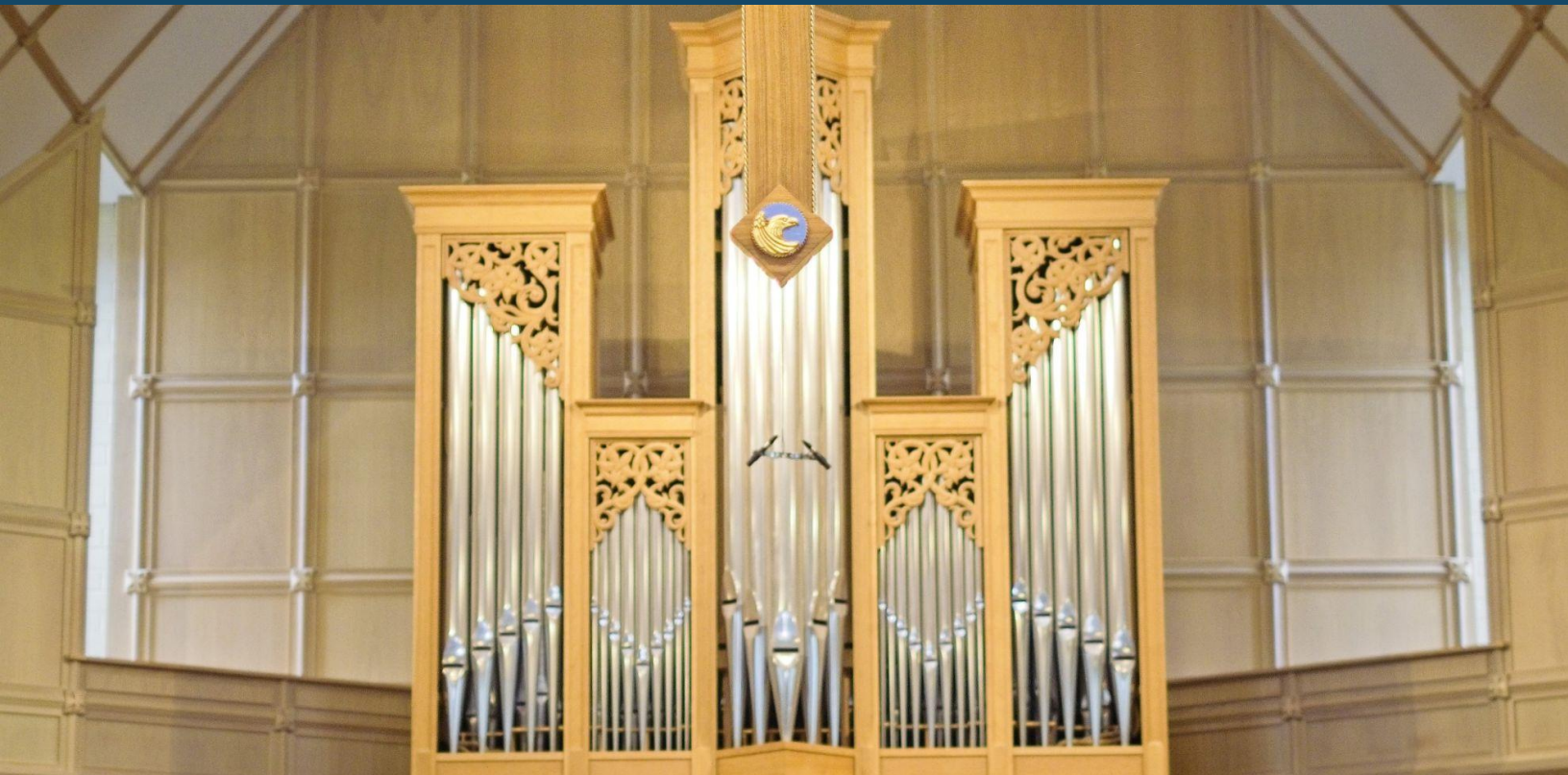




ST. THOMAS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Concerts • Choral Evensong • Special Choral Liturgies • Music Programs

# MUSIC at ST. THOMAS

## 2023-2024

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(425) 454-9541 | *Located just west of Downtown Bellevue*

# WELCOME TO MUSIC AT ST. THOMAS



Mo. Liz Costello  
*Rector*

Sacred music is integral to our worship of God. Sacred music not only offers us the opportunity to worship God, but it also creates the space for us to be found by God. In this transformative space, we experience healing, restoration, and peace as we adore the Creator of all things.

Thanks to the hard work of our Director of Music and Liturgical Arts, Doug Cleveland, and our Director of Choristers Program, Jacki Sullivan, the choir, the choristers, and the generous support from donors, St. Thomas Church is able to offer a variety of musical offerings, varying from services and Evensong to special concerts. We invite church members, newcomers, and music enthusiasts alike, to join us in these offerings as we experience the power of sacred music together.



Doug Cleveland  
*Director of Music  
& Organist*

The music program at St. Thomas Medina is about community, outreach, pastoral care, and education; but most of all, it is about the worship of God.

Liturgical music embraces the arts to lift the senses and to illuminate the themes of the Lectionary through Scripture and poetry rendered to enhance meaning and to help embed them in our memory. It encourages and nurtures a community that listens responsively, increasing active participation through emotional, intellectual, physical, and spiritual engagement.

In addition to congregational participation, the Music Program at St. Thomas consists of the St. Thomas Choir, the Choristers, and the Schola Cantorum. We also have a Wednesday evening Taizé Worship Ensemble, consisting of musicians from the parish. In all, we have over 70 volunteers involved in the music program. Occasional concerts are intended both as a community bond and as a channel for reaching people who may have visited St. Thomas Medina previously.

Music in worship is an integral part of prayer, a way of expressing thanks or lamentation, and a way of asking for forgiveness. It is a source of familiarity and enjoyment, and a participatory, accessible means of reaching people at a basic spiritual level transcending language. It is an ideal tool for all people to praise God.



# CONCERTS

**Sunday, October 8 | 4:00 PM (Sanctuary)**

Governor's Chamber Music Concert

*Two Pianos and Eight Hands* with Dean Williamson, Terri Spiller, Judith Cohen and Doug Cleveland

**Sunday, November 5 | 4:00 PM (Sanctuary)**

Concert of Remembrance– *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré

Luc Ponet, organist for the Basilica of Tongren and professor of organ at the LUCA School of Arts in Leuven, Belgium will be performing an organ recital for the first half of the concert and will play the accompaniment for the Faure Requiem with the St. Thomas Choir.

**Sunday, December 31 | 7:30 PM (Sanctuary)**

New Year's Eve Concert

Gian Carlo Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors*

**Saturday, January 27 | 7:30 PM (Sanctuary)**

Rivers of Love: Charles Robert Stephens, baritone and Jeffrey Moidel, pianist and composer

**Sunday, February 4 | 2:30 PM (Sanctuary)**

Classical Concerts to End Gun Violence: *The Creation* by Franz Joseph Haydn

**Saturday, February 10 | 7:00 PM (Ebsworth Life Center)**

Valentine's Cabaret Fundraiser Concert with the St. Thomas Choristers.

**Saturday, February 17 | 7:30 PM (Ebsworth Life Center)**

*Opera Night!* Charles Robert Stephens and Friends

**Friday, March 22 | 7:30 PM (Sanctuary)**

J.S. Bach Birthday Concert with Doug Cleveland, organ

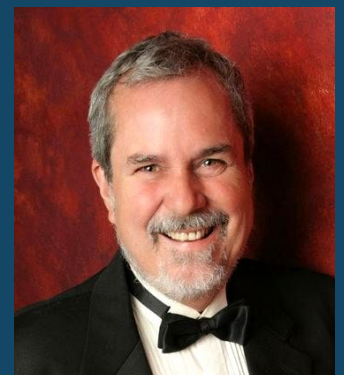
**Saturday, April 20 | 7:30 PM (Sanctuary)**

Recital of David Briggs, organ

**Sundays July 9, 16, 23, 30 | 4:00 PM (St. Thomas Grounds)**

OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Come hear jazz, bluegrass, and folk music!





# CHORAL EVENSONGS

Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of Evening Prayer, derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline. The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the church that have been offered for centuries while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers to those of the choir. It is an opportunity for peaceful meditation at the start of a busy week.

*Choral Evensongs at St. Thomas are followed by a reception in the Great Hall.*

**Sunday, October 15 | 4:00 PM**  
Choral Evensong: Feast of St. Luke

**Sunday, March 10 | 4:00 PM**  
Choral Evensong

**Sunday, January 21 | 4:00 PM**  
Choral Evensong

**Sunday, April 21 | 4:00 PM**  
Choral Evensong with David Briggs

**Sunday, February 18 | 4:00 PM**  
Choral Evensong: First Sunday of Lent

**Sunday, May 19 | 4:00 PM**  
Choral Evensong: Pentecost



2019 Gloucester Cathedral Evensong Residency



# SPECIAL CHORAL LITURGIES



**Sunday, December 10 | 4:00 PM** Lessons and Carols with the St. Thomas Choir and Choristers

**Sunday, December 3 | 10:00 AM** J.S. Bach's Advent Cantata 140, *Wachet Auf*

**Sunday, December 24 | 8:00 PM** Christmas Eve Service

**Wednesday, February 14 | 7:00 PM** Ash Wednesday Service

**Wednesday, March 27 | 7:00 PM** Holy Week Tenebrae Service

**Thursday, March 28 | 6:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Service** Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service

**Friday, April 7 | 7:00 PM** Good Friday Service, *The St. John Passion* of Tomas Luis de Victoria

**Saturday, April 8 | 7:00 PM** Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service

# MUSIC PROGRAMS AT ST. THOMAS



## ST. THOMAS CHOIR

The St. Thomas Adult Choir is the primary choir of the parish and is comprised of both professional and amateur singers of all ages who can read music. The choir leads the singing and other liturgical aspects of the 10:00 AM Eucharist each Sunday, plus occasional services such as Ash Wednesday, the many Holy Week liturgies, the Christmas Eve services, and a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The choir also sings for Evensong services once a month. Music at the Sunday services typically includes two anthems as well as leadership of the psalm, hymns, and service music.

Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The finest repertoire is sung from the last five hundred years of choral composition as well as world music. The choir currently has 35 members and meets September through May. The choir has traveled to England to be in residency at St. Alban's Cathedral in 1997 and Gloucester Cathedral in 2019.

*Interested in joining the choir? Contact Doug Cleveland at [dougc@stthomasmedina.org](mailto:dougc@stthomasmedina.org).*

## THE CHORISTERS & SCHOLA CANTORUM

The Chorister & Schola Cantorum programs are for singers in grades 2 through 12. The Choristers program is for singers in grades 2-4, and The Schola Cantorum is for singers in grades 5 and up. The Choristers learn to read music and practice proper technique, leading to healthy vocal development. Currently, the Choristers & Schola sing once a month in the 10:00 AM service and many times join the St. Thomas Adult Choir to sing the great music of the Anglican tradition.

The Choristers & Schola have over 40 members and are directed by Jacki Sullivan, director of music at St. Thomas School. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evening from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM in the Music Room. The students learn a vast repertoire from different periods and are instructed in liturgy, Scripture, and music sight reading.

There will be a Valentine's Cabaret Concert Fundraiser for the Choristers program performed by the St. Thomas Choristers on Saturday, February 10th.

*Do you have a child interested in joining the choir? Contact Jacki Sullivan at [jacki.sullivan@stthomasschool.org](mailto:jacki.sullivan@stthomasschool.org).*



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