

**MUSIC REPORT**  
**SAINT MARY'S-IN-TUXEDO**  
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As the late Cannon John Andrew, 26 years rector of St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, often said, Anglican worship elevates the Gospel of Christ with intelligence, clarity and beauty. The music of our tradition is an integral part of that experience.

The year 2023 was one of considerable growth for music life at St. Mary's. The members of our Schola Cantorum have sung together now for a year and a half. Each of them brings formidable talent to our work in crafting a quality Anglican music program which reflects the best our venerable tradition has to offer, from our glorious hymns and service music, through the singing of Anglican Chant Psalms, and the wealth of anthems ranging from the late Medieval period through the current day. The proper delivery of music for such a demanding program takes considerable time and energy. All of us spend that time in preparation at home during the week as well as in rehearsals before and after Sunday worship. I am honored to be able to work with four such talented and dedicated singers who truly go beyond the call of duty in the pursuit of excellence.

I am deeply grateful for the great support you all have given and continue to give to make music at St. Mary's something worthy of the praise we offer to God for giving our life in this world and all his other benefits. "Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; bring presents, and come into his courts." Ps. 96:8

Respectfully submitted,

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