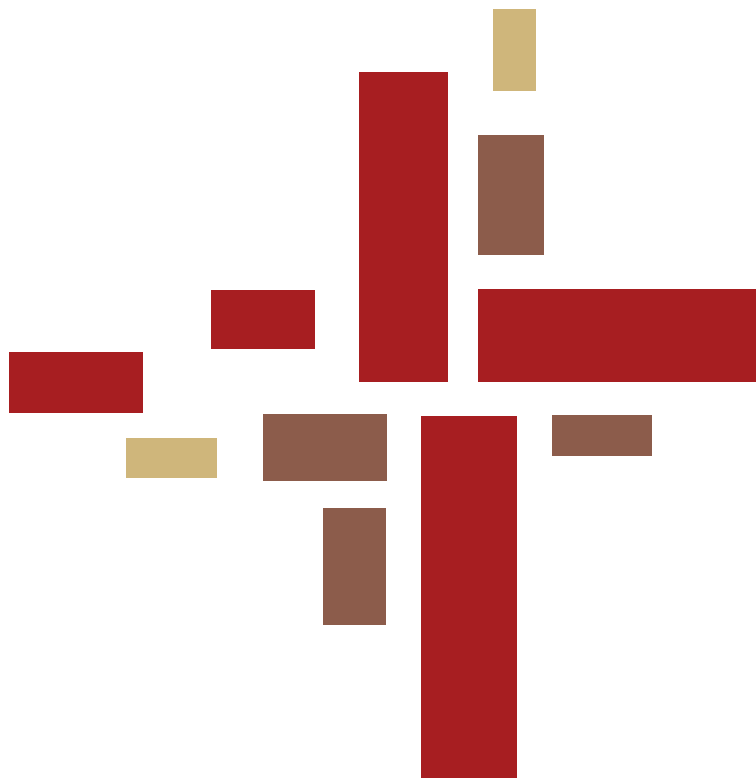


SJD Choristers

The Church of St. John the Divine



2025-2026

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"I will sing with the spirit and with the understanding also."

1 Corinthians 14:15

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Mission Statement

At St. John the Divine we are striving to foster and strengthen a lifelong appreciation for music in children and adults - cradle to grave. SJD Choristers will apply the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) *Voice for Life* Curriculum, beginning with ages 3-18 with the goals:

- to teach and guide children and youth in sacred, choral and worship music to sing for JOY and all to God's Glory,
- to encompass pedagogy, theory, and liturgy into the program for age appropriateness,
- to work in conjunction with Children, Youth and Family Ministries,
- to pass on a love and appreciation of Anglican worship and to sing intergenerationally with the SJD Chorale in the Anglican Cathedral tradition in addition to other styles of sacred music.

Guidelines

Attendance

Commitment to regular attendance is essential and expected for the success and formation of our Choristers. Please email Ms. Anna or Dr. Hayden at least one week in advance for any absence. For a last-minute unexpected absence, please email or text as soon as possible. **Choristers who wish to make quick progress are welcome to attend Thursday's alternate rehearsal time in addition to the regular Wednesday rehearsal.**

Drop-off/Pick-up and Safety

To ensure the safety of each chorister, please drop off and pick up your chorister promptly before or after rehearsal. Punctual pick up is especially important as other rehearsals follow. In accordance with church policy, a second adult is present at all rehearsals. If your child arrives more than 10 minutes before the start of rehearsal, an adult from their family must supervise them.

Alternatively, we encourage you to take advantage of our childcare services at SJD, which are available on Wednesdays. SJD childcare staff will ensure that enrolled choristers are escorted to and from rehearsal at the proper time.

Dress Code

For all services, Choristers should wear black, flat shoes. Long hair should be tied back.

RSCM Voice for Life Ribbon Training

SJD Choristers are strongly encouraged to participate in our RSCM *Voice for Life* ribbon training program. It includes training not only in singing and musical knowledge, but also history, liturgy, Christianity, leadership, responsibility, social skills, and critical thinking. Upon completion of each *Voice for Life* book, a chorister will receive a medal and ribbon that corresponds with the completed book.

Choristers who wish to advance quickly in ribbon training are welcome to come for additional time at the Thursday alternate ribbon training time. We will occasionally offer *Voice for Life* Workshops on Sundays after church. Dates and additional details will be communicated via email.

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday Rehearsals:

The Cherub Choir: age 3- Kindergarten

Choir A

3:15 - 3:45 PM

Choir B

4:00 - 4:30 PM

The Preparatory Choir: 1st- 3rd Grade

4:45 - 5:30 PM

Wednesday Rehearsals:

SJD Choristers: 4th- 12th Grade

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Thursday

Alternate Rehearsal and Voice for Life Training
*by RSVP

4:00-6:00 PM*

Important Dates - Fall 2025

Saturday, August 23	Open House & Chorister Retreat 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Retreat & Breakfast
Sunday, August 24	Rally Day & Commissioning, sing with SJD Chorale 10:00 AM service 9:00 AM call In the church
Wednesday, September 3	Back to Choir! Rehearsals begin! 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Sunday, September 14	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Eucharist 9:00 AM service <u>8:00 AM Call</u>
Sunday, October 5	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Eucharist 10:00 AM service for Awaken '25 <u>9:00 AM Call</u>
Sunday, October 19	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Eucharist 9:00 AM service <u>8:00 AM call</u>
Sunday, November 2	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings All Saints Evensong 5:00 PM service <u>4:00 PM call</u>
Sunday, November 16	The Choir of St. John the Divine sing Eucharist 11:15 AM service <u>10:15 AM call</u>
Week of November 24	<i>No Rehearsal for Thanksgiving Break</i>

Important Dates - Advent & Christmas 2025

Sunday, December 7

The Choir of St. John the Divine
sings Advent Lessons and Carols
5:00 PM Service
Call TBA

Monday, December 22

10:00 AM Christmas Breakfast and Book Drive
10:45 AM-12:30 PM Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve
3:00 PM service
2:00 PM call

Important Dates - Winter and Spring 2026

Wednesday, January 7	Rehearsals Resume, Wednesday at 5:30 PM
Sunday, January 11	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Evensong for the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord 5:00 PM service <u>4:00 PM call</u>
Fri - Sun, January 23 - 25	RSCM Winter Festival at Church of the Incarnation (Dallas) Details and Registration TBA
Wednesday, February 18	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Ash Wednesday 6:00 PM service <u>5:00 PM call</u>
Wed - Sun, Feb 26 - Mar 1	Richard Webster Choral Residency @ SJD Wed: 5:30 - 6:30 PM Rehearsal Fri: 6:00 - 7:30 PM Rehearsal, dinner provided Sat: 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM Rehearsal
Sunday, March 1	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Eucharist with Richard Webster, guest conductor 11:15 AM service <u>10:15 AM call</u>
Sunday, March 1	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Lenten Evensong with Richard Webster, guest conductor 5:00 PM service <u>4:00 PM call</u>
Week of March 9	<i>No Rehearsal for Spring Break!</i>
Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday Services 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM <u>8:15 AM call</u>
Thursday, April 2	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM service <u>5:00 PM call</u>
Wednesday, April 22	End of Year Service and Choir Dinner 6:00 PM service <u>4:30 PM call</u>
Sunday, April 26	SJD Choristers and Preparatory Choir sing Eucharist 11:15 AM service <u>10:15 AM call</u>

Choristers' Prayer

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants
who minister in Thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips
we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts
we may show forth in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.