

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE  
in the  
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SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 AT 11 A.M.  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**FESTAL EUCHARIST**  
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR



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*Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ  
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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Lauda Sion

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina  
(c. 1525-1594)

PRELUDE

Paraphrase on 'O Filii et Filiae'

Ralph Downes  
(1904-1993)

THE GREETINGS

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

HYMN

O FILII ET FILIAE

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daugh-ters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful wo - men  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and spake un -  
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a - midst them came their  
5 On this most ho - ly day of days, to God your hearts and

1 glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose tri - um-phing.  
2 went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
3 to the three, "Your Lord doth go to Gal - i - lee."  
4 Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here."  
5 voic - es raise, in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise.

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



*O sons and daughters, let us sing*, #203 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866).  
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### THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant says*

SEEING that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens,  
Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace,  
that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

*Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The People kneel. Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

ALMIGHTY God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and  
remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life,  
and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



*The People stand.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Sung by the Choir*

**G**LORIA in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu  
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

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,  
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 SALUTATION AND 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 in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

Acts 5:27-32

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



PSALM 150

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Stanford)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

**O** PRAISE God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.  
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

Revelation 1:4-8


*The Subdeacon concludes* The Word of the Lord.

*The People respond* Thanks be to God.


*The People stand.*

HYMN

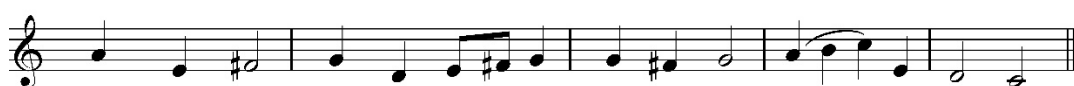
STRAF MICH NICHT



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!

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*People* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Cantor* I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the Living One:  
I was dead and, behold, I am alive for evermore.

*People* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

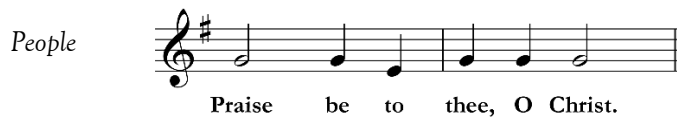
John 20:19-31

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



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Most Rev. Dr. Thabo Cecil Makgoba  
Archbishop of Cape Town

*A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.*

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM II)

*The Intercessor says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel.*

*After each bidding, this response is used*

Lord, hear us.

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect*

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

#### THE PEACE

*The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words*

**T**HE 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*

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

*The People offer one another a sign of peace.*

*The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence, and the People sit.*



## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

MOTET AT THE OFFERTORY

*Sung by the Choir*

*Hans Leo Hassler  
(1562-1612)*

**E**go sum resurrectio et vita: qui credit in me,  
etiam si mortuus fuerit, vivet.  
Omnis qui vivit et credit in me, non morietur in aeternum.

*I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me,  
although he be dead, shall live:  
Every one that liveth and believeth in me shall not die for ever.*


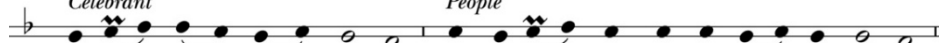


*John 11:25-26*

*The People stand.*



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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	
	
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.	
<i>People</i>	
	
It is meet and right so to do.	



*The Celebrant continues*

**I**T 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

**S**ANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*The People kneel or stand.*

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
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 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,

*People and Celebrant*

**O**UR 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.

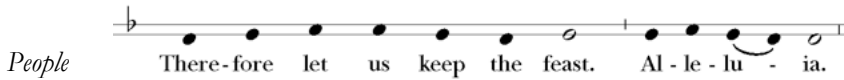
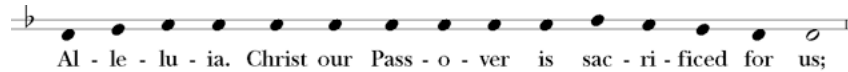
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



## 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 in person)*

**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 (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*

*Hans Leo Hassler*

**Q**uia vidisti me, Thoma, credidisti:  
beati qui crediderunt, et non viderunt. Alleluia.

*Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed:  
blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. Alleluia.*

*John 20:29*

*After Communion, silence is kept for a while.*

#### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel and silence is kept.*

*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 BLESSING

**T**HE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd  
of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good  
work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God  
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**



HYMN

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

*1-4* *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -  
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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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.

VOLUNTARY

Surrexit Pastor Bonus

Heinrich Scheidemann  
(c.1596-1663)

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Lady Chapel after the service.

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Dr. Jeannie Michael in celebration of her grandmother  
Wilhelmina and all the grandmothers who fill our lives with love.



Saint Thomas gives thanks for those who have given endowed funds to provide flowers to  
beautify the church in perpetuity. This week, we give thanks for the memory of  
Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Munsell, and Timothy Rothermel,  
and pray for the repose of their souls.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalm 104:31)

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*God's Love at the Heart of New York*

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## RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Those who are members of the Order of Saint John and those who are volunteers with our Neighbor-to-Neighbor program will want to sign up to help package meals for hungry children in Africa, organized by Rise against Hunger. The event is also open to any parishioner who wishes to take part. The event will take place in the Choir School Gym on Saturday, May 17 from 11am and we hope to package 20,000 meals which will allow two whole classes of schoolchildren to have a hot meal every day for a whole year. We need at least 85 volunteers and the event will take around two hours. Please register by using this link:

<https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/435>



## PILGRIMS' COURSE 2025



*It's not the destination,  
but the journey that matters*

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 subject of this week's class will be "*They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread': The Eucharist at the Heart of Our Common Life.*" 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 on-line. To register please scan this code:







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God's Love at the Heart of New York



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR  
The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



The Saint Thomas Social Outreach program **Neighbor to Neighbor** provides coffee, tea, croissants, and fresh fruit to community members in need. The program serves guests between 9am and 10am every Saturday, with volunteers arriving at the cloisters of the church on 53rd Street around 8:30am. Please note there is a signup form for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in knowing more about the program and getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

### Today

**4 p.m. Festal Evensong\***

*sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir*

Sermon by Fr. Gioia

### Monday – Saturday

**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers\***

**12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist\***

### Saturday

**11-11:45 a.m. Confessions**, Spiritual Advice,  
Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel  
Confessor: Fr. Morris

**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist\***

### Next Sunday: May 4,

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

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

**9 a.m. Sung Mass**

*followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House*

**11 a.m. Festal Eucharist\***

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

**4 p.m. Festal Evensong\***

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

Sermon by Mo. Lee Pae

**5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:**

*A piano recital featuring Chenxing Huang, New York, NY*

## PARISH NOTICES

**Children and Family Ministries:** Sunday School (5-9), Faith Alive (10-14+), and Noble Singers (5-14+) return next Sunday, May 4th. The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am - 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact [Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org).

"Let Mutual Love Continue: An Exhortation to Inhabit the Community of Witness." **The Zoom Bible Study Group** has embarked on its next course, diving into the Epistle to the Hebrews. Examining the Epistle's structure, ecclesiology, and Christology, we'll discover a vision of community that transcends time, space and circumstance, rooted by faith in the never-ending love of God. As the epistle's author encourages us to remain faithful to Jesus in a time of oppression and fear, they help us to understand what it means to truly take our place in a community that witnesses to a reality of love that is both immanent and transcendent. The Study meets Fridays at 1pm on Zoom. Each session begins with prayer for the needs of the community, and continues with our engagement with scripture, ending at 2:15pm. Contact Fr. Schultz ([Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org)) to join.

**The Noble Singers**, our parish children's choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is accepting new choristers for the new year. We rehearse on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm with choristers selecting one rehearsal to attend each week. The choir sings weekly at the 9am Sung Eucharist on Sundays during the program year. 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).

**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.

**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 Margaret White: [Mwhite@choirschool.org](mailto:Mwhite@choirschool.org).

**Contemplative Prayer** takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taizé Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at [Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org).  
*Note: for the season of Lent, we will meet in the Lady Chapel at 3:30pm, to commence after the conclusion of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30-3:30, also in the Lady Chapel.*

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every second Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: [Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org).



## SAINT THOMAS CHOIR SCHOOL



## The Opportunity of a Lifetime

*A Residential Program for Boys  
in Grades 4-8 Who Love to Sing*

Saint Thomas Choir School is the home away from home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. At STCS, boys in grades 4-8 live in community with full-time staff, sharing in the many routines of daily life: family-style meals, afternoon sports and recreation, bedtime snacks and books. Residential staff nurture and guide the students, helping them grow into young men who exhibit poise, presence, and a profound sense of service, all while immersing themselves in a shared passion for music.

Beginning in September 2025, Saint Thomas Choir School will partner with Professional Children's School to offer an unparalleled, music-centered education in the heart of Manhattan. While continuing to live at STCS, the boy choristers will be formally enrolled at PCS, an institution with a longstanding tradition of academic excellence and a deep commitment to supporting the performing arts. An average day will include several hours at PCS for core academics, with remaining time based at STCS for studies in Latin, theology, and music theory, as well as weekly private music lessons, sports, and recreational activities.

If you know a boy who loves to sing and would thrive within this extraordinary musical and educational environment, please contact us at [admissions@choirschool.org](mailto:admissions@choirschool.org).



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