



The
American
Cathedral
in Paris

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

May 18th, 2023

11:00 a.m.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *L' Ascension: Prière du Christ montant vers son Père*

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

WELCOME

INTROIT: *Viri Galilaei*

William Byrd
(1539-1623)

Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking into heaven? Alleluia. He shall so come as you have seen him going into heaven. Alleluia. All ye Nations clap hands: make jubilation to God in the voice of exultation. 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.
[Text: Acts 1:11 and Psalm 47:1]

All are invited to stand, as able.

HYMN: 214, "Hail the day that sees him rise"

LLANFAIR

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All are invited to remain standing, as able.

SONG OF PRAISE *Sung by all*

setting by William Mathias
(1934-1992)

Organ *All*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. *Organ* *All* 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit; *Organ* *All* in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Omnes gentes, plaudite

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and

authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: 460, "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

HYFRYDOL

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Nathaniel Katz

Silence for reflection.

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, FORM VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Mark, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

All may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

All may add their own thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

All may add their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the Name of Christ.

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.



HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: *Ascendit Deus*

Peter Philips
(c. 1560-1628)

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. He gave gifts to men. Alleluia. The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven. Alleluia. [Text: Psalm 47:5 and Psalm 103:19]

Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be

blessed: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Till

ev' - ry - where be - neath the sun, God's reign be - gins; God's will is

done: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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 A Community Mass, Richard Prolux*
(1937-2010)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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;

The Celebrant continues

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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, 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,**

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton Nom soit sanctifié,**

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.

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

from *New Plainsong*, 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 ecclésiale.

*All are welcome to share in the Eucharist, the feast of the Lord's Supper. Communion will be administered today at the bottom of the steps. **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: *Ascendens Christus in altum*

Tomás Luis de Victoria
(1548-1611)

Christ rose up, Alleluia. And took captivity prisoner, Alleluia. He gave gifts to the men, Alleluia. God rose in jubilation, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, Alleluia. He gave gifts to the men, Alleluia. [Text: Ephesians 4:8]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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: 481, "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

GOSPAL

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *L' Ascension: Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienna*

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

Please refrain from entering the Chapel of St. Paul the Traveler until the end of the service. The service is being broadcast live, and the chapel is a production space.

SERVING TODAY: *Celebrant and Preacher:* The Rev. Canon Nathaniel Katz; *Organist:* Andrew Dewar; *Interim Choir Director:* George Nicholls; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Lectors:* Harriet Rivière, Dominique Fouilland; *Ushers:* Rhoderic Bannatyne, Christine Brooks, Helen Charles; *Production:* Gael de Fournas.

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Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Bryce, Maija, Tom, Matt, the family of Peter Rowland, David, Jeremy, Françoise, Eleanor; and for those who have died, especially Thomas Trautner, Aude, Bernard, The Rev. Peter Rood, Lisa Parker, Peter Rowland; and for all those affected by COVID-19. We pray also for our ministries and leaders, especially our vestry in our search for a new Dean; our capital campaign leaders.

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

Welcome!

Welcome to The American Cathedral in Paris. We are so glad you're with us. Whether in person or online, for a short time or a lifetime, sure in faith or full of doubt, you belong here. Building on our past and our journey towards inclusion, we strive to create a future of faith, love, and charity. Let's do it together. Give us a call, send an email, or find us at coffee hour—we can't wait to get to know you.

Contact information for the clergy and staff can be found at amcathparis.com/leadership.

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Coming Up

Sunday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m.
Jazz Vespers for the Ascension

Tuesday, May 30th at 6:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong
Sung by the Chapel Choir of Harvard University

Sunday, June 4th at 6:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong

Sunday, June 11th at 12:30 p.m.
Capital Campaign: Let's Celebrate!

Together we will mark how much we have achieved as a community, and give thanks for many steadfast volunteers who have worked to bring us this far. Please be sure to **get your pledge in well before June 11th**. Once you've pledged, you'll feel a true part of the celebrations! Pledge at amcathparis.com/capitalcampaign.

Wednesday, June 21st at 6:00 p.m.
Jazz Vespers for La Fête de la Musique

Wednesday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong for La Fête de la Musique

Le samedi à 17h30
Célébration eucharistique en français

La Mission Episcopale Francophone de la Résurrection (une mission de la Convocation) vous invite à participer en présentiel (ou sur Facebook) à cette célébration en français, dans la tradition épiscopale/anglicane avec orgue et chants. Contact: le révérend Jean Dumond Chavanne pretre-en-charge.mefr@tec-europe.org

Join the Sandwich Ministry

The Sandwich Ministry is looking for volunteers this summer! Volunteers help assemble, package, and distribute bagged lunches outside the Cathedral on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Contact Kim Powell at mission.outreach@americancathedral.org.

Capital Campaign: Make a Joyful Noise!

Join us on June 11th at coffee hour for angel food cake and bubbles (and, of course, coffee) to celebrate our achievements in the Make a Joyful Noise Capital Campaign and to salute our valiant volunteers.



As the campaign draws to a close, **now is the time to make your pledge to the organ restoration**, and enhancements to the acoustics and lighting and the endowment. **Pledge at amcathparis.com/capitalcampaign.**

Our Search for a New Dean

The process of calling our next Dean has moved to a new phase: The search has been turned over to the vestry, which is moving forward on examining candidates presented by the Discernment Team after careful review and vetting. Many thanks to the team for their months of work!

Support Us

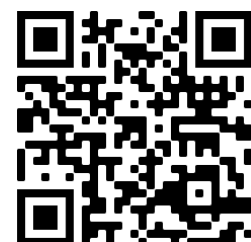
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