



The
American
Cathedral
in Paris

A FESTIVAL OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS



Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome to The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, you are most welcome here.

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in worship areas so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship. It is especially meaningful in Advent, as we wait in hope and anticipation for the coming of Christ.

Please turn off all mobile phones when you enter the Cathedral, and refrain from photography.

Let go of distractions and let the silence and the music be sabbath gifts as we create sacred space and sacred time together.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Silence is observed prior to the service in patient expectation of the coming of Christ.

ADVENT RESPONSORY

G.P. da Palestrina
(1525-1594)

I look from afar: And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. I look from afar: And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? [Text, The First Matins Responory for Advent Sunday (mediaeval Roman rite)]

All are invited to stand, as able, as the procession enters.

HYMN: *Veni, Redemptor gentium*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
Arr. David Willcocks
(1919-2015)

Choir sings

Come, thou redeemer of the earth
And manifest thy virgin birth:
Let ev'ry age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The promised fruit to man displayed.

All sing



3. From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, To
4. O e - qual to thy Fa - ther, thou! Gird
5. Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, And
6. All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose
God the Fa - ther back he speeds; His course he
on thy flesh - ly man - tle now; The weak - ness
dark - ness breathe a new - er light, Where end - less
ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free, Whom with the
runs to death and hell, Re - turn - ing
of our mor - tal state With death - less
faith shall shine ser - ene, And twi - light
Fa - ther we a - dore, And Ho - ly
on God's throne to dwell.
might in - vig - o - rate.
ne - ver in - ter - vene.
Ghost for ev - er - more. A - men.

[Text: St Ambrose of Milan (340-397) translated by J.M. Neale (1818-1866)]

BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience until the glorious Redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and justice over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Said by each 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 laisse pas entrer en 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.**

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.
Amen.

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:1-15

In the beginning... something went wrong. One scholar calls the book of Genesis “a love story gone awry.” Why are things not as they should be? Scripture answers that question with the story of Adam and Eve disobeying God’s command, and so being cast out of the Garden of Eden—paradise.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

CAROL: *Jesus Christ the apple tree*

Elizabeth Poston
(1905-1987)

Emily Kirby-Ashmore, soprano soloist

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell, the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree. [Text from *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs*, compiled by Joshua Smith (1761)]

All are invited to stand and sing, as able.

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 4. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 hearts of hu - man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 night, and death's dark sha - dows put to flight.
 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

All are invited to be seated.

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 40: 1-11

'By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept...' The people of Israel have been in exile in Babylon. Now God comforts them, tells them they are going home and that God will be with them.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

All are invited to stand and sing, as able.

HYMN: 67, "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

PSALM 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



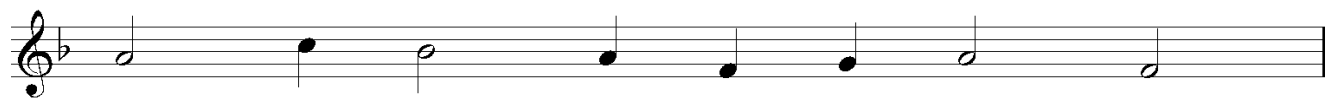
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



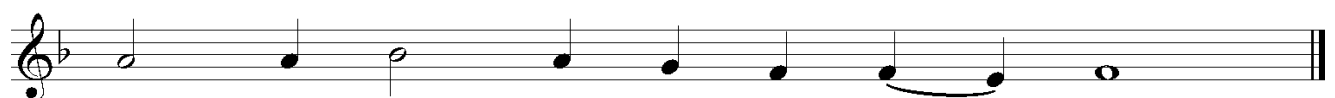
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

All are invited to be seated.

THIRD LESSON: Baruch 4:36-5:9

The Scribe Baruch tells the people to look East, to look and see the joy that is coming. God is bringing the people to Jerusalem, leveling mountains and lifting valleys to make their way smooth.

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

CAROL: *People, look East!*

Besançon Carol, arr. Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way. [Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)]

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 35: 1-10

*God is coming, God is coming, God is coming!
Even the wilderness and the desert rejoice and blossom.*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CAROL: *E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come*

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

Sung by the Choir

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need to light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all! [Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz, (1919-2008)]

All are invited to stand and sing, as able.

HYMN: 65, "Prepare the way, O Zion"

BEREDEN VÄG FÖG HERRAN



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

All are invited to be seated.

FIFTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-9

From the line of David, Israel's greatest king, will come a savior, full of God's own Spirit, who will bring in God's reign of peace and justice. All people will know God, and know creation as it was meant to be.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and

with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

CAROL: *O Radix Jesse*

Rihards Dubra
(b.1964)

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer: Come and deliver us, and delay no longer. [Text: from the *O Antiphons*]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SIXTH LESSON: Luke 1: 26-38

And now it begins! The writer Frederick Buechner says ‘She struck the angel Gabriel as hardly old enough to have a child at all, let alone this child, but he’d been entrusted with a message to give her, and he gave it. He told her what the child was to be named, and who he was to be, and something about the mystery that was to come upon her. “You mustn’t be afraid, Mary,” he said. As he said it, he only hoped she wouldn’t notice that beneath the great, golden wings he himself was trembling with fear to think that the whole future of creation hung now on the answer of a girl.’

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL: *Alma Redemptoris Mater*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525-1594)

Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again, To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before, You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners. [Text, Hermannus Contractus (1013-1054)]

All are invited to stand and sing, as able.

VERSES 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

All are invited to be seated.

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 1:39-46

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth and responds to her greeting with an incredible hymn of praise to the God who exalts the lowly, scatters the proud, fills the hungry, and casts down the mighty.

Magnificat!

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

CAROL: *Magnificat in G Major*

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

Morgane Collomb, soprano soloist

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. 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, for ever. 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. [Text: Luke 1:46-55]

All are invited to stand, as able.

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Helmsley, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778)

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'*

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

Please join for a reception in the parish hall, sponsored by Les Arts George V.

Readers:

Ella Kilhoffer-Newhouse, Member of the Children's Choir

Oliver Postic, Member of the Cathedral Choir, Front Desk Volunteer

Sierra McCullough, Sandwich Ministry Volunteer

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Bulletin deadline: Please note that the deadline for announcements to feature in the bulletin and e-letter has moved to Wednesday 12:00 p.m.

Any notices or prayer requests received after this will be included the following week. Please contact Rosie Ward on communications@americancathedral.org if you have any questions.

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.

Pour info cet office est retransmis en direct. Si vous ne souhaitez pas apparaître sur le livestream, veuillez-vous asseoir derrière les cinq premiers bancs. Merci beaucoup.

Coming Up

Christmas Services

We would be delighted to welcome you to join us over the festive period.

Christmas Lessons & Carols

- December 16th at 4:00 p.m. (in person only)
- December 17th at 6:00 p.m. (online and in person)

Christmas Eve | Sunday, December 24th, 2023

- 11:00 a.m.: Holy Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 5:00 p.m.: Christmas Eucharist with Children's Homily
- 10:00 p.m.: Festival Eucharist

Christmas Day | Monday, December 25th, 2023

- 11:00 a.m.: Holy Eucharist for Christmas Day

Please note that the Cathedral will be closed the following week. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Cathedral on Sunday, December 31st.

Christmas Dedications

Christmas Dedications for the decoration of the Cathedral at Christmas may be made using the special envelopes found in the pews or by going to our Web site and donate, noting that the donation is for Christmas Flowers and noting the names of those honored or remembered. The deadline for donations to be noted in the Christmas Bulletins is midday on Wednesday, December 13th.

2023 Pledge Fulfillment: A Call to Give, A Call to Shape the Future

We are deeply grateful for your faithful, generous financial support that makes the ongoing mission of our Cathedral community possible. As we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year & as the end of the calendar year is fast approaching, now is the time to ensure the fulfillment of your 2023 pledge balance or indeed to make a donation... It is never too late!

For information about your pledge, it's completion or making a donation, please visit amcathparis.com/donate or contact Anne Pouret & Chris Barnes on pledge@americancathedral.org

December 13th at 7:00 p.m. | Race, Justice, and American Democracy An Evening with Robert P. Jones and Greg Garrett Cohosted by The American Church in Paris

Join Cathedral Dean James Harlan for a conversation with the authors of two acclaimed new books wrestling with questions of race and justice. Dr. Robert P. Jones, author of the New York Times bestselling *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy*, is the Founder and President of PRRI (the Public Religion Research Institute).

Dr. Greg Garrett is the author of *The Gospel according to James Baldwin*, the Carole McDaniel Hanks Professor of Literature and Culture at Baylor University in Texas, and a longtime visiting theologian at the American Cathedral. Drs. Jones and Garrett regularly engage in conversation on racism, religion, and white Christian nationalism, but the American Cathedral is delighted to host their first conversation together

outside of the States, generously sponsored by Baylor University and the Baugh Family Foundation. A reception will follow.

Robert P. Jones is the author of the American Book Award Winner *The End of White Christian America*, the Grawemeyer Prize awardee *White Too Long*, and the new *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy*. He also writes for *TIME*, *The Atlantic*, *Religion News Service*, and *Baptist News Global*. PRRI, which he founded, is an essential polling resource on race, religion, and politics, and Dr. Jones and PRRI are widely cited in such outlets as MSNBC, NPR, *Salon*, *The Washington Post*, and *Newsweek*.

Greg Garrett is the author of thirty books on race, religion, politics, and culture, including *A Long, Long Way: Hollywood's Unfinished Journey from Racism to Reconciliation* and *In Conversation: Rowan Williams and Greg Garrett*. He has been interviewed by outlets including BBC News, NPR, the *Los Angeles Times*, NewsTalk Dublin, and *The Spectator*, has been featured in both live and virtual “Evenings with an Author” at the American Library in Paris, and delivered a 2020 Thurber Lecture to the American Church in Paris from his bedroom in Austin, Texas.

Contemplation and Compline

Contemplation and Compline meets every Wednesday evening in the Cathedral nave from 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Compline is the night prayer of the church and a peaceful way to end the day. It draws us closer to ourselves, our neighbor, and God. We assemble in silence, and then our voices join together to pray in loving, inclusive, expansive language for our needs and the needs of our siblings in Christ.

Everyone is welcome to join, and to bring their friends - the service is LGBTQ+ friendly, bilingual in English and French, and a large-print bulletin is provided.

Christmas Pageant | Sunday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Please join us at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 17th. In addition to a Children and Youth Sermon, there will be our annual Christmas pageant.

We are really excited about this service which will be a Christmas Lessons and Carols featuring young people and children reading and playing various roles in the Christmas story. We will also be joined by the Children and Youth Choirs singing Christmas hymns and songs.

Any and all children are welcome to participate. Please contact the Sunday School Director, Andrew Aitken on cathedral.sundayschool@gmail.com to let us know your child would like to join in our festive preparations. Rehearsals for the pageant will take place during the Sunday, 11:00 a.m. services today, December 3rd and December 10th with a dress rehearsal after the service on December 10th.

**Paris Choral Society | Handel's "Messiah" Sing-Along
December 10th at 3:00 p.m.**

Get ready for Christmas with the Paris Choral Society's 29th Messiah Sing-Along. You can join the choir for the afternoon, singing six choruses before concluding with the famous "Hallelujah" chorus. For more information and tickets, please visit <https://parischoralsociety.org/>

Junior Guild Christmas Party | 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15th

The Junior Guild is pleased to announce its Christmas party on Friday, December 15th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. Come and join us for Christmas cheer and caroling! Please register with Melanie Dees at deesmelanie@yahoo.com by midday on Tuesday, December 12th.

Tickets: Members 15€, non members and guests: 20€, couples: 25€

Looking forward to seeing you!

In an effort to create a fuller and more inclusive picture of the richness of our musical heritage, we will be exploring music composed by women, BIPOC, and other historically under-represented composers.

The composer of “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” is **Elizabeth Poston**. Composer, writer, and musicologist; Elizabeth Poston was a multi-talented musician with a distinguished career in radio broadcasting and even a role as a ‘secret agent’. She was well known as a composer of hymn tunes, carols, and composer over 40 pieces for radio and television. Her work saw her collaborate with prominent writers such as C.S. Lewis and Dylan Thomas. In addition to her success as a composer, Poston had a highly accomplished career as an academic and subsequently presided over the Society of Women Musicians from 1955 to 1961. What remains particularly interesting about Poston’s life is her secretive work as a war agent; during World War II she worked for the BBC using gramophone records to send coded messages to allies in Europe. Interestingly, Poston never revealed the exact nature of this work and it remains secret to this day. Poston’s works are often characterised as neo-classical in style. Her most widely reordered carol remains “Jesus Christ The Apple Tree” (1967).

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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

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