

ORDER OF SERVICE

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence 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. Vous êtes priés d'éteindre vos portables.

Let go of distractions and let the silence and the music be gifts as we create sacred space and sacred time together.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Rhapsodie on old French carols

William Faulkes (1863-1933)

WELCOME



THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. To us a child is born.

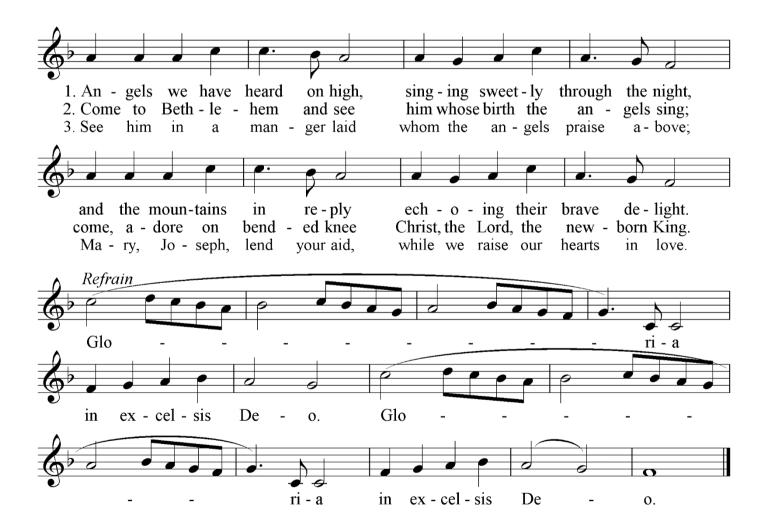
All O come, let us adore Him. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY Said by all

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.

SONG OF PRAISE: "Angels we have heard on high" Sung by all

GLORIA



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 98 Sung by the choir

Chant: Peter Aston (1938-2013)

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, * whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- 2 O Lord, you have made known the victory; * you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- 3 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.
- 4 Should with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.

5 Sing to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

- 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
 Shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord.
- 7 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
 and let the hills ring our with joy before the Lord,
 who is coming to judge the earth.
- 9 In righteousness shall God judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

HYMN: "Of the Father's love begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Mark D. W. Edington

Bishop-in-Charge
The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Silence for reflection.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of the silence after each bidding, all are invited to offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's Word made flesh this day. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the joy and consolation of the true Light might enliven all who are struck down by illness, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the blessed hope we celebrate today might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your Incarnate Word. Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

All are invited to stand, as able.

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. 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.

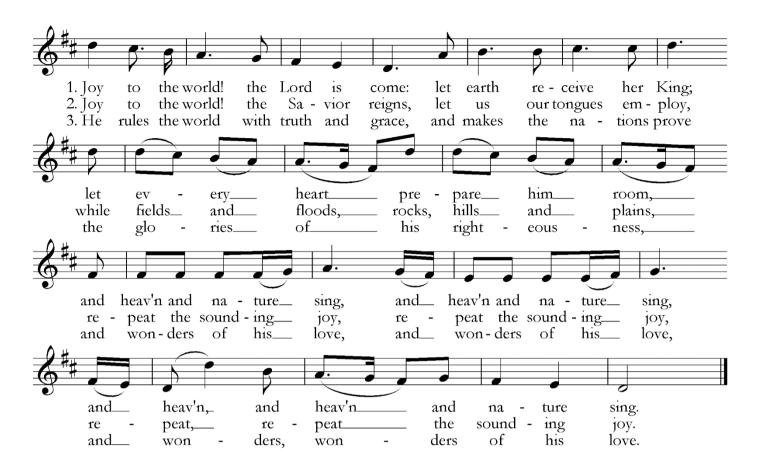


HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Gesù Bambino Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night, was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced. *Venite adoremus*, *Dominum*.

Again, the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light. Let every voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell, from paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell. *Venite adoremus*, *Dominum*. *O come*, *let us adore him*, *Christ the Lord*.



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.

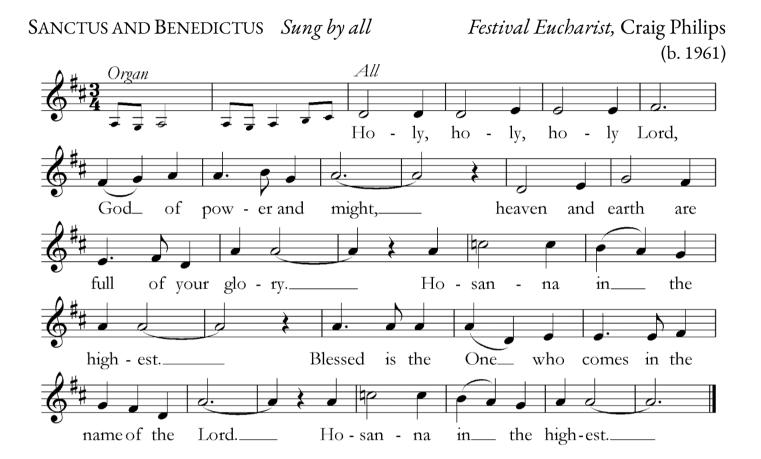
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his

mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:



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, thy kingdom come,

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

Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The Alleluia is sung by all and repeated after the choir sings the verse.



Cantor Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

All Alleluia.

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 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: Infant holy, infant lowly

Polish carol arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Infant holy, Infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noëls ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new; saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a Gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the Babe was born for you! [Text: Traditional Polish Christmas carol; Translation: Edith M. Reed (1921)]



Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

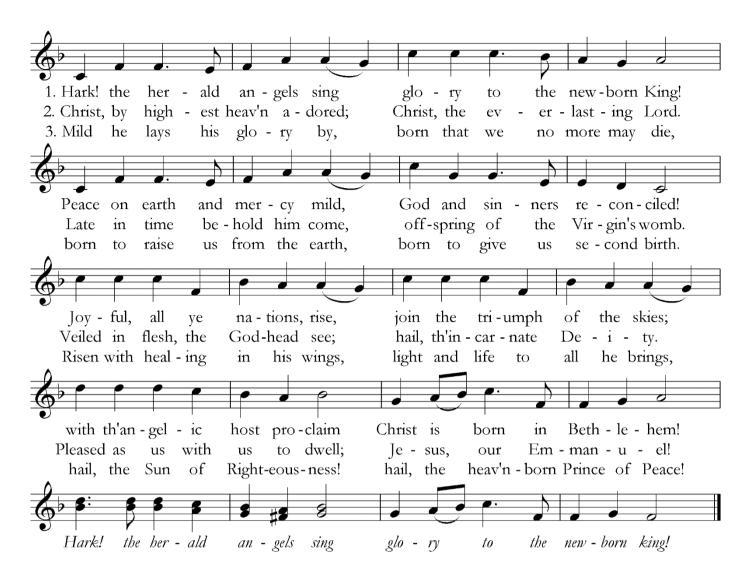
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and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

BLESSING

May the eagerness of the shepherds, the joy of the angels, the perseverance of the Magi, the holiness of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas.

And the blessing of God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, be with you and remain with you this day and forevermore.

All are invited to stand, as able.



DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.All Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Dieu parmi nous from La nativité du Seigneur

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

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

SERVING TODAY: Celebrant: The Rev. Timothy B. Safford; Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Mark D. W. Edington; Canon for Music: Zachary Ullery; Organist: Andrew Dewar; Choir: The Cathedral Choir; Lectors: Bob Seeman, Andrew Kluetz; Acolytes: Andrew Kluetz, Julie Aubry; Altar Guild: Dennis Grove, Harriet Riviere; Ministers of Communion: Michel Ranson, Harriet Riviere; Ushers: Helen Charles, Ann Dushane, Patty Colhoun; Production: Gaël de Fournas.

The flowers and music are dedicated to the glory of God and to those listed below.

All hymns reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE **#A-732425**. All rights reserved. **All service music** copyright © 2006 by Paraclete Press, Orleans, MA 02653. All rights reserved.

Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Karen, Henri, JL, Kinesley, Louise, Barbara, Carol, Eleanor, Laurel, Sue, Bob, Harriet, Melissa, Peiro, Barbara, Donald, Jeremy, Françoise, Eleanor; and for those who have died, especially Gail Worth, Brian, Martha Virginia Champagne, Shen De Ming, Alice, Théodore, Michel Schilliger, Anna; and for all those affected by COVID-19. We give thanks for the wedding at the Cathedral on December 16th of Stacey Jones and Brett Spencer. Stacey's grandparents were married at the Cathedral in 1945 while serving in the armed forces.

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

Flower and Music Dedications

In Memory of Avis and Sidney Segré by Ms. Kendel Segré
In Memory of The Rt. Rev. Dr. John Rodgers
by The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Henry L. Thompson
In Thanksgiving by Joyce and Xavier Chanay
In Memory of Chet and Trudy Hendricks by Shelly

In Thanksgiving for Jazz Vespers of December 4th, 2022 by Annette Kazes

Anonymous

In Memory of Kevin Kavanagh

Anonymous

In Memory of Kathryn Greene Safford

In Memory of Lilla Willey and Chauncey Willey

In Memory of Anne Ryan Dean

In Memory of Henry Barnard Safford

In Memory of Andrew Karoly

In Memory of Ronald Dean

In Memory of Timothy Barnard Safford

In Memory of Paul Bjorklund

In Memory of Bill Greene

In Memory of Jean Bodine

In Memory of Elizabeth Tompson by Bill Tompson

In Memory of Charles Henry Drummond III by Robert Crackel

In Memory of Chantal Duriez in Honor of LAGV by Alexis Pons

In Memory of Harriet Mears and Louise Parker by Ellen Kennedy

In Memory of her loving parents by Leslie Buzzacaro

In Memory of Don Voss by Maynard Hedegaard

In Honor of the Flower Guild by Xavier Gastaud

In Thanksgiving by Rahul Gunde

In Memory of Raoul Conway by Ruthie Smythe

In Memory of Walter I. Bates II by the Bates' Family

In Memory of Jean Carol Hinkley by Sara Hinkley

In Memory of Lois Bellomy by Tony Bellomy

In Memory of Jospeh Rutchik by Kristie Minski Rameau

In Memory of Henry and Caroline MacKenzie by Sophie Belouet

In Memory of Gail Worth by Sophie Belouet

Christmas at the Cathedral

Sunday, December 25th at 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist for Christmas Day

Sunday, January 1st at 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist for the Baptism of our Lord

The Cathedral will be closed for the week after Christmas, with the exception of noon AA meetings

Friday, January 6th at 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany

More information at amcathparis.com.

Our Search for a New Dean

The members of the **Discernment Team have reviewed all 44 of the applications they received** on December 1st for our next Dean! One review conference has taken place already to begin the work of narrowing the field, and another is scheduled for after the holidays. Thanks to the team whose hard prep work has allowed them to handle these applications carefully and efficiently! Questions? Contact our Transition Consultant the Rev. Canon Linda Grenz at <u>transitions@tec-europe.org</u>.

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 or scan this QR code to donate.

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. In this season of Advent of giving and renewal, you may wish to become a host of an LDM and enjoy good music while doing so. **To volunteer for hosting,** contact Kate Woodman at catherine_woodman@yahoo.com. Visit lagv.org/fr/dimanchesmusicaux to see our upcoming concert schedule.

Or perhaps you would just like to be a sponsor or make a donation to show your appreciation of the excellent music the American Cathedral offers, especially at Christmas! Remember that in France, while LAGV receives 100% of your gift, you will receive 66% as a deduction on your income tax for 2022. **To give, visit**www.lagv.org/en/support-lagv or scan this QR code. For questions about sponsorship and donations, contact Kate Thweatt at thweatt@noos.fr.

The American Cathedral in Paris

The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

Cathedral Vestry

Ann Dushane, Senior Warden
Matt Christensen, Junior Warden
Edward Bates, Treasurer
Kim Powell, Clerk

Class of 2023
Christopher Barnes
Ann Dushane
Elizabeth Haynes
Paul Howley
Andrew Kluetz

Class of 2024
Edward Bates
Joyce Chanay
Matt Christensen
Jennifer Gosmand
Kim Powell

Class of 2025
Dennis Grove
Hope Newhouse
Angelina Stelmach Blundell
Bill Tompson
Charles Trueheart

Luis Roth, Chancellor to the Cathedral

The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

www.tec-europe.org

The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, *Presiding Bishop*The Right Reverend Mark D. W. Edington, *Bishop-in-Charge*The Venerable Walter Jacob Baer, *Archdeacon*Sophie Plé, *Canon for Administration*

All Saints Waterloo • Ascension Munich • Saint Augustine of Canterbury Wiesbaden

Saint Boniface (mission) Augsburg • Christ Church (mission) Charleroi • Christ Church Clermont-Ferrand

Christ the King Frankfurt • Saint Columban Karlsruhe • Congregacion Latinoamericana Rome

Emmanuel Geneva • Saint-Esprit (mission) Mons • Chapel of the Holy Family Mühlbach am Hochkönig

Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity Paris • Mission de la Résurrection Paris • Saint James Florence

Saint James the Less (mission) Nuremberg • Joel Nafuma Refugee Center Rome

Santa Maria (affiliated ministry) Ferrano • Saint Michael's (mission) Weimar • Saint Nino (mission) Tbilisi

Saint Paul's Within the Walls Rome • Saint Servais (mission) Namur

The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe is under the jurisdiction of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The Convocation comprises nine parishes and several missions. The Convocation is under the authority of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, whose Bishop Suffragan serves as Bishop-in-Charge of the Convocation. The Bishop-in-Charge is resident in Paris and the Convocation office is located in the Cathedral. The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity serves both as a parish church and, since 1923, as the Cathedral for Europe of the Episcopal Church.

Staff Directory

Your Cathedral Staff wants to be resourceful to your pastoral needs, questions, and concerns. Please contact a member of the staff directly, and for general matters, please email Timothy Thompson, Parish Coordinator.

Andrew Dewar Organist	organ@americancathedral.org	01 53 23 84 05
The Rev. Nathaniel Katz Cathedral Canon	canon@americancathedral.org	01 53 23 84 03
Carole Le Floc'h Financial Controller	accounts@americancathedral.org	01 53 23 83 92
Dennis Mana-Ay <i>Facilities Manager</i>	facilities@americancathedral.org	01 53 23 83 94
George Nicholls Organ Scholar	organ@americancathedral.org	01 53 23 84 05
The Rev. Timothy Safford Interim Dean	dean@americancathedral.org	01 53 23 84 02
Jeb Seder Canon for Development	cathedral.office@americancathedral.org	01 53 23 81 10
Sarah Sturman Communications Manager	communications@americancathedral.org	01 53 23 83 95
Dr. Timothy Thompson Parish Coordinator	parish.coordinator@americancathedral.org	01 53 23 84 08
Zachary Ullery Canon for Music	music@americancathedral.org	01 53 23 84 05
The Vestry Ann Dushane, Senior Warden	vestry@americancathedral.org	01 53 23 84 00

Three Things to Know

Join us in person or online on **Friday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m.** for a special service celebrating the feast of the **Epiphany**.

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. For your pledge balance, please contact Chris Barnes and Anne Pouret, the Annual Appeal Co-Chairs, at pledge@americancathedral.org.

Come learn about the mysterious inner workings of our marvelous Cavaillé-Coll organ from Philipp Klais, organ builder, who has been chosen to manage the organ restoration subject to a successful capital campaign. M. Klais will be joined by noted Paris organists and our own music staff to explain the intricacies of these magnificent instruments and how ours can be brought to fulfill its potential. Join us for this Organ Colloquium on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m. in person or online. The event is free and open to the public. An informal reception will follow.

The American Cathedral in Paris

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
23 avenue George V, 75008 Paris
01 53 23 84 00