

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



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SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023 AT 11 A.M.  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.  
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through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Quam pulchra sunt

Tomas Luis de Victoria  
(1548-1611)

PRELUDE

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott BWV 720

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

THE GREETINGS

HYMN

LAUDA ANIMA

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

*Unison or harmony*

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

*The People standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

**H**EAR what our Lord Jesus saith:  
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,  
and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.  
And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.  
On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The People kneel. Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**M**OST merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought,  
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

**T**HE 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.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; 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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

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

### PSALM 89:1-4, 16-17

*Sung by the Choir*

Plainsong (*Tone I*)

#### MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

**M**Y SONG shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord :  
with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.  
For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever : thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.  
I have made a covenant with my chosen : I have sworn unto David my servant;  
Thy seed will I stablish for ever : and set up thy throne from one generation to another.  
Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee :  
they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.  
Their delight shall be daily in thy Name : and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.  
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

Romans 6:12-23

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

*The People stand.*



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end:  
 2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Plainsong (Mode VI)*

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

*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Choir* Offer the sacrifice of righteousness:  
 and put your trust in the Lord.

*People* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

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



*People* Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.



*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rector

*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.

## LITANY FOR THE NATION

*The People remain standing for the Litany.*

*The Leader says*

**A**S we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life,  
liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God,  
the giver of all good gifts.

*People* For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,  
**We thank thee, O Lord.**

*People* For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,  
**We thank thee, O Lord.**

*People* For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,  
**We thank thee, O Lord.**

For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy,  
and who pledged liberty and justice for all,  
*People* **We thank thee, O Lord.**

For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,  
*People* **We thank thee, O Lord.**

For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by  
their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,  
*People* **We thank thee, O Lord.**

For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers;  
for all who labor and provide for the common good,  
*People* **We thank thee, O Lord.**

For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,  
*People* **We thank thee, O Lord.**

For our own community, for those who came before us in this place,  
and for our neighbors near and far,  
*People* **We thank thee, O Lord.**

Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and  
promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.  
*People* **We pray to thee, O Lord.**

That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,  
*People* **We pray to thee, O Lord.**

That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of  
terror and hopelessness,  
*People* **We pray to thee, O Lord.**

That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you,  
and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,  
*People* **We pray to thee, O Lord.**

That we would be a people who repent from our sins,  
and who always return to thee and to thy grace,  
*People* **We pray to thee, O Lord.**

Let us bring our own prayers and thanksgivings to the Lord in silence.

*The Celebrant says*

Lord God Almighty, who hast made all the peoples of the earth for thy glory,  
to serve thee in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice  
and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with thy gracious will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words*

**W**E are the body of Christ. In the one spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.





## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Sung by the Choir*

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

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*The People kneel or stand.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes*

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*The People respond*                    **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant says*

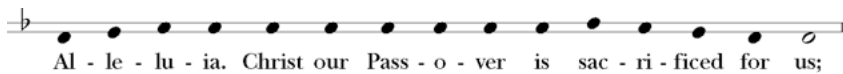
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

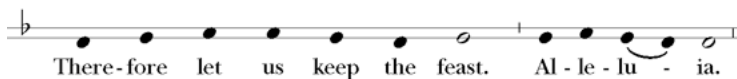
**O**UR Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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*

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

*People*

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

**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 (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.*

## ANTHEM

*Tomas Luis de Victoria*

**D**OMINE, non sum dignus  
ut intres sub tectum meum,  
sed tantum dic verbum,  
et sanabitur anima mea.  
Miserere mei, quoniam infirmus sum;  
sana me, Domine, et sanabor.

*Lord, I am not worthy that  
thou shouldst come under my roof:  
but speak the word only,  
and my soul shall be healed.  
Have mercy upon me, for I am weak;  
Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed.*

*Saint Luke 7:6-7, Psalm 6:3*

## 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 People kneel or stand.*

### The National Anthem

O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,  
what so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,  
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - ous fight,  
o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?  
And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,  
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O — say does that star - span - gled ban - ner yet wave  
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

## THE BLESSING

*The People stand. The Celebrant says*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## HYMN

TOULON

1 God of the pro - phets, bless the pro - phets' heirs! E - li - jah's  
2 A - noint them pro - phets! Teach them thine in - tent: to hu - man  
3 A - noint them priests! help them to in - ter - cede with all thy  
\*4 A - noint them kings! Yea, king - ly kings, O Lord! A - noint them  
5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of thy cross; forth may they

1 man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast: each age for thine own sol - emn  
2 need their quick - ened hearts a - wake; fill them with power, their lips make  
3 roy - al priest - hood born of grace; through them thy Church pre - sents in  
4 with the Spi - rit of thy Son: theirs not a mon - arch's crown or  
5 go to tell all realms thy grace: in - spired of thee, may they count

1 task pre - pares, make each one strong - er, no - bler than the last.  
2 el - o - quent for right - eous - ness that shall all e - vil break.  
3 word and deed Christ's one true sac - ri - fice with thank - ful praise.  
4 ty - rant's sword; theirs by the love of Christ a king - dom won.  
5 all but loss, and stand at last with joy be - fore thy face.

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist BWV 667

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex after the service



**STC  
200**

God's Love at the  
Heart of New York

**YOU'RE  
INVITED**

**A GALA TO CELEBRATE THE  
BICENTENNIAL**



**Saint Thomas Church  
Bicentennial Gala**

Saturday, October 14, 2023  
The University Club | 6:00 PM



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:  
*Amelia Parsons Ferry, E. Hayward Ferry, Charles W. Hanford, Emma C. O. Hanford, Philander C. Hanford,  
Margaret Crane Hurlbut, William DeForest Manice, and Spencer van Bokkelen Nichols*

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## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

\* indicates livestreamed.

**Monday - Saturday**  
**12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist\***

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

**Next Sunday: July 9, Pentecost 6**

**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 Choir of St. Thomas from Whitmarsh, PA*  
Sermon by Mo. Turner

**4 p.m. Choral Evensong\***  
*sung by the Choir of St. Thomas from Whitmarsh, PA*

## SUMMER FEASTS 2023

**5:30 p.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST**  
**with the Gentlemen of the Choir**  
*followed by cheese, wine, and soft drinks*

**Tuesday, July 25 – St. James the Apostle**

**Tuesday, August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Thursday, August 24 – St. Bartholomew the Apostle**

**Friday, September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

# PARISH NOTICES

**Saint Thomas Church Tours** are available on Sundays after the 11 am 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.

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is open Sundays following the 11am Mass until 1:30pm. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street. In stock: "Mary Magdalene: A Visual History", by Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Coronation Bibles from the King's Printer, Limited Edition, and many more books, devotional items, and beautiful gifts. NOTE: The Bookstore is closed on Sunday July 2, and will reopen on Sunday July 9.

**The Theology Program at Saint Thomas Church** offers sound Christian teaching presented with intellectual vigor; teaching that is grounded in Holy Scripture, mediated by the catholic tradition that is the inheritance of Anglicanism, and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. **Sundays at 10am** on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House and via Zoom. The talks are given by our Theologian in Residence, The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia. For information, please register with Fr. Gioia: [lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:lgioia@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1pm.** 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). Note: Bible Study will be on hiatus July 14 through August 4, resuming on August 11.

**Children and Families:** We are on hiatus until September. Sign up for our weekly newsletter, with details of programs and activities at [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).

We are pleased to announce that the **Saint Thomas Girl Chorister Course** will return to Saint Thomas Church and Choir School **July 22-30, 2023**. This year's Guest Director, Jared Johnson of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia, SC, will lead the choristers in 5 services throughout the week and we will premiere a new piece specially commissioned for the course from our Composer-in-Residence Jessica French.

The Course is an intensive choral experience for girl choristers ages 12-18 at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York City. Throughout the course, choristers and staff live at Saint Thomas Choir School and take part in choral rehearsals and services, music history and theory classes, private vocal coaching, and outings to various sites around the city.

If you would like to provide scholarship support for a girl to attend the course this summer, please visit <https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/Give/one-time-donation> and select "Girls Chorister Course" from the drop-down menu. Please contact Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell at [rkellerman@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:rkellerman@saintthomaschurch.org) with questions or for more information regarding the Course.

**The Noble Singers**, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now on summer break. We will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 14 and our first Sunday back will be Sunday, September 17 at the 9am Sung Mass. Watch for news about our September Choir Camp event and other special events such as our Preschool Music Circle. 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](mailto:RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org).

Throughout the summer, 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.





