



The
American
Cathedral
in Paris

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
December 17th, 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: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 140

J.S. Bach
(1685 – 1750)

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION: “Once in royal David’s city”

IRBY

Verse 1 sung by the Combined Choirs

Verses 2 and 3 sung by all



2. He came down to earth_ from_ hea - ven, who is God and Lord_ of_ all,
3. We, like Ma - ry, rest_ con - found - ed that a sta - ble should dis - play



and his shel - ter was_ a_ sta - ble, and his cra - dle was_ a_ stall;
hea - ven's Word, the world's cre - a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas_ Day,



with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly lived on earth our Sa - vior_ ho - ly.
yet this child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one_ an - oth - er.

THE WORD OF GOD

BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, in this holy season, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of Creation unto the glorious Redemption brought us by the holy Child; and let us make this Cathedral glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which Christ died, and especially for the churches and missions of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.

For the sharing of wealth and generosity of spirit so that all your children might lead flourishing lives.

For the health of our families and friends; may we bring comfort to all those who suffer illness or miss friends and families at this time.

For the beauty of the earth and all its creatures pour down your healing spirit.

For all those in war zones bring your perpetual peace.

For the possibility of shelter for everyone that all might know safety and security.

For the gratitude we feel for the community in church, with our friends and family.

For the church to last forever that all might glorify your name.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, God's beloved son, who lives and reigns with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

All are invited to be seated.

READING: John 1:1-9

In the Beginning

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

ANTHEM: *Come, Lord Jesus*

Oliver Tarney
(b.1984)

Sung by the Choirs for Youth and Children

Come, Lord Jesus, our light to be. Come, Lord Jesus, set your people free. Come now with wisdom from above and fill our hearts with peace and love. Come, Lord Jesus, make all things new. Come and bring us light and life in you, a light no darkness can destroy. Bring us your justice, hope, and everlasting joy. [text, Oliver Tarney (b.1984)]

READING: Luke 1:5-20

The Angel Gabriel Visits Zechariah

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments. But they had no children, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God, Zechariah was chosen to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him.

“Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

“How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.”

“I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.”

HYMN: 56, “O come, o come Emmanuel”

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Sung by Pageant participants

READING: Luke 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a maiden engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. Her name was Mary. “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

“How can this be?”

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her. For nothing will be impossible with God.”

“Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

HYMN: 265, “The angel Gabriel from heaven came”

GABRIEL’S MESSAGE

Verse 1 sung by Pageant participants

Verse 2 sung by all

2. "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be, _____

all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee, _____

thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, _____

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glor - ri - a! _____

READING: Matthew 1:18-24

An Angel Visits Joseph

When Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream.

“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.”

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 did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife.

ANTHEM: *The Cherry Tree Carol*

arr. Stephen Cleobury
(1948-2019)

Sung by the Adult Choir

Joseph was an old man, and an old man was he, when he wedded Mary in the land of Galilee. 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 o so mild, 'Pluck me one cherry, Joseph, for I am with child.' [Text: English Traditional]

READING: Luke 1:39-55

Mary Visits Elizabeth

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child John leapt in Elizabeth's womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.”

Sung by the Choirs for Youth and Children

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, for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

READING: Luke 1:57-64, 68, 76-79

The Birth of John the Baptist

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. Elizabeth said, "He is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

HYMN: 76, "On Jordan's bank" (*Verse 1 only*)

WINCHESTER NEW

Sung by Pageant participants

READING: Luke 2:1, 3-7

The Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 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. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN: 101, "Away in a manger" (*Verse 1 only*)

CRADLE SONG

Sung by Pageant participants

READING: Luke 2:8-20

Great News of Great Joy

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. "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 Saviour, 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." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God. "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told to them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 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.

*Verse 1 sung by Pageant participants**Verse 2 sung by all*

Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?

What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

READING: Matthew 2:1-15 *The Visit of the Wise Men and the Escape to Egypt*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem. "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him. Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem. "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

HYMN: 128, “We three kings (*Verse 1 only*)

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

Sung by Pageant participants

READING: John 1:12

God’s Children

And to all who received Jesus, who believed in his name, was given power to become children of God.

HYMN: 99, “Go tell it on the mountain (*Verse 1 only*)

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Sung by Pageant participants

CHILDREN AND YOUTH HOMILY

The Very Rev. James R. Harlan

If any children or young people would like to come to the front to listen to the sermon, and later for the preparation of Holy Communion, accompanied or unaccompanied by an adult, please come forward. You are welcome.

Please note that those who come to the front will be livestreamed and feature in the service recording. If you would prefer to not feature on these, please remain in your pew.

Si des enfants ou des jeunes souhaitent venir à l’avant pour écouter l’homélie et plus tard pour la préparation de l’Eucharistie, accompagnés ou non d’un adulte, veuillez vous avancer. Vous êtes les bienvenus.

Veillez notez que cet office est diffusé en direct et enregistré. Si vous préférez ne pas vous apparaître sur ces derniers, merci de rester dans votre banc.

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 to realize God's call for The American Cathedral in Paris. 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 l'appel 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.*

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *The Word was God*

Rosephanye Powell
(b.1962)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. [Text: John 1:1-3]

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.

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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: *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Daniel E. Gawthrop
(b.1949)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne. [Text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

COMMUNION HYMN: 324, "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

PICARDY

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: 74, "Blest be the King whose coming"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Postlude in D Major*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

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 and Preacher:* The Very Rev. James R. Harlan; *Canon Precentor and Director of Music:* Zach Ullery; *Organist:* Andrew Dewar; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir, The Choirs for Youth and Children; *Ushers:* Helen Charles, Jill Andrei, Elizabeth Venant; *Eucharist Ministers:* Thomas Girty, Laurence Moachon, Julie Aubry; *Livestream Production:* Arthur Girard, Théo Verprat.

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Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, Presiding Bishop Curry, Dennis, Betsy, John, Kathleen, David, Hervé, Elizabeth, Melissa, Jeremy, Françoise and Eleanor. We pray for those who have died, especially Bonifacio Mana-ay and Frances Bommart.

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.

Funerals and Memorial Services

Frances Bommart | Wednesday, December 27th | 5:30 p.m.

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.

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 Offertory Anthem this morning (*The Word was God*) was composed by **Rosephanye Powell** (b.1962). Powell has been hailed as one of America's premier women composers of solo vocal and choral music. She has an impressive catalogue of works published by some of the nation's leading publishers, including the Hal Leonard Corporation, the Fred Bock Music Companies, Gentry Publications, Oxford University Press, Alliance Music Publications, and Shawnee Press.

Dr. Powell's works have been conducted and premiered by nationally and internationally renowned conductors and have been premiered at distinguished halls around the country, including Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Center, and Spivey Hall, to name a few. Dr. Powell's works have been commissioned by professional choral ensembles, including Cantus and the Grammy award-winning men's vocal ensemble Chanticleer. An accomplished singer and voice professor, Dr. Powell's research focuses on the art of the African-American spiritual and voice care concerns for voice professionals (specifically, music educators, choral directors, and choral 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.

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.

Beloved Community during Advent

Sunday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m. | Come join the Beloved Community in the Garden Classroom or on Zoom for a special Advent prayer and discussion. Today, we will be meditating on "Repairing the Breach in Society and Institutions" and reflecting on how we, as individuals and collectively, can work to identify and heal the brokenness in policies and practices of social institutions within our communities.

This is the last in-person Beloved Community session during Advent. The final session in this series will take place **exclusively online**. But there will be more activities in 2024! If you have any questions or want to be placed on our email list, please contact Barbara or Sylvie at becomingbelovedcommunity@gmail.com. Thank you!

Le dimanche 17 novembre à 13h00 | Venez rejoindre Beloved Community (la Communauté bien-aimée) dans la salle de classe du jardin ou sur Zoom pour une prière et une discussion spéciales sur l'Avent. Aujourd'hui, nous méditerons sur le thème "Réparer la brèche dans la société et les institutions" et réfléchirons à la manière dont nous pouvons, en tant qu'individus et collectivement, travailler pour identifier et guérir la brèche dans les politiques et les pratiques des institutions sociales au sein de nos communautés.

Il s'agit de la dernière session en personne de la Communauté bien-aimée pendant l'Avent. La dernière session de cette série se déroulera exclusivement en ligne. Mais il y aura plus d'activités en 2024! Si vous avez des questions ou si vous souhaitez figurer sur notre liste de diffusion, veuillez contacter Sylvie ou Barbara à l'adresse becomingbelovedcommunity@gmail.com. Nous vous remercions de votre attention.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85499584689?pwd=RiTeSd6XOYacgkeMdjatlW4kWhKg1a.1>

Meeting ID: 854 9958 4689

Passcode: 346698

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 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.

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

Dean Harlan's 2023 Christmas letter | Christmas and End of Year Giving

As our calendar year closes, I ask you prayerfully to consider remembering the Cathedral in your Year-end giving plans. Fulfilling a pledge, making a gift over and above a pledge, or making a new gift to support our common life will enable that light to shine out from this place in the neighborhood, online, and beyond. This ministry needs and celebrates every single gift, whatever the size.

I like to remind us that if we are being faithful to our call, we always have more work, more service, than we have resources. Our Cathedral is ready to feed more hungry people, make more joyful music, teach the faith in various forums, welcome even more people into our community.

Your support of our shared mission is crucial and greatly appreciated.

With gratitude,

Dean James Harlan +

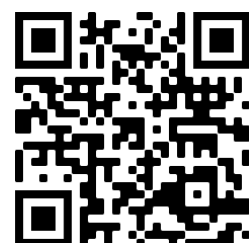
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The Mission and Ministry of the Cathedral is totally supported and funded by you: through your **time**, your **talent**, and your **treasure**. Our **2024 Annual Appeal** will officially begin in January. If you would like to fill out a pledge card now, **please scan the QR code or visit amcathparis.com/pledge**.



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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.



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Three Things to Know

Please join us this evening, **Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m.** (online and in person) for our **Christmas Lessons & Carols service**. A beautiful service with readings both in French and English to help us prepare as we move towards Christmas.

Many thanks to all involved in preparing the Children's pageant today!

Wishing you all a joyful and blessed Christmas season! For more details about our Christmas services please see pages 20 and 21 in your bulletin or visit <https://amcathparis.com/news/christmas>

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