



The  
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in Paris

We strongly encourage  
**the wearing of masks**  
during the entire service.

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Fantasia in G minor*, BWV 542i

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *All standing, as able.*

HYMN: "O come, o come, Emmanuel"

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

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 all 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.*

## WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Our God and Savior now draws near:

*All* **O come, Emmanuel.**

### 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.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are invited to be seated.*

## A PLACE FOR THEM: POSADAS PAGEANT

HYMN: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

VERSES 1-2

*Sung by the Children's Choir*

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

For now a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee,  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

*Reader 1* In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. Her name was Mary.

*Gabriel* Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.

*Reader 1* But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

*Gabriel* 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. His reign will have no end.

*Mary* How can this be?

*Gabriel* 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. For God nothing is impossible.

*Mary* Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

BALLAD: *Cherry Tree Carol*

VERSES 2-4

*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*

Joseph and Mary walked  
through an orchard good,  
Where was cherries and berries,  
so red as any blood.

O then bespoke Mary,  
so meek and oh, so mild:  
'Pluck me one cherry, Joseph,  
for I am with child.'

O then bespoke Joseph,  
with words most unkind:  
'Let him pluck thee a cherry  
that brought thee with child.'

*Joseph* I am a righteous man so I will not embarrass Mary, but she is pregnant by another, and I will not marry her.

*Reader 1* But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

*Angel 1* Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

*Reader 1* All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he said,

*Joseph* I will do as the angel of the Lord has commanded, and I will take Mary as my wife.

HYMN: "O Little town of Bethlehem"

VERSE 1 *sung by the Children's Choir*

VERSE 4 *sung by All*

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

**Where children pure and happy  
pray to the blessed Child,  
where misery cries out to thee,  
Son of the mother mild;  
where charity stands watching  
and faith holds wide the door,  
the dark night wakes, the glory breaks,  
and Christmas comes once more.**

*Reader 1* In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and all went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. Joseph and Mary went in search of safe lodging.

*The children sing*

In the name of heaven,  
Can you give us lodging?  
My dear wife's exhausted  
After hours of walking.

*The Cathedral Choir sings*

This is not an inn.  
I don't take in strangers.  
You might be a robber.  
I can't risk that danger.

*The children sing*

Do not be so heartless!  
Help us, we implore you.  
God, who sees from heaven,  
Surely will reward you.

*The Congregation sings*



I \_\_\_ can - not \_\_\_ as - sist \_\_\_ you. Find \_\_\_ some - one \_\_\_ who  
can \_\_\_\_. Leave \_\_\_ now, or I warn \_\_\_ you,  
you \_\_\_ will wish \_\_\_ you had \_\_\_\_\_.

*The children sing*

We have come from Nazareth,  
Walking all the way.  
I am a poor woodworker.  
Joseph is my name.

*The Congregation sings*



Know - ing what \_\_\_ your name \_\_\_ is does \_\_\_ not change \_\_\_ my  
an - - swer. Go \_\_\_, and let me sleep \_\_\_\_\_.  
Stop \_\_\_ this use - less ban - - - - - ter \_\_\_\_\_.

*The children sing*

Please sir, all we ask  
Is one night of lodging

For the queen of heaven.  
Can you offer nothing?

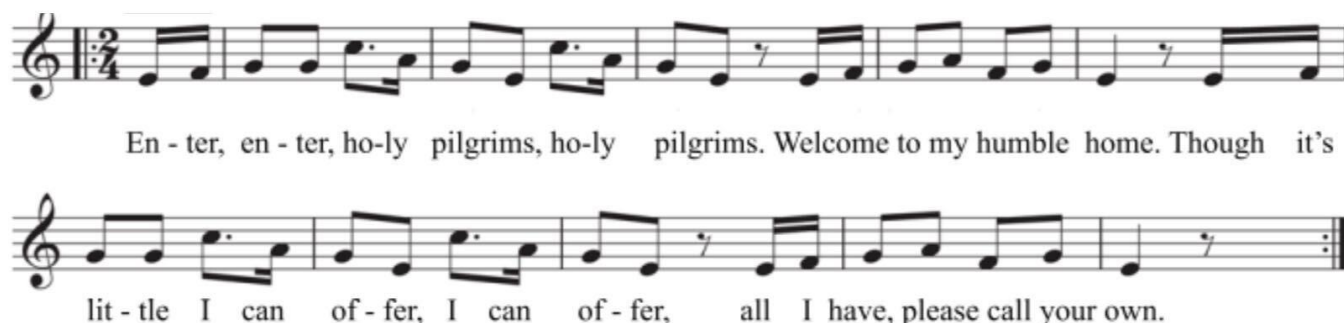
*The Cathedral Choir and Innkeepers sing*

Is that you, Saint Joseph?  
And the Virgin, too?  
I would have opened sooner  
If I'd recognized you.

*The children and The Cathedral Choir sing*

Enter, enter, holy pilgrims, holy pilgrims.  
Welcome to my humble home.  
Though it's little I can offer, I can offer,  
All I have, please call your own.

*All sing*



En - ter, en - ter, ho - ly pil - grims, ho - ly pil - grims. Wel - come to my hum - ble home. Though it's  
lit - tle I can of - fer, I can of - fer, all I have, please call your own.

*Reader 2* In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

*Angel 2* Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

*Reader 2* And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*All are invited to remain seated and sing,*

HYMN: “Les anges dans nos campagnes” / “Angels we have heard on high”

**Angels we have heard on high,  
Singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their great delight.**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

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**Bergers, pour qui cette fête ?  
Quel est l'objet de tous ces chants ?  
Quel vainqueur, quelle conquête  
Mérite ces cris triomphants :**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

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*Reader 2* When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what they had been told about this child; and all who heard it were amazed. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Shepherd 1* We remember the journey that your mother took as she and Joseph searched for lodging, a warm, safe place where she could give birth to you.

*Shepherd 2* We know that in our world there are men, women, and children who are making exhausting or dangerous journeys;

*Shepherd 3* men, women, and children who are searching for lodging.

*Children* We pray that doors will be opened to them. We pray that we will open our hearts to them. In Christ's name. Amen.



*All stand and sing the refrain twice as indicated, as able*



Ma - ry, Joseph, and our Sa-vior, and our Sa-vior, what a joy to have you here! We are



hon-ored to re - ceive you, to re - ceive you. May you stay through all the year!

PEACE

*Mary and Joseph* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the Name of the Risen Lord.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Please continue to support the Cathedral in this time of need.***

*If you wish to give by **card**, please scan this QR code or visit [amcathparis.com/donate](http://amcathparis.com/donate). If you wish to give in **cash or check** today, please place your offering in the envelope in your pew and leave the envelope in an offering plate on your way out.*



ANTHEM: *Magnificat in G*

Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852-1924)

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

**HOLY COMMUNION**OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *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)]

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry  
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin;  
 3. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee,  
 an - noun - ces that the Lord is nigh;  
 make straight the way of God with - in,  
 whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free;  
 a - wake and heark - en, for he brings  
 and let each heart pre - pare a home  
 whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore  
 glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 where such a might - y guest can come.  
 and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

*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, Almighty God, 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.*

Franz Schubert  
(1797-1828)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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

*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.

AGNUS DEI

Franz Schubert

(1797-1828)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

COMMUNION

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

***All** are welcome to share in the Eucharist, the feast of the Lord's Supper. Communion will be administered today in front of the altar rail. **Please follow the directions of the ushers.***



*You are invited to stand 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.*

*This is a big city and we are concerned about theft; please take your coat, purse, and other belongings with you as you leave the pew.*

#### PRAYER FOR PRIVATE DEVOTION DURING COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself in the bread and wine of communion that becomes your Body and Blood. Grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls, and that we may have confidence in your promise to be with us always. Amen.

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”]

*All are invited to sing the following during the Communion, remaining seated.*

HYMN: 324, “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

PICARDY

*All are invited to stand, as able.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all.*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN: 74, “Blest be the King whose coming”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Fugue in G minor*, BWV 542ii

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

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**SERVING TODAY:** *Preacher:* The Rev. Canon Kelly Brown Douglas; *Celebrants:* The Rev. Timothy B. Safford, The Rev. Canon Nathaniel Katz; *Canon for Music:* Zachary Ullery; *Organist:* George Nicholls; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Altar Guild:* Patricia Gastaud, Dennis Grove; *Ministers of Communion:* Ann Dushane, Thomas Girty, Charlie Trueheart; *Ushers:* Alex Brassert, Rhoderic Bannatyne, Xavier Chanay; *Vestry:* Bill Tompson, Hope Newhouse; *Production:* Arthur Girard.

**POSADAS PAGEANT:** Alice de G., Alice G., Anne, Bertie, Constantin, Ella, Emilie, Fabien, Florence, Josephine, Julia, Kenyon, Lucie, Owen, Pénélope, Robert, Simon, Théodore B., Théodore G., Victoria, Vigo, Vincent, Woojin, Yuna, Zoé. *A very special thank you to our pageant volunteers, whose generosity of time and spirit has brought much joy to the children and to the congregation:* Andrew Aitken, Marie-Lourdie Chardavoine, Helen Charles, Florent de Gantès, Anne Giviskos Gaisne, Monica Park, Anne-Marie Pellerin, Allison Rovny, Alicia Saba, Taehee Kim Verney, Jessica Wolpman, and Laurel Yoder.

**Guest Preacher: The Rev. Canon Kelly Brown Douglas** is the Canon Theologian at the Cathedral. In 2017, she was named Dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and in 2019, she was appointed to the Bill and Judith Moyers Chair in Theology at Union. Kelly is considered a leader in the field of womanist theology, racial reconciliation, social justice and sexuality and the Black church. Welcome, Kelly!

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## Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Karen, June, Loïc, Henri, JL, Kinesley, Louise, Barbara, Carol, Eleanor, Laurel, Sue, Melissa, Peiro, Barbara, Bob, Donald, Jeremy, Françoise, Eleanor; and for those who have died, especially Christine Waddington, Gail Worth, Brian, Martha Virginia Champagne, Shen De Ming; and for all those affected by COVID-19.

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of two longtime parishioners, **Gail Worth** and **Martha Virginia Champagne**. **Ms. Worth** was one of the first two women on the vestry, in 1974, and subsequently served as Treasurer of the Junior Guild, President of the Junior Guild, on the Vestry, and as the Junior Warden. She left Paris in 2003. **Ms. Champagne** was, with her late husband Oliver, an active member of the Cathedral from 1968 to 2009, serving in the Rummage Department and in various other ministries. *May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**Prayer requests** may be sent to us at: [communications@americancathedral.org](mailto:communications@americancathedral.org) We will offer them to God at our daily service of Noonday Prayer.

## Coming Up

### **Today at 12:30 p.m. The Junior Guild: Annual Poinsettia Sale**

The Junior Guild will be having their Annual Poinsettia Sale today after the 11:00 a.m. service. Poinsettias can either be bought directly or pre-ordered for pickup at the Cathedral on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Come look for us in the garden or cloisters. Thank you for supporting our charities!

### **January 2023 2023 Annual Appeal**

Very shortly we will be reaching out to you with information regarding our 2023 Annual Appeal which will be launched in January at the beginning of the New Year. This month, **we invite you to fulfill your pledge for 2022** at [amcathparis.com/pledge](http://amcathparis.com/pledge). For your **pledge balance**, please contact Chris Barnes and Anne Pouret, the Annual Appeal Co-Chairs, at [pledge@americancathedral.org](mailto:pledge@americancathedral.org).

### **Mondays from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Les Tricoteuses (The Knitting Group)**

This bilingual knitting group meets every week in the Fleetwood Room. All are welcome. For more information, contact Sue Greig at [susanmgreig@gmail.com](mailto:susanmgreig@gmail.com).

### **Tour the Cathedral**

For a free tour of the Cathedral with our docent, please meet in the Martyrs' chapel (left of the altar) shortly after the service.

## Christmas at the Cathedral

### Christmas Flowers and Music

Help make this Christmas glorious by donating towards our Christmas flowers and music. You may use the **dedicated envelope in your pew** to give in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one. These dedications, submitted by **Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, will be included in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

**The Paris Choral Society: Handel's *Messiah* Sing-Along**

Tickets available at [parischoralsociety.org](http://parischoralsociety.org).

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Lessons and Carols**

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**

**Family Festival Eucharist for Christmas Eve**

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 p.m.**

**Carol Sing and Festival Eucharist for Christmas Eve**

The Carol Sing starts at 10:00 p.m.; the service starts at 10:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist for Christmas Day**

*More information at [amcathparis.com](http://amcathparis.com).*

## Our Search for a New Dean

Please pray for the **Discernment Team**, who are now hard at work reviewing the **pool of applicants**. Questions? Contact our Transition Consultant the Rev. Canon Linda Grenz at [transitions@tec-europe.org](mailto:transitions@tec-europe.org).

## Support Us

### Thank you for your support!

As the year draws to its close and we prepare for the bustling Christmas season, we would like to **thank you for supporting the Cathedral throughout this year.** Thanks to your faithful commitment and generosity, our ministries continue to thrive and develop during these challenging times. As we think about charities to help with your Christmastide donations, the Cathedral's ministry merits more than a thought. **Visit [www.amcathparis.com/donate](http://www.amcathparis.com/donate) or scan this QR code to donate.**



### LAGV Sponsorship

Throughout the year, your financial support of our music program via Les Arts George V (LAGV) is extremely important. We ask you to prayerfully consider renewing or increasing your sponsor contribution or becoming a sponsor for the first time, so that we can continue to provide wonderful musical offerings at The Cathedral and around the world. **Visit [lagv.org/en/support-lagv](http://lagv.org/en/support-lagv) or scan this QR code.**



## Staff Directory

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## Three Things to Know

Join us in the **parish hall after the service** for a **special Posadas Coffee Hour**, featuring tasty Latin American treats, including spiced coffee and hot chocolate. Then, stop by the cloister and garden on your way out to **purchase or pre-order a poinsettia** from the Junior Guild!

Come back to the Cathedral this afternoon, to join the Paris Choral Society's **Handel Messiah Sing-Along at 3:00 p.m.** (*Tickets at [parischoralsociety.org](http://parischoralsociety.org).*)

Next week, join us in person or online for **Christmas Lessons and Carols**: Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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