# SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025 AT 4 P.M. THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

# SOLEMN EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

LENTEN SERMON SERIES
"THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM: SEA OF WATER"

The Rev. Prisca Lee-Pae, Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry



#### 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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PRELUDE Eventide Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

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

#### HYMN

#### AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH



Forty days and forty nights, #150 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt. Music: Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

#### THE PENITENTIAL INTRODUCTION

The Priest says these Sentences of the Scriptures

ORD, 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

A LMIGHTY 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

Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
- K. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- V. O God, make speed to save us.
- R. O Lord, make haste to help us.



- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- K. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- V. Praise ye the Lord.
- R. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People sit.

#### WELCOME

PSALM 12 Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Wilton)

#### SALVUM ME FAC

HELP me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left: for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.

They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour:

they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.

The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips: and the tongue that speaketh proud things;

Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail:

we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us?

Now for the comfortless trouble's sake of the needy:

and because of the deep sighing of the poor, I will up, saith the Lord:

and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.

The words of the Lord are pure words :

even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.

Thou shalt keep them, O Lord: thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.

The ungodly walk on every side: when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.

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.

PSALM 13 Anglican Chant (How)

#### USQUE QUO, DOMINE?

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever : how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart:

how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him:

for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

But my trust is in thy mercy: and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me:

yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

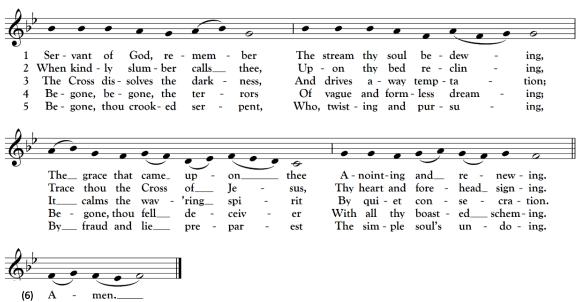
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON 2 Chronicles 4:1-6



OFFICE HYMN CULTOR DEI



(6) To God, eternal Father, To Christ, our King, be glory, And to the Holy Spirit, In never-ending story. Amen.

Servant of God, remember, #80 from The New English Hymnal – Words: Latin, ascribed to Prudentius (348-413), tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931).

Music: Cultor Dei, plainsong, Mode viii.

MAGNIFICAT The Windsor Service Stanley Glasser (1926-2018)

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 John 13:1-15



# NUNC DIMITTIS The Windsor Service Stanley Glasser

ORD, 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

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

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

K. 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.

- V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
- K. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. O Lord, save the State.
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. O Lord, save thy people.
- R. And bless thine inheritance.
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A LMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who 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

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 AT THE OFFERTORY

#### Sung by the Choir

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

L OVELY tear of lovely eye, why dost thou me so woe? Sorrowful tear of sorrowful eye, thou breakest my heart in two.

Thou grieves sore, thy sorrow is more than mankind's mouth may tell; thou singst of sorrow, mankind to borrow, out of the pit of hell. Thy mother sees what woe is to thee, and earnestly cries out; to her thou speak, her sorrow to east; sweet pleading won thy heart.

Thy heart is rent, thy body bent upon the rood tree; the weather is passed, the devil defeated, Christ, through the might of thee.

Anonymous 14th Century

**SERMON** 

The Rev. Prisca Lee-Pae
Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry
"The Temple of Jerusalem: Sea of Water"

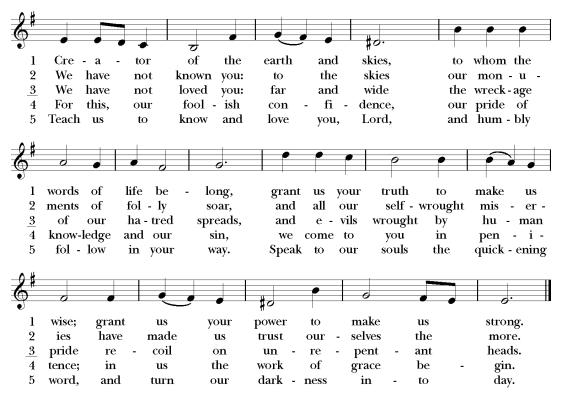
A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



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HYMN UFFINGHAM



Creator of the earth and skies, #148 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: David W. Hughes (1911-1967), alt.

Music: Uffingham, melody Jeremiah Clarke (1670-1707), alt.

#### BLESSING

CHRIST give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

LENT PROSE Sung by the Choir Plainsong (Mode V)

The People stand and join in the Refrain.



To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

\*Refrain\*

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement. Refrain



God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

\*Refrain\*

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

\*Refrain\*

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

\*Refrain\*

VOLUNTARY Nocturne John McCabe (1939-2015)

## 5:15 P.M. CHAMBER RECITAL

Immediately following the service, we invite you to stay for the Sunday Recital Series featuring organist Colin Andrews, Bloomington, IN



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)

#### LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITY: RELIEVING MEDICAL DEBT

At Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue, we are reflecting on our history of compassion and service to New York City. One tradition dating back to the just after the Civil War era 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.

During Lent this year, Saint Thomas is raising money to address modern challenges facing those who are sick. Partnering with Undue Medical Debt, we aim to raise funds to forgive medical debt, following the example of Christ's healing ministry. Every dollar donated can relieve over a hundred dollars of debt, offering tangible relief to those in need.

Starting Ash Wednesday individuals may participate in this campaign by scanning the QR code below. For inquiries, contact Parishioner Erich Erving at erich@shoestringpressny.com. Let's join together in this act of compassion, honoring Saint Thomas's legacy and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those burdened by medical expenses.



#### **EASTER FLOWERS**

Contributions are now being received for Easter Flowers in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Easter service leaflet. In order to cover the cost of the flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per person.

Please go to our website (www.saintthomaschurch.org/give) or please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation.

Deadline for submission is Monday, April 7.

#### MONSTROSITY! LENTEN MOVIE NIGHTS

Friday evenings in Lent, at 6pm, join us for Lenten Movie Nights! Following a vegetarian meal (for those abstaining from meat on Fridays), we'll engage with a curated series of films both classic and contemporary. This year, our series is based around this theme: Monstrosity! We'll explore together the following questions: how are monsters made? Or would it be better to ask: how are monsters projected? How is 'otherness' constructed, categorized, and construed as monstrosity? Is the other-as-monster a mirror of a community's fear, a mirror of a community's deepest most alienated self? How can we move from the rejection and alienation of the 'other' to real celebration of the beauty of uniqueness?

Our next film is *The Elephant Man* (dir: David Lynch, 1980, PG). You must register to attend! Contact Fr. Schultz (<u>Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org</u>) for the registration link.

**80** 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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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.



Note: Because of the interviews for a new Director of Music, the Lent Program for this week and the Music List have been amended.

# WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

#### **Today**

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

An Organ Recital featuring Colin Andrews, Bloomington, IN

Monday - Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers\* 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist\*

#### Wednesday

12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and 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: March 30, The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare)

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. Gioia

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

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Mo. Turner: "The Temple: Incense as Prayer"

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

A recital featuring organist Jerrick Cavagnaro, Boston, MA

#### Help Us Share Easter Joy!

Please bring chocolate Easter treats and new spring clothing for children (sizes 2T-14) to the Parish House by Sunday, April 6th. We are filling Easter baskets for St. Ann's Episcopal Church in the Bronx and children staying at a Safe Horizons shelter for survivors of domestic abuse. Want to help assemble baskets? Join us on Tuesday, April 8th, from 2-4 PM in the Parish House. For more information, contact Linda Morfi at 212-757-7013 ext. 416 or Lmorfi@saintthomaschurch.org. You may also make a donation online using the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



# PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (5-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor) and Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor). 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.

"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) 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.

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.

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 Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at <a href="Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org">Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org</a>. 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 오후1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후12:45에 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.







# 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.





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