMN EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

HOLY WEEK ADDRESSES

The Very Rev. Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury



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through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.*

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PRELUDE

Jésus accepte la souffrance from La Nativité du Seigneur

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

Le Christ a dit à son Père en entrant dans le monde :

« Vous n'avez agréé ni holocaustes, ni sacrifices pour le péché, mais vous m'avez formé un corps. Me voici ! »

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith:

“Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me. Lo, I come.”

Hebrews 10:5, 7

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

MAKE me a clean heart O God: renew a right spirit within me.

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Psalm 51:10, 3, 8

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LOVE UNKNOWN

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 - f'ring 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.

My song is love unknown, #458 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.
Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962).

THE PENITENTIAL INTRODUCTION

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

DEARLY 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

ALMIGHTY 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

ALMIGHTY 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

*James Buonemani
(b. 1956)*

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.

PSALM 69:1-22

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Battishill, Wesley*)

SALVUM ME FAC

SAVE me, O God : for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.
I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is :
I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.
I am weary of crying; my throat is dry : my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.
They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head :
they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.
I paid them the things that I never took :
God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.
Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause :
let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.
And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof : shame hath covered my face.
I am become a stranger unto my brethren : even an alien unto my mother's children.
For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me:
and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.
I wept, and chastened myself with fasting : and that was turned to my reproof.
I put on sackcloth also : and they jested upon me.
They that sit in the gate speak against me : and the drunkards make songs upon me.
But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee : in an acceptable time.
Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy : even in the truth of thy salvation.
Take me out of the mire, that I sink not :
O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.
Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up :
and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable :
turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.
And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble : O haste thee, and hear me.
Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it : O deliver me, because of mine enemies.
Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour :
mine adversaries are all in thy sight.
Thy rebuke hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness :
I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man,
neither found I any to comfort me.
They gave me gall to eat : and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.
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

Isaiah 5:1-7

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



OFFICE HYMN

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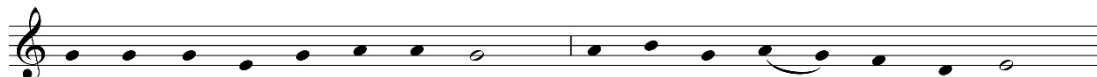
Verses 2 and 4 shall be sung by upper voices only; verse 3 by lower voices.



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 træ 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. ___

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, #78 from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609), tr. mainly by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936). Music: *Pange lingua*, Plainsong mode iii.

MAGNIFICAT IN D

Sir A. Herbert Brewer
(1865-1928)

MY 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

Mark 12:1-12

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.



NUNC DIMITTIS IN D

Sir A. Herbert Brewer

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Catholick Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Sung by the 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 hear 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

ALMIGHTY 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. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

ALMIGHTY 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 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 COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN 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

Sung by the Choir

*Gerald Finzi
(1901-1956)*

LO, the full, final sacrifice
On which all figures fix't their eyes.
The ransom'd Isaac, and his ram;
The Manna, and the Paschal lamb.
Jesu Master, just and true!
Our Food, and faithful Shepherd too!
O let that love which thus makes thee
Mix with our low Mortality,
Lift our lean Souls, and set us up
Convictors of thine own full cup,
Coheirs of Saints. That so all may
Drink the same wine; and the same way.
Nor change the Pasture, but the Place
To feed of Thee in thine own Face.
O dear Memorial of that Death
Which lives still, and allows us breath!
Rich, Royal food! Bountiful Bread!
Whose use denies us to the dead!
Live ever Bread of loves, and be
My life, my soul, my surer self to me.
Help Lord, my Faith, my Hope increase;
And fill my portion in thy peace.
Give love for life; nor let my days
Grow, but in new powers to thy name
and praise.

Rise, Royal Sion! rise and sing
Thy soul's kind shepherd, thy heart's King.
Stretch all thy powers; call if you can
Harps of heaven to hands of man.
This sovereign subject sits above
The best ambition of thy love.
Lo the Bread of Life, this day's
Triumphant Text provokes thy praise.
The living and life-giving bread,
To the great twelve distributed
When Life, himself, at point to die
Of love, was his own Legacy.
O soft self-wounding Pelican!
Whose breast weeps Balm for wounded man.
All this way bend thy benign flood
To a bleeding Heart that gasps for blood.
That blood, whose least drops sovereign be
To wash my worlds of sins from me.
Come love! Come Lord! and that long day
For which I languish, come away.
When this dry soul those eyes shall see,
And drink the unsealed source of thee.
When Glory's sun faith's shades shall chase,
And for thy veil give me thy Face.
Amen.

Richard Crashaw (c. 1613-1649)

SERMON

The Very Rev. Robert Willis
Dean Emeritus of Canterbury



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HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

CROSS OF JESUS

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges, throned in
 3 O mys - ter - ious con - de - scend - ing! O a -
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the

blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on
 light ere worlds could be, robed in mor - tal
 ban - don - ment sub - lime! Ve - ry God him -
 blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on

thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!
 flesh is dy - ing, cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
 self is bear - ing all the suf - fer - ings of time!
 thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, #160 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: William J. Sparrow-Simpson (1860-1952).
 Music: *Cross of Jesus*, John Stainer (1840-1901).



SOLEMN BLESSING

MAY the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

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

THE PEOPLE LEAVE IN SILENCE

**HOLY WEEK POSTCARD AVAILABLE WITH THE FULL SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP
AND CONCERTS. PLEASE SEE AN USHER UPON EXITING.**



PILGRIMS' COURSE 2024



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Want to be baptized or confirmed?

Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church?

The Pilgrims' Course 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, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. The next class will be

Wednesday, April 10, on the subject *An Introduction to the Sacramental Life of the Church: Baptism and Confirmation*. A simple hot meal is available at 6:30pm, and the class runs from 7-8pm. Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join us on-line. To register please email:

pilgrims@saintthomaschurch.org

HOLY WEEK CHORAL SERVICES AND CONCERTS

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

Holy Week Sermon Series: “In Accordance with the Scriptures”

The Very Rev. Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury

MONDAY, MARCH 25

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Mass

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist and Sermon

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

6:45 p.m. Musical Meditation

Tournemire: The Seven Last Words of Christ - Dr. Iain Quinn, organ

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Mass

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist and Sermon

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

6:45 p.m. Musical Meditation

The Living Word: Music By, and Inspired By Hildegard von Bingen - ModernMedieval Voices, vocal ensemble

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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, MARCH 28

5:30 p.m. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper and Sermon

With Procession to the Altar of Repose and Stripping of the Altars

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

10:30-11:30 a.m. & 3:30-5 p.m. Confessions

10:30 a.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: The Rev. Canon Susan Harris – “The Seven Last Words from the Cross”

**5:30 p.m. The Celebration of the Lord’s Passion and Sermon
including the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion**

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

5:30 p.m. The Great Vigil, Baptism, and First Mass of Easter

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Procession, Solemn Eucharist, and Sermon, with 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. Dean Willis

2:15 p.m. An Eastertide Prelude to Evensong

From the organists of Saint Thomas Church

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Easter Procession, with Admission of New Choristers

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Confessions on Good Friday

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Mo. Lee-Pae (Nave)
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Fr. Schultz (Resurrection Chapel)

3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Mo. Turner (Nave)
4:15 – 5 p.m. Mo. Turner (Nave)
3:30 – 5 p.m. The Rector (Resurrection Chapel)



PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Please join for our “Way of the Cross” on Good Friday. Throughout Holy Week and on Easter Sunday children are encouraged to attend Mass with their family. We will then be on Easter Break Sunday, April 7. Noble Singers rehearsals resume on April 11 and 12 in readiness for singing the 9am Mass and then a Family Feast on Sunday, April 14 at 10 am. Sunday School (for children ages 3-10) and “Faith Alive” (for ages 10-14) resume on Sunday, April 21. The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9am-1pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Friday Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John’s Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1pm via Zoom. We continue our journey of prayer, study, and reflection through the Gospel of John, discovering at every turn John’s wondrous vision of the light, life, and love of God at work in the world. Having finished the Book of Signs (John 1-12) in which we encounter Jesus’ public ministry, we embark this Lent on the Book of the Glory (John 13-21) in which we will witness Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection. Bring your Bible, your questions, and yourself as, together, we deepen our relationship with God through scripture. Contact MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org with any questions and for the Zoom link. *Note: we will not meet on Friday, April 5.*

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am 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: there will be no tours on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.*

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Nora Thomson: nthomson@choirschool.org.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our children’s parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, has resumed weekly rehearsals and singing at the 9am Mass. 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.

Preschool Music Circle: Children ages 2-5 and their caregivers are welcome to join us in the Sunday School Room on Saturdays this Fall from 10:00 am - 11:00 am for our new musical offering for preschool children. Mrs. Kellerman-Filsell will lead children and caregivers in 30 mins of age-appropriate musical activities exploring rhythm, singing, and movement followed by a light snack and some play-time in the Sunday School Room and Nursery. Join us for this new class! Caregivers are strongly encouraged to attend and participate with their child(ren). For more information, and to register your child, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Medical Debt Forgiveness Campaign: As Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue celebrates its bicentennial, we are reflecting on our history of compassion and service to New York City. One tradition dating back to just after the Civil War is the church’s participation in the Easter Parade, where members carried flowers used in the Easter service to St. Luke’s Hospital located at 54th Street. This was a small way Saint Thomas Church showed caring for the sick and suffering of New York. As Easter calls us to new life in the resurrection, we invite you to extend your generosity to those with medical debt. For every dollar contributed, we can absolve over \$100 of medical debt, profoundly impacting not just individuals but entire families, bringing peace of mind and well-being.

