



The
American
Cathedral
in Paris

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10th, 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: *Fugue in B minor on a theme of Corelli* (BWV 579) J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT: *Drop down ye heavens from above* Judith Weir
(b.1954)

Sung by the Choir

Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people; my salvation shall not tarry. I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions. Fear not, for I will save thee; for I am the Lord thy God, the holy one of Israel, thy redeemer. Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. [Text: The Advent Prose, adapted from the Prophet Isaiah by Prudentius (348-413)]

HYMN IN PROCESSION: 73, "The King shall come when morning dawns" ST. STEPHEN

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Our God and Savior now draws near.

All Come let us adore him.

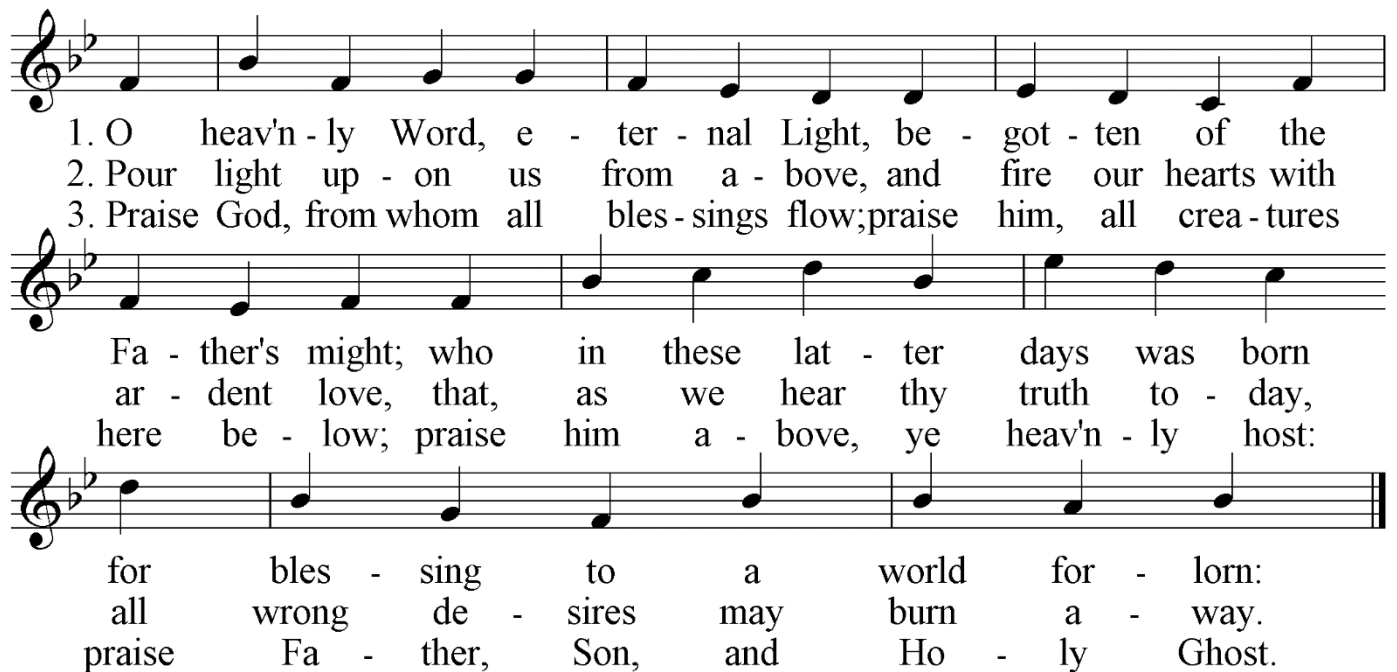
COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 40:1-11

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 for ever.
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.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13 *Sung by the choir*

Charles Harford Lloyd
(1849-1919)

Benedixisti, Domine

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
 you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
 and blotted out all their sins.
I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All are invited to stand and sing, as able.

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

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON: Caution: Road Work Ahead

The Rt. Rev. Mark D. W. Edington

Silence for reflection.

All are invited to stand, as able.

**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

In joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and all of us a new creation. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May our gracious God be always for us a shepherd to console and comfort us, to nourish all our deep hungers, and to make us live in peace forever. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May we come to find in the desert of our lives the gift of forgiveness and the waters of a new Jordan that bring cleansing refreshment. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May the God of John the Baptist and our God continue to raise up holy prophets in our midst who will tell the good news of saving rescue for all people. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence

All are invited to add their own petitions.

May the God who is our future in the gift of Jesus Christ hold us always in the embrace of faithful love and bring us to new heavens and a new earth. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Recall us to our baptism, O Lord, and hear our cries for ourselves and for the whole world, for we pray in the name of the one who came, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *This is the record of John*

Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord. (Text, John 1: 19-23)

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by all*

David Hurd
(b.1950)

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)

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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Celebrant

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: *O radiant dawn*

James MacMillan
(b. 1959)

O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.' Amen. [Text, one of the seven traditional "O Antiphons"]

COMMUNION HYMN: 75, "There's a voice in the wilderness crying"

ASCENSION

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.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION: 72, “Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes” RICHMOND

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Fantasia in G minor* (BWV 542i) J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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 Rt. Rev. Mark D. W. Edington; *Deacon:* The Very Rev. James R. Harlan; *Canon Precentor and Director of Music:* Zach Ullery; *Organist:* George Nicholls; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Ushers:* Jacques Bossonney, Xavier Chanay, Cassandre Chanay; *Eucharist Ministers:* Barbara Diggs, Francie Plough Seder, David Galas Madsen; *Livestream Production:* Arthur Girard.

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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, Betsy, John, Kathleen, David, Hervé, Elizabeth, Melissa, Jeremy, Françoise and Eleanor.

We pray for those who have died, especially Bonifacio Mana-ay.

We pray 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.

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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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.

Music Notes | A Multitude of Voices

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 Introit this morning (Drop down ye heavens from above) was composed by Scottish composer Judith Weir (b. 1954). Weir is perhaps best known for her choral, orchestral, and chamber music, as well as works for theatre and opera. Weir studied composition with John Tavener, Robin Holloway and Gunther Schuller. On leaving Cambridge University in 1976 she has since taught in England, Scotland and the United States. In 2014, Judith Weir was appointed Master of the Queen's Music. Since Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died in September 2022, Weir is now Master of The King's Music. Weir is the first woman to hold this office. From 2015 to 2019 she was Associate Composer to the BBC Singers.

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.

Youth Group During Advent

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

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 Youth Ministry leaders on youth@americancathedral.org for more information.

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 Bough 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.

Beloved Community during Advent

Sunday, December 10th, at 1:00 p.m. | Come join the Beloved Community today in the Garden Classroom or on Zoom for a special Advent prayer and discussion. Last week's discussion about how to bring the light of Christ to others during Advent was immensely fruitful! Today, we will be meditating on "Practicing the Way of Love in the Pattern of Jesus" and reflecting on how we, as individuals and collectively, can act as peacemakers during the Advent season and beyond.

We will be hosting sessions every Sunday in Advent centered on a different Beloved Community theme, both in-person and on Zoom.

Topic: Beloved Community

Time: Dec 10, 2023 01:00 PM Paris

Meeting ID: 854 9958 4689

Passcode: 346698

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the Beloved Community, please get in touch with Barbara at barbara.d.diggs@gmail.com or Sylvie at turquoise.azur@gmail.com.

Le dimanche 10 décembre à 13h00 | Venez rejoindre « Beloved Community » (la Communauté Bien-Aimée) aujourd'hui dans les « Garden Classrooms » ou en Zoom pour une prière et une discussion spéciales sur l'Avent. La discussion de la semaine dernière sur la façon d'apporter la lumière du Christ aux autres pendant l'Avent a été immensément fructueuse ! Aujourd'hui, nous méditerons sur le thème « Pratiquer la voie de l'amour selon le modèle de Jésus » et réfléchirons à la manière dont nous pouvons, individuellement et collectivement, agir en tant qu'artisans de paix pendant la période de l'Avent et au-delà.

Nous organisons chaque dimanche de l'Avent une session en présentiel et en Zoom consacré à un thème différent de la Communauté Bien-Aimée.

Si vous avez des questions ou si vous voulez en savoir plus sur la Beloved Community veuillez contacter Sylvie à turquoise.azur@gmail.com ou Barbara à barbara.d.diggs@gmail.com.

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

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 Siobhan Dalton at siobhan@hotmail.com by midday on Tuesday, December 12th.

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

Looking forward to seeing you!

Junior Guild Annual Christmas Flowers Sale

The Junior Guild is pleased to announce that its Annual Christmas Flowers sale will take place on Sunday, December 10th and Sunday, December 17th just after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service. Among the seasonal plants will be colorful Poinsettias and lavender.

Please stop by our table in the Cathedral entry, as all the proceeds will be donated to the Junior Guild's charities. For additional information, please contact Emily York on berline.york@gmail.com.

Support Us

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

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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

Staff Directory

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

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!

Handel’s “Messiah” Sing-Along | Today at 3:00 p.m. | Get ready for Christmas with the Paris Choral Society’s 29th annual Messiah Sing-Along this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. 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/> .

Please join us next **Saturday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m.** (in person only) and **Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m.** (online and in person) for our **Christmas Lessons & Carols services.** Beautiful services with readings both in French and English to help us prepare as we move towards Christmas.

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