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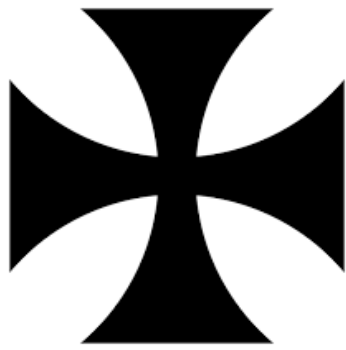
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024 AT 11 A.M.
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

LITANY AND SOLEMN 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 Sancti Thomae

Brian Preston Harlow
(b. 1976)

PRELUDE

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

THE GREETINGS

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

THE GREAT LITANY

Sung by the Choir

Thomas Tallis
(c. 1505-1585)

○ GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

○ God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

○ God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

○ holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Saint Mary, Mother of God our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Pray for us.

All holy Angels and Archangels, and all holy orders of blessed spirits,
Pray for us.

All holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs; and all the blessed company of heaven,
Pray for us.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers;
neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath,
and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice,
and all uncharitableness,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world,
the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine;
from battle and murder, and from sudden death,
Good Lord, deliver us.



From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism;
from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism,
Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial;
by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death,
and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God;
and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the heart of thy servant, The President of the United States,
that he may above all things seek thy honour and glory;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates,
giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons,
with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word;
and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth labourers into thy harvest;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee,
and diligently to live after thy commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word,
and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted;
and to raise up them that fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all who are in danger,
necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land, by water, or by air;
all women in childbirth, all sick persons, and young children;
and to shew thy pity upon prisoners and captives;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows,
and all that are desolate and oppressed;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,
and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth,
so as in due time we may enjoy them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins,
negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul,
Blessed Thomas our Patron, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.



THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan:
Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations;
and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

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

PSALM 25:1-9

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Tone I⁴)

AD TE, DOMINE, LEVAVI

UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee :
O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed :
but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.
Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.
Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me :
for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies :
and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth :
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement :
and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth :
unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
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

1 Peter 3:18-22

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

The People stand.



HYMN

AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

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

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 Rev. Preston Gonzalez-Grissom
 Assistant Priest for Children and Family Ministry

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



THE NICENE CREED

Calvin Hampton
(1937-1984)

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I be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, Al-migh-ty, ma-ker of hea-ven and
earth, and of all things vi-si-ble and in-vi-si-ble. And in one Lord Je-sus Christ the on-ly be-got-ten
Son of God, be-got-ten of his Fa-ther be-fore all worlds,
God of God, Light of light, ve-ry God of ve-ry God, be-got-ten, not
made, being of one sub-stance with the Fa-ther, by whom all things were made.
Who for us men and for our sal-va-tion came down from hea-ven, and was in-car-nate
by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma-ry and was made man. And was cru-ci-fied al-so
for us un-der Pon-tius Pi-late: he suf-fered and was bur-ied. And the third day he
rose a-gain ac-cord-ing to the scrip-tures, and as-cend-ed in-to hea-ven, and sit-teth on the right hand
of the Fa-ther, and he shall come a-gain with glo-ry to judge both the
quick and the dead, whose king-dom shall have no end. And I be-lieve in the
Ho-ly Ghost, the Lord, and gi-ver of life, who pro-ceed-eth from the
Fa-ther and the Son, Who with the Fa-ther and Son to-ge-ther is wor-shipped and
glo-ri-fied. Who spake by the pro-phets. And I be-lieve in one ho-ly



Cath - o - lic and Ap - os - tol - ic Church. I ac - knowl - edge one — bap - tism
for the re - mis - sion of sins. And I look for the res - ur - ec - tion
of the dead, — and the life of the world to come. A - men, A - men. —

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

SINCE we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **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

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Francis Poulenc
(1899-1963)*

OMES très chers frères et mes enfants bénis pour toute l'éternité,
écoutez-moi, écoutez la voix de votre Père:
Nous avons promis de grandes choses, on nous en a promis de plus grandes;
gardons les unes et soupignons après les autres.
Le plaisir est court, la peine éternelle.
La souffrance est légère, la gloire infinie.
Beaucoup sont appelés, peu sont élus.
Tous recevront ce qu'ils auront mérité.
Ainsi soit-il.

*O my very dear brothers and my children blessed for all eternity,
listen to me, listen to the voice of your Father:
We have promised great things, we have been promised yet greater than them:
let us keep the former and long for the latter.
The pleasure is brief, the punishment eternal.
The suffering is light, the glory infinite.
Many are called, few are chosen.
All will receive what they have merited.
So be it.*

Prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1181/2-1226)



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The People stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

IT 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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

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

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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 People kneel or stand.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

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

The People respond **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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

People and Celebrant

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

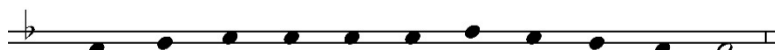
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

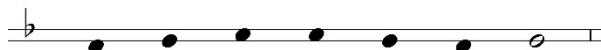
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



There - fore let us keep the feast.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD 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 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

AGNUS 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

Francis Poulenc

SEIGNEUR, je vous en prie, que la force brûlante et douce
de votre amour absorbe mon âme
et la retire de tout ce qui est sous le ciel,
afin que je meure par amour de votre amour
puisque vous avez daigné mourir par amour de mon amour.

*Lord, I beg Thee, let the burning and gentle force
of Thy love pervade my soul
and withdraw it from all that is beneath Heaven,
that I might die through love of Thy love,
since Thou didst deign to die through love of my love.*

Saint Francis of Assisi (1181/2-1226)



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

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

During Lent, the Blessing is replaced by a solemn prayer.

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God, that thy people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in thy strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of thy loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



HYMN

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

O love, how deep, how broad, how high. #448 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Latin, 15th cent; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.
 Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Final from Suite Op. 44

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

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



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia

Lenten Sermon Series: "Lord, teach us to pray" – current and former clergy of Saint Thomas explore patterns of prayer.

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Alexander Ffinch, organ - Cheltenham, United Kingdom

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Wednesday – Ember Day

12 p.m. The Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist*

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Friday – Ember Day / Polycarp

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Choristers of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Ireland

Saturday – Saint Matthias

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

Confessor: Fr. Gioia

Next Sunday: February 25, The Second Sunday in Lent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Gioia

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rev. Canon Harry Krauss

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5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Gerre Hancock Memorial Organ Recital

Abe Wallace, 2023-2024 AAM Gerre Hancock Intern – Nashville, TN

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: We resume next week in the Sunday School room with a Lenten Theme of “Boats in the Bible,” which will occur February 25, March 3, 10, and 17. Our “Faith Alive” series for ages 11 and up will welcome our new Assistant Priest for Children and Family Ministry, The Reverend Preston Gonzalez-Grissom, for learning on March 3, 10 and 17 in the Dining Room. And then we will all join together on March 24 for a Sunday Procession at the 9am Mass followed by a Palm Sunday Family Feast in the Dining Room at 10am. 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.

The Beloved Community—An Invitation from Pamela Lewis: February is Black History Month, which we will observe through a project organized around the idea of the Beloved Community. Though some of us may feel that Black History Month does not relate to our experience, as a church we can embrace this beautiful idea of Beloved Community, about which Dr. Martin Luther King had spoken powerfully and eloquently. I therefore invite you to reflect on this theme and to send in your reflection on how Saint Thomas Church is a Beloved Community to belovedcommunity@saintthomaschurch.org by February 29. On Saturday, March 2, there will be a discussion group, where we will share those reflections and engage in an open and heartfelt discussion about this beautiful idea as it relates to our parish.

Our Parish **Bookstore and Gift Shop** is still temporarily closed. However, we will have a table in the Narthex on Sundays after the 11am services thru March 17, selling books for Lent and Easter. If you have any questions, please reach out to giftshop@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 Nora Thomson: nthomson@choirschool.org.

Friday Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John’s Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Mark 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.

The Tree of the Knowledge: Cinematic Visions of Good and Evil – A Lenten Film Series: On Friday evenings in Lent, join us for the return of *Lenten Movie Nights* in which we will explore together the following questions: are innocence and goodness the same? Is evil depicted as a force, a person, an illness, a situation or pattern, an archetype . . . and what do these depictions say about the film-makers’ perspectives on evil and on goodness? How does the good show up—what does it look like? And how might the Church respond to or critique these visions? Each session begins at 6pm with a vegetarian meal (for those abstaining from meat on Fridays), followed by the film at 6:30pm, with a discussion afterward. For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.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.



PILGRIMS' COURSE 2024



Want to know more about the Christian Faith?

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 on Wednesday, February 21. The subject of the week's class will be *The Christian Exodus: An Introduction to Lent and Holy Week*. 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

SAINT THOMAS
CHOIR SCHOOL



CHORISTER FOR A DAY



FEBRUARY 25, 2024
2:00 - 5:30 PM

JOIN US!

We invite boys in grades 2-6 and their families to visit the Choir School for an afternoon in the life of a chorister. Prior music study is not necessary; any boy who enjoys singing is welcome to attend!

The event includes a tour of the school, Q&A with administration and current parents, and an opportunity for boys to rehearse and sing an Evensong service with our current choristers.



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