



The
American
Cathedral
in Paris

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3rd, 2023

11:00 a.m.

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain quiet in worship areas so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship.

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

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Chorale 'Nun, komm', der Heiden Heiland,'* BWV 659

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT: *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)]

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Please stand, as able, as the Procession enters the Cathedral.

HYMN IN PROCESSION: 57, "Lo! he comes with clouds descending"

HELMSLEY

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Our God and Savior now draws near.

All Come let us adore him.

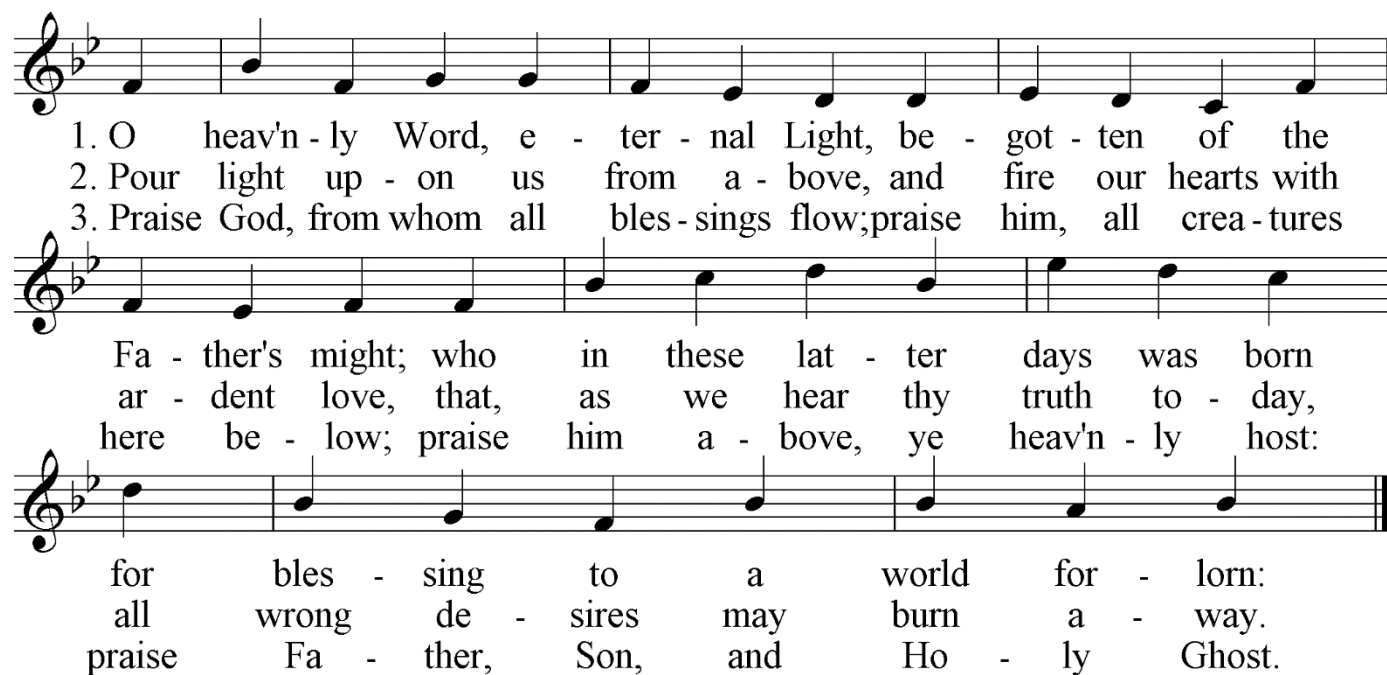
COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All are invited to remain standing, as able.

SONG OF PRAISE: "O heavenly Word, eternal light"

WINCHESTER NEW



1. O heav'n - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten of the
2. Pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our hearts with
3. Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise him, all crea - tures
Fa - ther's might; who in these lat - ter days was born
ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to - day,
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
for bles - sing to a world for - lorn:
all wrong de - sires may burn a - way.
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Qui regis Israel

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All are invited to stand and sing, as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN: 59, "Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding"

MERTON

All remain standing and turn toward the Gospel Book for the reading.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Very Rev. James R. Harlan

Silence for reflection.

All are invited to stand, as able.

THE NICENE CREED *Said by all, standing*

**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

At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord;
Lord, have mercy.

That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and pleasing his own, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

All are invited to add their own petitions.

Celebrant

Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Savior, Jesus, the Christ.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All 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 make God's dream for the American Cathedral in Paris come true. 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.*



We encourage continued support of our project to renew the Cathedral's vestments in honor of Dean Harlan's new ministry.

If you would like to contribute to this, please donate on our website (<https://amcathparis.com/donate>) stating "Installation gift" in the notes. If you would like to donate by cheque or cash, please place your contribution in one of the offering envelopes and note "Installation gift" and your full name on it. Please send any contributions by December 31st.

*Les dons monétaires pour la quête du dimanche soutiennent le rêve 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.*

BLESSING OF LOVE IN A BACKPACK

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *O thou, the central orb*

Charles Wood
(1866-1926)

O thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine; thy saints in holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove. Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen. [Text: H. R. Bramley (1833-1917)]

1 O ve - ry God of ve - ry God, and
 2 Our hopes are weak, our fears are strong, thick
 3 And e - ven now, though dull and gray, the
 4 O guide us till our path is done, and
 5 We wait in faith, and turn our face to

1 ve - ry Light of Light, whose feet this earth's dark
 2 dark - ness blinds our eyes; cold is the night; thy
 3 east is bright - ening fast, and kin - dling to the
 4 we have reached the shore where thou, our ev - er -
 5 where the day - light springs, till thou shalt come our

1 val - ley trod that so it might be bright:
 2 peo - ple long that thou, their Sun, wouldst rise.
 3 per - fect day that nev - er shall be past.
 4 last - ing Sun, art shin - ing ev - er - more!
 5 gloom to chase, with heal - ing in thy wings.

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866). Music: Bangor, from *A Compleat Melody or Harmony of Zion*, 1734.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

All are invited to stand, as able.

Celebrant The Lord 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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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.**

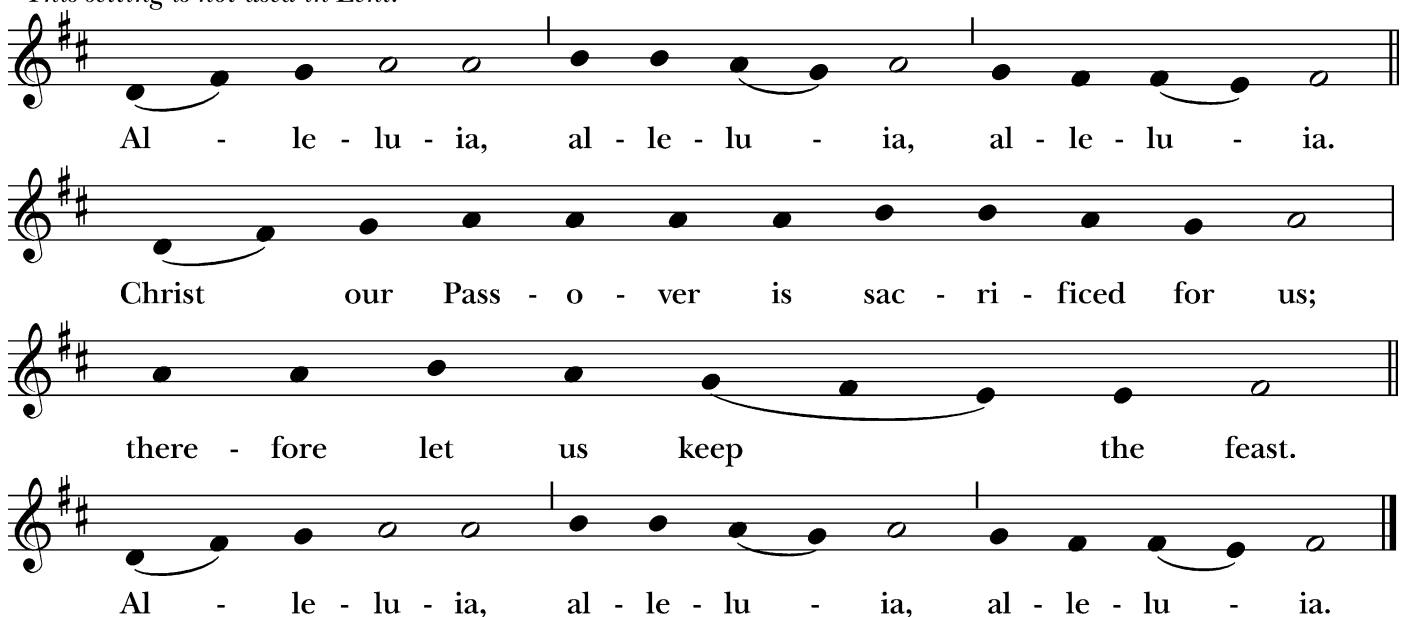
**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton Nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AT THE FRACTION: *Sung by all*

David Hurd
(b.1950)

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

L'hospitalité eucharistique est offerte à toute personne, quelle que soit sa confession ecclésiastique. You are invited to stand or kneel to receive communion. Please receive the bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. In accordance with current guidelines provided by the Bishop, we are offering wine at communion. You are invited to take a small sip; please do not dip your wafer in the wine. 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 ANTHEM: *Jesus Christ the apple tree*

Elizabeth Poston
(1905-1987)

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)]

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Fugue from Chorale Fantasia on 'Wachet auf!'* Max Reger
(1873-1916)

Our worship service concludes at the end of the organ voluntary during which our musicians and livestreaming team are still hard at work. Please avoid entering the chancel or the Martyrs' Chapel during this time and keep noise to a minimum.

Please join us for coffee hour (served in the Deans' Garden or the Parish Hall depending on the weather). We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Cathedral community.

SERVING TODAY: *Celebrant:* The Rev. Canon Hailey Jacobsen; *Preacher:* The Very Rev. James R. Harlan; *Canon Precentor and Director of Music:* Zach Ullery; *Organist:* Andrew Dewar; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Ushers:* Alex Brassert Bill Tompson Lavinia Tompson; *Eucharist Ministers:* Thomas-Xavier Martin, Chris Barnes, Patricia Gastaud Gallagher; *Livestream Production:* Gaël de Fournas.

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Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Dennis, the Echevet and De Villiers family, Lucy, Michelle, Betsy, David, Hervé, Elizabeth, Melissa, Jeremy, Françoise and Eleanor.

We pray for those who have died, especially Olivier Echevet, Christian Rivière, Christine Waddington and Bonifacio Mana-ay.

We prayer for peace in the Middle East and support for the ongoing relief efforts.

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

We will offer them to God at our daily service of Noonday Prayer.

The flowers on the altar are offered by members of Les Tricoteurs.es and the Knitting Group of the American Church to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Sigun Coyle.

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.

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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.

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.

This fall we will be focusing on women composers, including music composed by Sarah MacDonald, Mel Bonis, Jessica French, Stephanie Martin, Joy-Leilani Garbutt, and others. Despite being historically under-represented in the musical canon, women have been active contributors to all eras and styles of music from antiquity to contemporary.

The composer of this morning's Communion Anthem, "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).

The composer of the Sanctus and Fraction Anthem that we will be singing during the liturgical season of Advent is **David Hurd**. David Hurd (born 1950) is a composer, concert organist, choral director and educator. Dr. Hurd was Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at the General Theological Seminary (New York City) for 39 years. He is presently the Director of Music at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in Times Square. In 1977 he received first prizes in both Organ Performance and in Organ Improvisation from the International Congress of Organists, being the only person to ever win both prizes in the same year. With over 100 choral and organ works in print, his compositions have appeared in numerous recordings in both the United States and England. Hurd is regularly sought out by congregations and

organizations seeking to commission new anthems and organ works. Hurd's sacred compositions can be found in many hymnals, including the Episcopal Hymnal, 1982. Hurd is one of the world's most visible and successful classical organists who is African-American.

Music Notes | The Presentation Hymn

In an effort to create a new experience in communal worship, we will also be exploring the wealth of lesser-known hymnody. Each month, 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!**

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 (online and in person)
- 5:00 p.m.: Christmas Eucharist with Children's Homily (in person only)
- 10:00 p.m.: Festival Eucharist (online and in person)

Christmas Day | Monday, December 25th, 2023

- 11:00 a.m.: Holy Eucharist for Christmas Day (online and in person)

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

Online and in person

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.

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.

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 annual Messiah Sing-Along. You can join the choir for the afternoon, singing six choruses before concluding with the famous "Hallelujah" chorus. The sing-along will be conducted by Canon Zachary Ullery and accompanied by Cathedral Organist, Andrew Dewar. The soloists will be Rachel Redmond, Grace Durham, Simon Edwards, and Philip Glenister. For more information and tickets, please visit <https://parischoralsociety.org/>.

Youth Group During Advent

All youth sixième to terminale are invited to join for Youth Group activities during Advent.

Sunday, December 10th | The next Youth Group gathering will be in the Garden Classrooms from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Saturday, December 16th | Get in the Spirit! Youth Group will be sharing in hot chocolate and Christmas cookies before the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols service. Beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Fleetwood Room.

Please contact our Canon Missioner, Hailey Jacobsen on canon@americancathedral.org for more information.

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
Online and in person

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 in Paris. Drs. Jones and Garrett regularly engage in conversation on racism, religion, and white Christian nationalism, but **the 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.

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!

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Support Our Work at the Cathedral | Pledge for 2023

The Cathedral enriches our lives and the community around us in many ways, but the Cathedral and everything in it depends on the efforts of members like you, including financial support in the form of pledges. **To fill out a pledge card, scan this QR code, find the pledge card in your pew, or visit amcathparis.com/pledge.**



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.



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

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Your Cathedral Staff wants to be resourceful to your pastoral needs, questions, and concerns. Please contact a member of the staff directly. For general matters, please email Timothy Thompson, Parish Coordinator on parish.coordinator@americancathedral.org

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Three Things to Know

Come join the Beloved Community in the Parish Hall today at 1:00 p.m. for a special Advent prayer and discussion. Today we will be meditating on "Proclaiming the Dream of a Beloved Community" and reflecting on how we can each reflect the warm light of Christ to our greater community during the Advent season.

We will be hosting sessions centered on a different Beloved Community theme every Sunday in Advent, both in-person and on Zoom. If you have any questions or want to learn more about Becoming Beloved Community, please get in touch with Barbara at barbara.d.diggs@gmail.com or Sylvie at turquoise.azur@gmail.com.

Please join us **this evening at 6:00 p.m.** for a beautiful service of **Lessons & Carols** to help us prepare as we enter into the period of Advent. This service is available both in person and online.

We are really excited about our event that we are co-hosting with the American Church in Paris on **December 13th at 7:00 p.m.** – **Race, Justice, and American Democracy: An Evening with Robert P. Jones and Greg Garrett.** This event is available both in person and online. Please share widely!

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