



The
American
Cathedral
in Paris

CHORAL EVENSONG | LA FETE DE LA MUSIQUE

June 21st, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to ensure that mobile telephones and other electronic devices are switched off.

The service is sung by The Choir of The American Cathedral in Paris, conducted by George Nicholls, Assistant Choir Director. The Organ is played by Andrew Dewar, Cathedral Organist.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Evening Song*

Edward Bairstow (1874 - 1946)

All remain seated. From the Nave the Choir sings

INTROIT: *Hail! gladdening Light*

Charles Wood (1866 - 1926)

Hail! gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured, Who is th'immortal Father, heavenly, blest, Holiest of Holie - Jesus Christ our Lord! Now we are come to the Sun's hour of rest; The lights of evening round us shine; We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine! Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung, With undefiled tongue, Son of our God, giver of life, alone: Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own. Amen. [John Keble 1792-1866]

All are invited to stand, as able, for the procession of the choir and clergy

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit as the Choir sings the Psalms appointed.

PSALM: 148 *Laudate Dominum*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 - 1924)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Name of the Lord; * for he commanded, and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will; Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars; Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and winged birds; Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world; Young men and maidens, * old and young together. Let them praise the Name of the Lord, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven. He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

PSALM: 150 *Laudate Dominum*

Robert Philip Goodenough (c1776 - 1826)

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness. Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * Praise him with lyre and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe. Praise him with resounding cymbals; *

praise him with loud-clanging cymbals. Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord.
Hallelujah! [*All stand, as able.*]

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen. [*All sit.*]

LESSONS

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 15:1-18

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

“Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power— your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.’ You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. “Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them.

“In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The peoples heard, they trembled; pangs seized the inhabitants of Philistia. Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed; trembling seized the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan melted away. Terror and dread fell upon

them; by the might of your arm, they became still as a stone until your people, O Lord, passed by, until the people whom you acquired passed by. You brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your own possession, the place, O Lord, that you made your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands have established. The Lord will reign forever and ever.”

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT: *Evening service in G*

Ben Parry (b. 1965)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge,

it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS: *Evening service in G*

Ben Parry (b. 1965)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All are invited to stand, as able.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *Said by all.*

**I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

All are invited to kneel, as able, while the prayers are sung.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Said by all.*

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.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Officiant sings the Collects:

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Additional prayers are offered by the clergy.

All are invited to be seated. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM: *Faire is the heaven*

William Harris (1883 - 1973)

Faire is the heaven, where happy soules have place. In full enjoyment of felicitie, Whence they doe still behold the glorious face, Of the Divine Eternall Majestie; Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins, Which all with golden wings are overdight, And those eternall burning Seraphins, Which from their faces dart out fiery light; Yet fairer than they both, and much more bright, Be th' Angels and Archangels, which attend On God's owne Person, without rest or end. These then in faire each other farre excelling, As to the Highest they approach more neare, Yet is the Highest farre beyond all telling, Fairer than all the rest which there appear, Though all their beauties joynd together were; How then can mortall tongue hope to expresse, The image of such endlesse perfectnesse? [Edmund Spenser 1552 – 1599, *A Hymne of Heavenly Beautie.*]

All are invited to stand, as able.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All **Amen.**

HYMN: 420, “When in our music God is Glorified”

ENGELBERG

All are invited to remain standing, as able, as the procession departs.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Flourish for an Occasion*

William Harris (1883 - 1973)

Members of the Congregation are kindly requested to remain in their places until the end of the Organ Voluntary.

Please join us after the service for a reception in the Dean’s Garden. Following this, there will be a service of Jazz Vespers at 9:00 P.M. which you are all warmly invited to join.

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 and staff can be found at amcathparis.com/leadership.

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Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Laurence, Doris, John, Samuel, Frances, Jay, Julien, Vicky, David, Hervé, Jeremy, Françoise, Eleanor, Pierre and Elizabeth; and for those who have died, especially Polly Ann Storms, Françoise Pépin, William Spriggs and Stanislas Squire. **Prayer requests** may be sent to us at: communications@americancathedral.org We will offer them to God at our daily service of Noonday Prayer.

Coming Up

Transition in the Life of Our Cathedral

The [Rev. Canon Nathaniel Katz](#) has accepted the call to be the **Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Houston**, in the Diocese of Texas. Join us for on **Sunday, June 25th** after the 11:00 a.m. service for "[Coffee Hour with Nat and Tim](#)" and on **Sunday, July 2nd** for a [celebratory parish picnic](#) for Nat and Tim. On **Sunday, June 25th**, the Vestry will hold a "[Q & A](#)" after the service about the transitions happening

Les Dimanches Musicaux | Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for **LAGV's popular concert series**, created to showcase talented musicians. Entrance is free. **On Sunday, June 25th** Jennifer Young and Asa Junesjo present works by Rossini, Rosaz, Delibes, Bellini Mendelssohn.

June 24 | The Marche des Fiertés LGBT

Mark your calendars: On **Saturday, June 24th at 11:00 a.m.** the American Cathedral in Paris and ecumenical partners [Carrefour des Chrétiens Inclusifs](#) and Communion Béthanie will celebrate a **bilingual, inclusive service** on the morning of the Marche des Fiertés. All are invited to attend, and to join the congregation after the service as we make our way to the **Pride March** together, manifesting our joy, love and support for

the LGBTQ+ community at the Cathedral, in Paris, and around the world. We particularly support LGBTQ+ migrants and advocate for their rights and safety.

Everyone is welcome - please join us, and help spread the word! For more information on this event, please contact Hope Newhouse at newhouse.h@gmail.com or Angelina Stelmach Blundell at angelina.stelmach@gmail.com. We are delighted to launch our **LGBTQ+ Refugee Resources page** providing links to organizations and programs that support the LGBTQ+ and refugee communities. Find out more by visiting amcathparis.com/lgbtq

Le samedi à 17h30
Célébration eucharistique en français

La Mission Episcopale Francophone de la Résurrection (une mission de la Convocation) vous invite à participer en présentiel (ou sur Facebook) à cette célébration en français, dans la tradition épiscopale/anglicane avec orgue et chants. Contact: le révérend Jean Dumond Chavanne pretre-en-charge.mefr@tec-europe.org.

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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. To give, visit lagv.org/support-lagv or scan QR code above. For questions about sponsorship and donations, contact Kate Thweatt at thweatt@noos.fr.



**Célébration d'envoi à
la Marche des Fiertés**

**From Prayer to Pride: Morning
Service and Pride March**

Le 24 juin à 11h



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