

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: *Symphonic Chorale 'Ach bleib mit deiner Gnade'* Op.87 No.1 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN IN PROCESSION: 278, "Sing we of the Blessed Mother"

RUSTINGTON

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

CelebrantOur God and Savior now draws near.AllCome 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"

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

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### THE MAGNIFICAT

All

Sarah MacDonald (b.1968)

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.

# SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

# All Thanks be to God.

All are invited to stand and sing, as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN: 265, "The angel Gabriel from heaven came" GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

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

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

# GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.AllGlory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.AllPraise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Hailey Jacobsen

Silence for reflection.

All are invited to stand, as able.

THE NICENE CREED Said by all, standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rejoicing with Mary that the word comes among us, let us offer to God our prayers, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

May we find in Mary, the servant of the Lord, the model of our heart's willing surrender to God's call. For this let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, hear our prayer.

May we discover in true spiritual virginity the richness of what God alone can do to make Christ come alive in Mary, in us, and in all the world. For this let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, hear our prayer.

May the God of mystery who dwells in unapproachable light draw us more and more deeply into the path of divine wisdom beyond all human expectation. For this let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, hear our prayer.

May our assembly of disciples be a womb and a place for the shaping of Christ by God's power, so that we may give birth to Christ from the womb of our community for the world. For this let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, hear our prayer.

May our deepest hearts find strength in the gift of blessed hope that what God has begun to do in our world and in all our persons by Christ's saving work will be brought to its fullness by our Savior. For this let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, hear our prayer.

May we remember before God all who are in any need and who cry for the presence of God. For this let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence

All are invited to add their own petitions.

# Celebrant

Call us to yourself, O God, as you called Mary, that we may be formed into a dwelling of holiness, giving life to all the peoples of the world through Mary's son, 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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.AllAnd 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 bonor of Dean Harlan's new ministry.

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

Les dons monétaires pour la quête du dimanche soutiennent le rêve de Dieu pour la cathédrale américaine de Paris. Veuillez utiliser l'enveloppe d'offrande pour les dons en espèces ou par chèque. Pour faire des dons via la quête « virtuelle ou électronique », merci de **scanner le QR code** ou de vous rendre sur <u>amcathparis.com/donate.</u>

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Ave Maria

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



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.

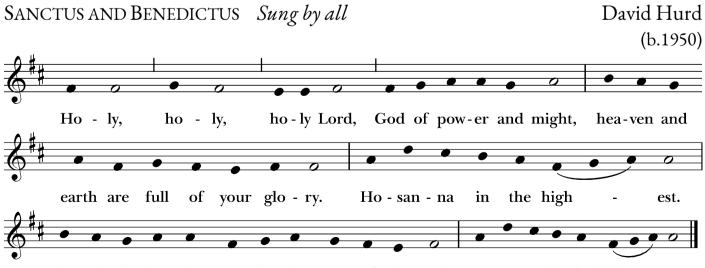
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:



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.

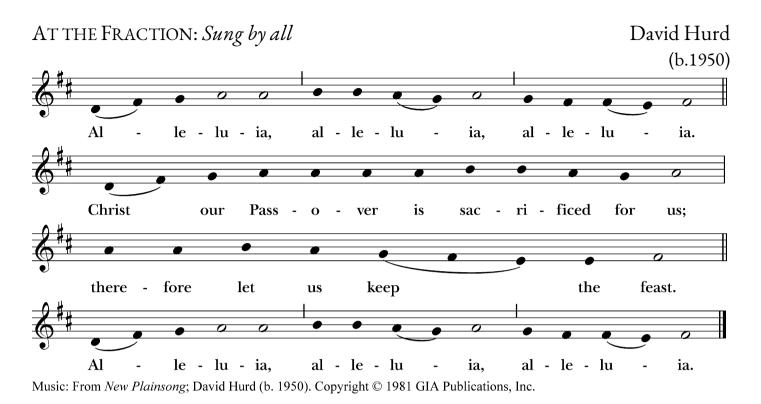
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put 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,	Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
hallowed be thy Name,	que ton Nom soit sanctifié,
thy kingdom come,	que ton règne vienne,
thy will be done,	que ta volonté soit faite
on earth as it is in heaven.	sur la terre comme au ciel.
Give us this day our daily bread.	Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
And forgive us our trespasses,	Pardonne-nous nos offenses
as we forgive those	comme nous pardonnons aussi
who trespass against us.	à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
And lead us not into temptation,	Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
but deliver us from evil.	mais délivre-nous du mal.
For thine is the kingdom,	Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,
and the power, and the glory,	la puissance et la gloire,
for ever and ever. Amen.	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.

## COMMUNION

L'hospitalité eucharistique est offerte à toute personne, quelle que soit sa confession ecclésiale. 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: Mariä Wiegenlied	Max Reger
	(1873-1916)

Mary sits in the rosegrove and rocks her child Jesus, softly through the leaves blows a warm summer wind. At her feet sings a colorful little bird: Sleep, child, my sweet, just go to sleep! Lovely is your smile, lovely is your joy in slumber, lay your tired little head against your mother's breast! Sleep, child, my sweet, just go to sleep! [text, Martin Boelitz (1874 - 1918)]

COMMUNION HYMN: 81, "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming" ES IST EIN ROS

#### 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: "Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above"

SALVE REGINA COELITUM

1.Hail, ho - ly Queen en-throned a - bove, 0 Ma Hail. ri a. \_ \_ 2.The\_\_\_\_ cause of joy 0 Ma to all be-low, \_ ri The a. 3.O\_\_\_\_\_ gen-tle, lov - ing, ho - ly one, 0 Ma ri The \_ a.  $\mathbf{of}$ mer-cy and of love, 0 Ma - ri - a. Tri-umph all ye\_ Queen Ma - ri - a. spring through which all grac - es flow, An - gels, all your 0 light be-came your Son, God of 0 Ma - ri - a. Tri-umph, all ye\_ Cher - u - bim, Sing with us, Ser - a - phim, Heav'n and earth re ye\_\_\_ cre - a - tion prais-es bring, Earth and heav - en,\_\_ All with us sing, Heav'n and earth re -Cher - u - bim. Sing with us, Ser - a - phim, ye\_\_\_ sound the hymn: Sal -Sal ve Sal ve, Re - gi ve, na. ech - o - ing: Sal -Sal -Sal ve, Re - gi ve, ve, na. ve, Re - gi sound the hymn: Sal Sal -ve, ve, Sal na.

DISMISSAL

CelebrantLet us go forth in the name of Christ.AllThanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Fugue on the Magnificat

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 Very Rev. James R. Harlan; Preacher: The Rev. Canon Hailey Jacobsen; Canon Precentor and Director of Music: Zach Ullery; Organist: Andrew Deward; Choir: The Cathedral Choir; Eucharist Ministers: Kim Powell, Michel Ranson; Flower Guild: Members of the Flower Guild; Lectors: Kim Powell; Livestream Production: Arthur Girard. Ushers: Harriet Rivière, Sophie Lefebvre, Zoya Mamaeva.

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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, John, Kathleen, Presiding Bishop Curry, Anne, Sharon, David, Hervé, Elizabeth, Melissa, Jeremy, Françoise and Eleanor.

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

We prayer for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

**Prayer requests** may be sent to us at: <u>communications@americancathedral.org</u>. We will offer them to God at our daily service of Noonday Prayer.

# Funerals and Memorial Services

Frances Bommart | Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> | 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.

**Contact information** for the clergy, staff and vestry can be found at <u>amcathparis.com/leadership</u>.

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**Bulletin deadline:** Please note that the deadline for announcements to feature in the bulletin and e-letter is Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Any notices or prayer requests received after this will be included the following week. Please contact Rosie Ward on <u>communications@americancathedral.org</u> 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.

This morning's Magnificat chant was composed by **Sarah MacDonald.** Sarah was born in Canada and now lives in the United Kingdom where she is Director of Music at Selwyn College, Cambridge (the first woman to hold such a position in an Oxbridge chapel) and head of the girl choristers at Ely Cathedral.

## 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!

# 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 +

# Pledge for 2024

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** <u>amcathparis.com/pledge</u>.



# Support Music at the Cathedral via Les Arts George V

Les Arts George V (LAGV) supports the music at the Cathedral in many ways: among them **hosting Les Dimanches Musicaux** (LDM) **and encouraging sponsorships and donations**. Half the proceeds of LDM go to the Cathedral music program. For sponsorships and donations, remember that in France, while LAGV receives 100% of your gift, you will receive 66% as a deduction on your income tax.



#### Safeguarding

As part of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, the American Cathedral in Paris is committed to assuring that all people are treated with respect and that no one is abused, harassed, or taken advantage of in any way. We are especially committed to assuring the safety of children and those adults who may be particularly vulnerable.

We adhere to the Convocation's Safeguarding Policy, and a member of our congregation is appointed as the Safeguarding Officer. If you have any concerns at all, please know that they are available to speak with you.

Our Safeguarding Officers are Angelina Stelmach and William Tompson. Please contact them with any questions or concerns at <u>safeguarding@americancathedral.org</u>

We look forward to welcoming you over the festive period.

# Christmas Eve | Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

# Choral Evensong for Epiphany | Sunday, January 7th, 2024

• 6:00 p.m.: Choral Evensong for the Epiphany (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 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Cathedral remains open for AA meetings.

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