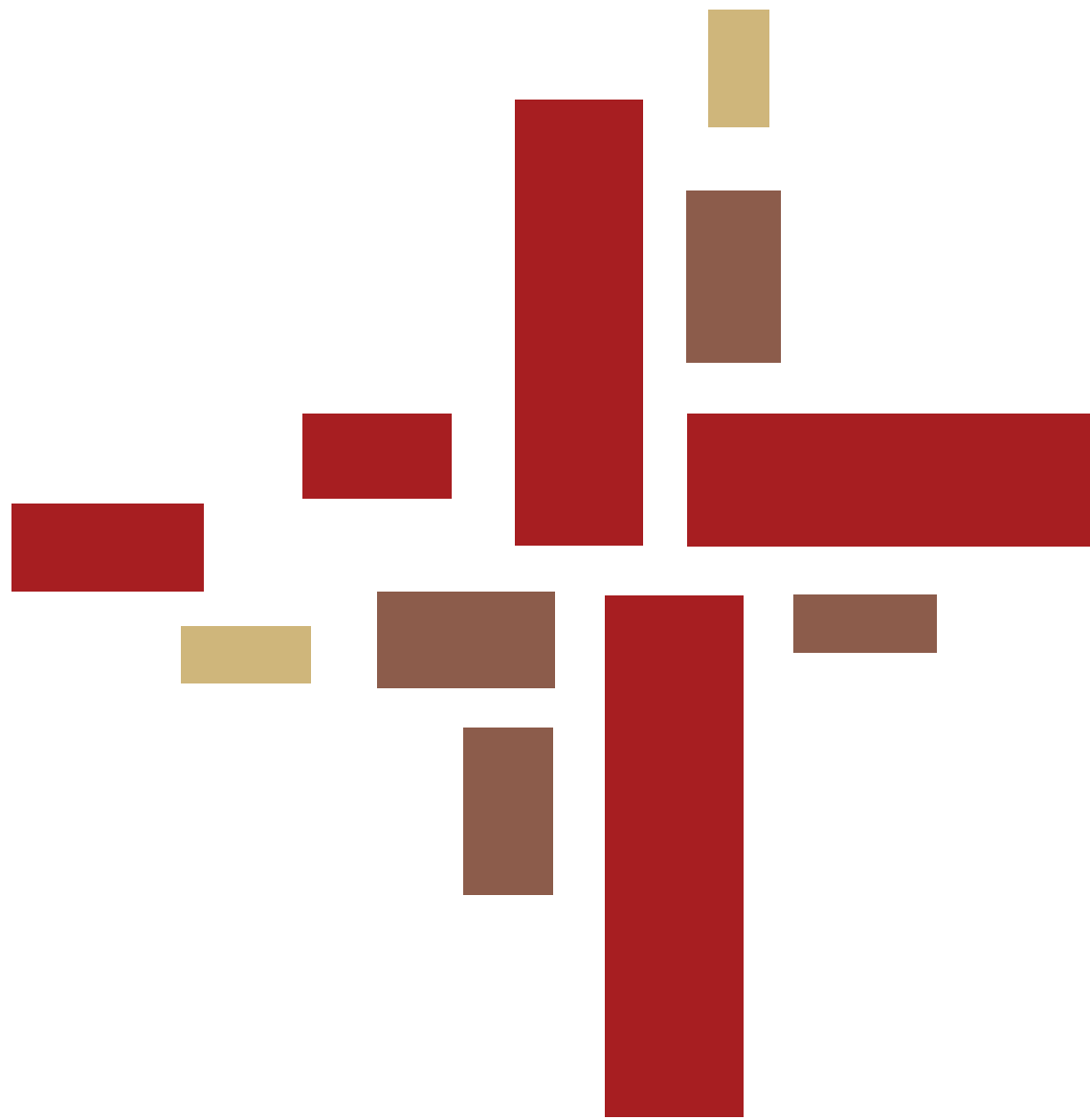


SJD Choristers

The Church of St. John the Divine



2026-2027

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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 Ms. Rebecca 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 contact Ms. Anna to schedule a lesson.**

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. If your child arrives more than 10 minutes before the start of rehearsal, an adult from their family must supervise them.

Dress Code

For all services, Choristers must wear black flat shoes and their vestments, which will be provided. Long hair must 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 contact Ms. Anna to schedule a lesson. We will occasionally offer *Voice for Life* Workshops on Sundays after church. Dates and additional details will be communicated via email.

SJD Chorister Program Weekly Schedule

Tuesday Rehearsals:

The Cherub Choir: age 3- Kindergarten

Choir C	2:40 - 3:10 PM
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
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Wednesday Rehearsals:

SJD Choristers: 4th- 12th Grade	5:30 - 6:30 PM
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Privately Scheduled Lessons:

Call Ms. Anna to Schedule

As Needed:

Throughout the year additional Sunday rehearsals may be scheduled during the 11:00 AM hours.

Important Dates - Fall & Christmas 2026

Saturday, August 22	Open House & Chorister Retreat 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Breakfast & Rehearsal
Sunday, August 23	Rally Day & Commissioning, sing with SJD Chorale 10:00 AM service <u>9:00 AM call in the Church</u>
Wednesday, September 9	Back to Choir! Rehearsals begin! 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Sunday, September 20	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Eucharist 9:00 AM service for Awaken '26 <u>8:00 AM Call</u>
Sunday, October 4	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Evensong for the Feast of St. Francis 5:00 PM Service in the Church <u>3:30 PM Call</u>
Sunday, October 18	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Eucharist 11:15 AM service <u>10:00 AM call</u>
Sunday, November 1	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings All Saints Evensong 5:00 PM service <u>3:30 PM call</u>
Sunday, November 15	Gulf Coast Chorister Festival at SJD Registration Opens
<i>Wednesday, November 25</i>	<i>No Rehearsal for Thanksgiving Break</i>
Sunday, December 6	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Advent Lessons and Carols 5:00 PM Service <u>3:30 PM call</u>
Sunday, December 13	The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Eucharist 9:00 AM service <u>8:00 AM Call</u>
Tuesday, December 22	Christmas Eve Rehearsal 10:00 AM Christmas Breakfast and Book Drive 10:30 AM -12:30 PM Rehearsal
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve 3:00 PM service <u>2:00 PM call</u>

Important Dates - Winter and Spring 2027

Wednesday, January 6

Rehearsals Resume, Wednesday at 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 10

**** “Festival of Lights” Durham Fundraiser Concert ****

6:00 PM concert

4:30 PM call

Sat - Sun, January 16 -17

Gulf Coast Chorister Festival at SJD

Registration opens November 15th

Wednesday, February 10

The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Ash Wednesday

6:00 PM service

5:00 PM call

Sunday, February 14

The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Evensong

5:00 PM service in the Church

3:30 PM call

Sunday, March 7

The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Evensong

5:00 PM service in the the Church

3:30 PM Call

Wednesday, March 10

No Rehearsal for Spring Break!

Sunday, March 21

Palm Sunday Services

9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

8:15 AM call Breakfast provided

Thursday, March 25

The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM service

6:00 PM call

Wednesday, April 14

End of Year Service and Choir Dinner

6:00 PM service

4:30 PM call

Sunday, April 18

SJD Choristers and Preparatory Choir sing Eucharist

11:15 AM service

10:00 AM call

Important Dates - Durham Cathedral 2027

For Choristers Traveling to Durham Cathedral

Sunday, May 16

The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Evensong
5:00 PM service in the the Church
3:30 PM Call

June 24 - June 26

Bootcamp Thursday - Saturday
Time TBD

Sunday, June 27

The Choir of St. John the Divine sings Sendoff Evensong
5:00 PM service in the the Church
3:30 PM Call

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.