



HOLY EUCHARIST
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Lent 2024: Create in us a New Heart

THE AMERICAN CATHEDRAL IN PARIS
SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2024
11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The customary Organ Voluntary will be omitted.

All are invited to stand, as able, as the Procession enters the Cathedral.

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All are invited to kneel, as able.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

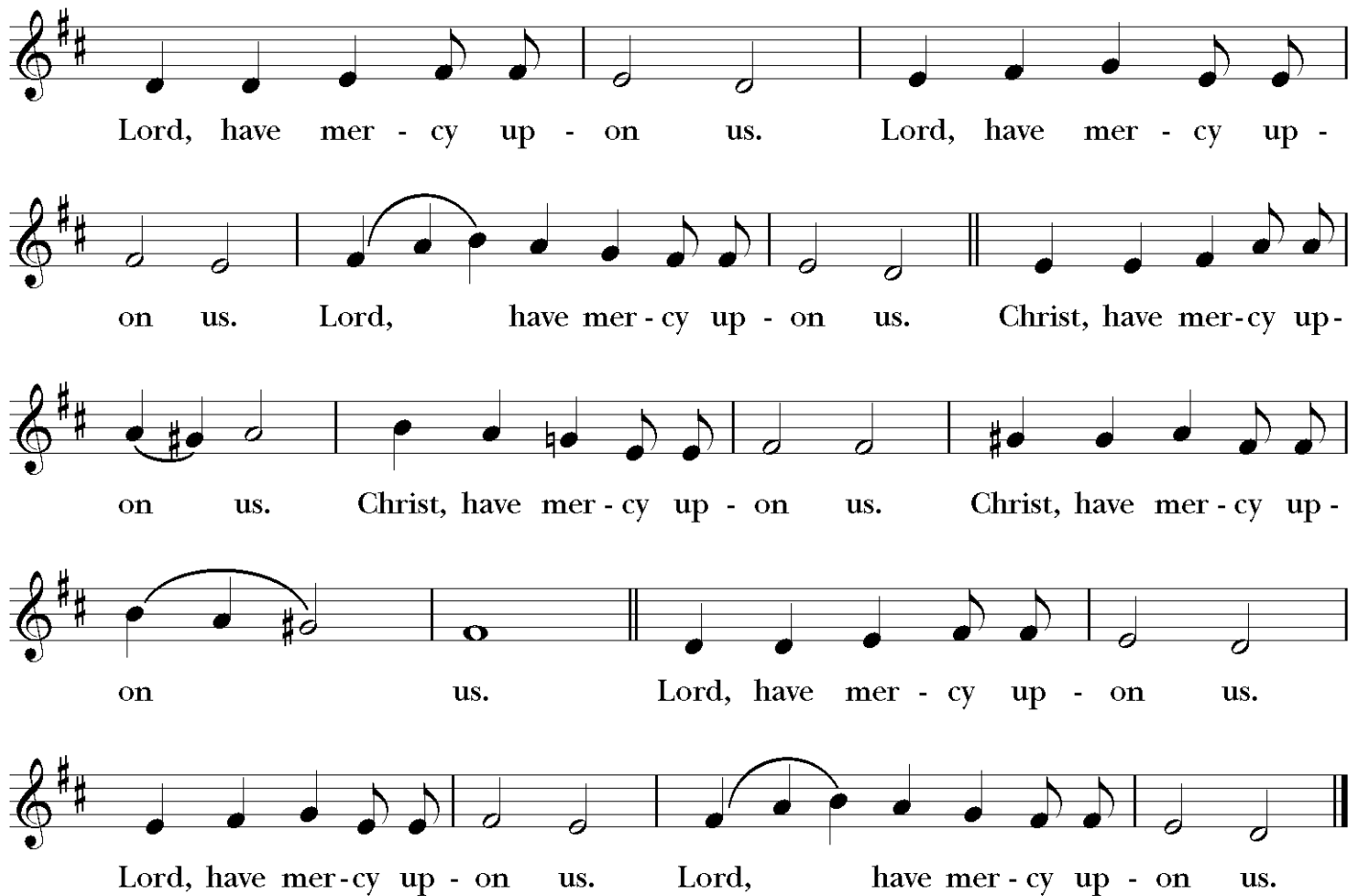
Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All are invited to remain kneeling and sing.

KYRIE *Sung by all*

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are invited to sit.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9 (NRSV)

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.


Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROPER PSALM: 107:1-3, 17-22 *Confitemini Domino*

George Nicholls
(b.2000)

The Antiphon is sung first by the Choir and then repeated by all, as indicated.



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, and his mer - cy en-dures for__ e - ver.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south. **Antiphon.**
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress. **Antiphon.**
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. **Antiphon.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10 (NRSV)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: 603, "When Christ was lifted from the earth"

ST. BOTOLPH

All are invited to turn toward the Gospel Book for the reading.

THE GOSPEL: John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

All The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. James R. Harlan

Silence for reflection.

All are invited to stand, as able.

NICENE CREED *Said by all*

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM V

Intercessor

In peace, let us pray to God saying, God, have mercy.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Mark, our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O God,

God, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, O Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O God,

God, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church. In the Convocation Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Council of Advice. We pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. For all the victims of violence in Ukraine, the Middle East, and all areas of the world at war, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For this Cathedral community, here in Paris and across the globe, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you O Christ, our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the Name of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The monetary gifts in the Sunday offering plate help us to discern and realize God's call for The American Cathedral in Paris. Please use the Offering Envelope for gifts by cash or check. To make gifts via the "virtual, electronic" offering plate, please scan this QR code or visit amcathparis.com/donate.



Les dons monétaires pour la quête du dimanche nous aident à discerner et à soutenir l'appel de Dieu pour la cathédrale américaine de Paris. Veuillez utiliser l'enveloppe d'offrande pour les dons en espèces ou par chèque. Pour faire des dons via la quête « virtuelle ou électronique », merci de scanner le QR code ou de vous rendre sur amcathparis.com/donate.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Forty days and forty nights*

Martin Herbst (1654-1681)
arr. Harrison Oxley (1933-2009)

Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled. Sunbeams scorching all the day; chilly dewdrops nightly shed; prowling beasts about thy way; stones thy pillow, earth thy bed. Let us thine endurance share, and from earthly joys abstain, with thee watching unto prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain. And if Satan, vexing sore, flesh or spirit should assail, thou, his vanquisher before, grant we may not faint nor fail. So shall we have peace divine; holier gladness ours shall be; round us too shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side; that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide. [Text: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870)]

All are invited to stand and sing.

PRESENTATION HYMN: 140, “Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun”

DONNE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer C)

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

The Celebrant continues

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by all*

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Holy and Righteous Forebears; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

The Celebrant continues

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER, *said by all in their own language*

**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.**

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton Nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.**

Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.

**Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.**

**Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.**

**Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,
la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

(organ) *All*
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. *(organ)* O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us.
(organ) O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world,
(organ) grant us thy peace.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION

L'hospitalité eucharistique est offerte à toute personne, quelle que soit sa confession ecclésiale.

ALL are welcome to share in the Eucharist, the feast of the Lord's Supper. Communion is administered today at the altar rail.

You are invited to kneel or stand at the altar rail. In either case, please receive the bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. The wine follows; please drink from the cup as it is extended to you. We are not allowed to permit dipping the host in the chalice.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available for those who need them. Please ask the priest who is distributing bread at communion.

Please inform an usher if you need communion brought to your pew. Sadly, we must be concerned about theft; please take your coat, purse, and other belongings with you as you leave the pew.

COMMUNION SOLO: *Cantique*

Nadia Boulanger
(1887-1979)

Grace Durham, soloist

To all weeping souls, to all sin to pass, I open in the midst of the stars, my hands full of grace. No sin lives where love speaks, no soul dies, where love weeps. And if love gets lost, on the paths of the earth, its tears will find me, and not go astray. [Text: Maurice Maeterlinck (1862-1949)]

COMMUNION HYMN: 321, "My God, thy table now is spread"

ROCKINGHAM

COMMUNION ANTHEM: *Create in me a clean heart, O God*

Paul Bouman
(1918-2019)

Sung by the Choirs for Youth and Children

Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Grant unto me the joy of thy salvation; uphold me with thy free Spirit. [Text: Psalm 51:11-13]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All are invited to stand, as able, and pray,

Celebrant Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Clergy Bow down before the Lord.

All are invited to kneel, as able. The Celebrant continues,

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All are invited to stand, as able.

HYMN: 448, "O love, how deep, how broad, how high"

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

THE DISMISSAL

Response **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please preserve the silence of the sanctuary as you leave.

SERVING TODAY: *Preacher:* The Very Rev. James R. Harlan; *Celebrant:* The Rev. Canon Hailey Jacobsen; *Canon Precentor and Director of Music:* Zachary Ullery; *Organist:* Andrew Dewar; *Assistant Organist:* George Nicholls; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Patricia Gastaud Gallagher, Angelina Stelmach Blundell, Laurence Moachon; *Lectors:* Thomas Girty, Jeannie Fellowes; *Livestream Production:* Gaël de Fournas; *Ushers:* Jacques Bossonney, Emily York, Alex Brassert; *Vestry Members in Charge:* Christian Martel, Geoff Jennings.

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Bienvenue and Welcome!

Welcome to The American Cathedral in Paris. We are so glad you're with us. Whether in person or online, for a short time or a lifetime, sure in faith or full of doubt, you belong here. Building on our past and our journey towards inclusion, we strive to create a future of faith, love, and charity. Let's do it together. Give us a call, send an email, or find us at coffee hour—we can't wait to get to know you.

Contact information for the clergy, staff and Vestry can be found at amcathparis.com/leadership.

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Livestreaming: Please note that we are livestreaming this service. If you do not wish to appear on the livestream, please sit behind the first five pews. Thank you.

Bulletin announcements: Please send through any announcements for the bulletin to communications@americancathedral.org by midday on Wednesday.

Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Marilou, Anne, Annie, Barry, Blandine, Alex, David, Hervé, Elizabeth, Melissa, Jeremy, Françoise and Eleanor.

We pray for those who have died, especially Dr. James Woodham, Peggy, Donny, Mary Lou Hessler and Caroline Beaupère.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and all areas where there is conflict.

We pray for the congregation of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church.

In the Convocation Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Council of Advice.

Prayer requests may be sent to us at communications@americancathedral.org.

Children and Youth

Nursery Care Available: Babies, Toddlers, and their noise and exuberance are always welcome in our Cathedral's services! In addition, for any families who would like to use it, nursery care for infants - 3-year-olds is available during our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The Nursery is above the Parish Hall on the second floor by the elevator in the Leo Room.

Sunday School: During the school term we meet in the Fleetwood room from 10:45 a.m. to around 11:45 a.m. when Communion is served in the 11:00 a.m. service. All children from ages 3 to 10 years old are welcome to attend. Please contact Andrew Aitken on sundayschool@americancathedral.org for more information.

Youth Group: All youth in grades 6^{ème}/ 6th grade through 11^{ème}/ 12th grade are welcome at Youth Group. Contact Canon Hailey on canon@americancathedral.org or Youth Leaders Adrien & Mélanie LeSure youth@americancathedral.org for more information.

The next Youth Group Meeting is a *Pizza Chat* from 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. on **Sunday, March 17th**, in the Fleetwood Room.

Youth Across Europe: Those ages 11 - 18 in collège/ middle school and lycée/ high school are invited to Youth Across Europe, an annual gathering of youth from Episcopal churches across Europe. This year's gathering will be in Frankfurt from May 9th – 12th. Registration is due by March 20th. For more information, please contact Canon Hailey (canon@americancathedral.org).

Youth Group Easter Day Bake Sale: Our Youth Group is having a Bake Sale on Easter Day to support their ministry and journey to Frankfurt for Youth Across Europe in May. You can help them by dropping off a Bake Sale item during Holy Week or before the service you are attending on Easter Day - and by purchasing baked goods on Easter Day.

For more information, please contact Canon Hailey (canon@americancathedral.org).

Safeguarding

As part of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, The American Cathedral in Paris is committed to assuring that all people are treated with respect and that no one is abused, harassed, or taken advantage of in any way. We are especially committed to assuring the safety of children and those adults who may be particularly vulnerable.

We adhere to the Convocation's Safeguarding Policy, and a member of our congregation is appointed as the Safeguarding Officer. If you have any concerns at all, please know that they are available to speak with you.

Our Safeguarding Officers are Angelina Stelmach and William Tompson. Please contact them with any questions or concerns at safeguarding@americancathedral.org.

Protection

En tant que membre de la Convocation des Églises épiscopales en Europe, la Cathédrale américaine de Paris s'engage à veiller à ce que toutes les personnes soient traitées avec respect et à ce que personne ne soit victime d'abus, de harcèlement ou d'exploitation de quelque manière que ce soit. Nous nous engageons tout particulièrement à assurer la sécurité des enfants et des adultes qui peuvent être particulièrement vulnérables.

Nous adhérons à la politique de protection de la Convocation et un membre de notre congrégation est désigné comme responsable de la protection. Si vous avez la moindre inquiétude, sachez qu'ils sont à votre disposition pour vous parler.

Nos responsables de la protection sont Angelina Stelmach et William Tompson. Si vous avez des questions ou des inquiétudes, veuillez les contacter à l'adresse suivante : safeguarding@americancathedral.org

Holy Week 2024: Create in us a New Heart

Please join us online and in person for Holy Week for the following services in addition to our regular services. Everyone is welcome. Please note that the Cathedral will be closed during the week **April 1st- 6th**. The Cathedral will remain open for AA meetings and for the Célébration Eucharistique (MEFR) on April 6th.

Palm Sunday | Sunday, March 24th

- 11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist with procession from Place de la Reine Astrid (online and in person)

Wednesday, March 27th: Prayer with The Rainbow Ministry (in person only)

- 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. | Noonday Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. | Evening Prayer
- 9:00 p.m. | Contemplation and Compline

Maundy Thursday | Thursday, March 28th

- 7:30 p.m. | Holy Eucharist with washing of feet (online and in person)

Good Friday | Friday, March 29th

- 12:00 p.m. | Sung Passion with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament (online and in person)

Holy Saturday | Saturday, March 30th (Please note that incense will be used during this service)

- 8:00 p.m. | Easter Vigil (online and in person). Join us for drinks and canapés after the service.

Easter Day | Sunday, March 31st

- 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (in person only)
- 11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (online and in person) | After the 11:00 a.m. service: Easter Egg Hunt (for children aged 10 years and under- no reservation required)

Lent 2024: Create in us a New Heart

In addition to our regular Sunday morning and midweek services, there are plenty of other moments to join us for worship during Lent:

Wednesdays at the Cathedral with The Rainbow Ministry

Join us during Lent (February 14th - March 30th) for inclusive, bilingual prayer. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesdays at :

- 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. | Noonday Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. | Evening Prayer
- 9:00 p.m. | Contemplation and Compline

Les mercredis à :

- 9h00 | La prière du matin
- 12h00 | La prière de midi
- 18h00 | La prière du soir
- 21h00 | Les complies

Rejoignez-nous pendant le Carême (du 14 février au 30 mars) pour du prière inclusif et bilingue (anglais-français). Tou.te.s sont les bienvenu.e.s

Easter Flowers 2024

You are invited to participate in the annual Easter Flower Fund to decorate the Cathedral with flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one or several loved ones. The deadline to participate is Friday March 22nd.

To donate and dedicate flowers, please use the special envelopes found in the pews or visit <https://amcathparis.com/donate> (or scan the QR code)– making sure that you note the donation is for Easter Flowers and to whom the flowers are dedicated.



Praying Lent with The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Pray as you can, not as you can't

(Online on Zoom: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. CET time)

Wednesdays during Lent from February 21st.

During Lent, the Canon for Spiritual Development, Ali Gray, will be hosting 5 weekly sessions on Zoom to help deepen our prayer lives. For the Zoom link, please scan the QR below. The sessions will be relaxed, gentle and invitational. We will practice centering prayer and journaling, the Examen, Lectio Divina, imaginative prayer and praying with art and poetry. They will last 90 minutes and will include time sharing our experiences- both struggles and joys, introduction to, and guided practice of each mode of prayer, and finish with compline.

All are welcome, for one session or every week. There's no need to book, just turn up. For more information, please contact Ali Gray on agray@tec-europe.org. **Join Eli Harlan on March 6th as she leads the session on the theme of "Praying with Art."**



Good Friday Offering, special online concert to support Middle East ministries

As The Episcopal Church's Good Friday Offering prepares to mark 102 years, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites the whole church to an afternoon of sacred music and collective giving to support siblings in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

The concert will air online at **3 p.m. ET March 29th** on The Episcopal Church's [Facebook page](#) and [website](#). Viewers will have the opportunity to make donations during the event to go toward the offering, also frequently gathered by churches during Good Friday services.

"We will not forget those caught in the crossfire between warring factions in the land where our Lord walked," Curry writes in his [annual Lent letter](#) to Episcopal churches. "As we mark our Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, we remember those whom he loves facing injustice and oppression today, and remember the urgency of love—true, sacrificial love."

Confirmation And Reception Happening on Pentecost | Sunday, May 19th

Confirmation is the sacramental rite of making a mature and public commitment in the Episcopal Church to living out your Christian faith. For those who have already been confirmed in another Church, Reception is the public rite (which looks and sounds very similar to Confirmation) of officially joining the Episcopal Church. The next opportunity for Confirmation and Reception will be on Pentecost, Sunday, May 19th.

For adults who would like to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, preparation will happen during the Easter Season leading up to Pentecost.

Sign up by Palm Sunday (March 24th). Please contact Canon Hailey (canon@americancathedral.org) to sign up or for more information.

Paris Choral Society Concert | Carl Rütti's Requiem

Thursday, March 21st at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Swiss composer Carl Rütti's (b.1949) music blends English choral tradition with other genres, including jazz and the blues, in rich and colorful textures. His music combines dazzling rhythms, soaring melodies and distinctively lush harmonies, often using two keys simultaneously. Relentless, driving rhythms co-exist with quietly shimmering soundscapes.

Of his Requiem, a 2007 commission from the celebrated Bach Choir, the composer writes that 'no words are strong enough to express the feelings of the bereaved, nor sufficient to explain what will await us after death. Music may be the most appropriate language'.

Scored for soprano, baritone, double choir, strings, harp and organ, Rutti's Requiem ultimately affirms life's precious fragility – with, at the end, a solo voice fading into the distance as the soul enters heaven.

PCS is proud and delighted to present this wonderful work for the first time in France.



Tickets are available on the Paris Choral Society website (<https://parischoralsociety.org/>) or by scanning the QR code.

Music Notes | A Multitude of Voices

To create a fuller and more inclusive picture of the richness of our musical heritage, we will be exploring music composed by women, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), and other historically under-represented composers.

The solo heard during Communion this morning, *Cantique*, was composed by French music teacher and conductor, **Nadia Boulanger**. Boulanger taught many of the leading composers and musicians of the 20th century, and performed occasionally as a pianist and organist. From a musical family, she achieved early honours as a student at the Conservatoire de Paris but, believing that she had no talent as a composer, she gave up writing music and became a teacher. In that capacity, she influenced generations of young composers, especially those from the United States and other English-speaking countries. Boulanger taught in the U.S. and England, working with music academies including the Juilliard School, the Royal College, and Academy of Music, but her principal base for most of her life was her family's flat in Paris, where she taught for most of the seven decades from the start of her career until her death at the age of 92.

Music Notes | The Presentation Hymn

In an effort to create a new experience in communal worship, we will be singing a hymn at the presentation that hopefully no one knows. This experience allows us as a worshipping community to experience something new together. So please remember to make a joyful noise...even if it feels unfamiliar and a little uncomfortable!

The Presentation Hymn for the liturgical season of Lent is “Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun” (140). This John Donne poem was written during an illness in 1623. The poem was later set to music as a song commissioned by the author. The tune DONNE was composed by John Hilton and is reminiscent of a Renaissance lute song. Last week, many of you spotted the homonym of the author’s name found in the last line of every stanza. **New challenge: John Donne was married to Ann More. Can you spot her last name in the text?**

Join in the Stewardship of Our Cathedral Home: Pledge Today!

An enormous thank you to the over 140 households who have so far pledged to support our Cathedral in 2024! We are still trying to reach our goal of over 180 pledging households. We need everyone to join in at every size pledge to make sure we can do everything we hope in 2024. There is still time to pledge!



To learn more, email Canon Hailey at canon@americancathedral.org or Stewardship Co-Chairs Anne Pouret and Chris Barnes on pledge@americancathedral.org.

Support Music at the Cathedral via Les Arts George V

Les Arts George V (LAGV) supports the music at the Cathedral in many ways: among them **hosting Les Dimanches Musicaux (LDM) and encouraging sponsorships and donations**. Half the proceeds of LDM go to the Cathedral music program. For sponsorships and donations, remember that in France, while LAGV receives 100% of your gift, you will receive 66% as a deduction on your income tax.



Three Things to Know

Please join us for our monthly service of **Jazz Vespers today at 6:00 p.m.** This beautiful service of music, poetry and scripture will focus this month on Lent and our preparations for Holy Week. **Please note that this service will be available in person only.**

Join The Paris Choral Society on **Thursday, March 21st and Saturday, March 23rd** for the French premier of **Carl Rütti's Requiem**. More details on page 24 of your bulletins.

Please join Les Arts George V **this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.** for their free concert series, **Les Dimanches Musicaux**, featuring Linda Chatterton on the flute and Matthew McCright on the piano playing works by George Enesco, JS Bach, Aaron Travers and Camille Saint-Saëns. For more information, please visit <https://lagv.org/>. All are welcome. No reservation needed.

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