



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. Let go of distractions. 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)

All are invited to stand, as able, as the procession enters the Cathedral.

HYMN: 83, "O come, all ye faithful"

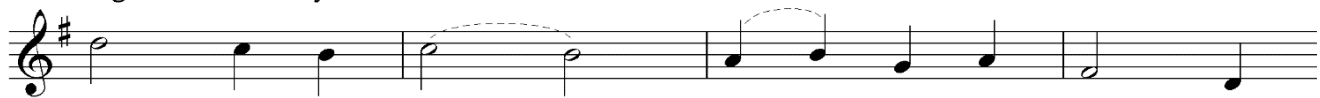
ADESTE FIDELES



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. *Peu - ple fid - è - le, le Sei - gneur t'ap - pe - lle! C'est*
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
fê - te sur Ter - re, le Christ est né.
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

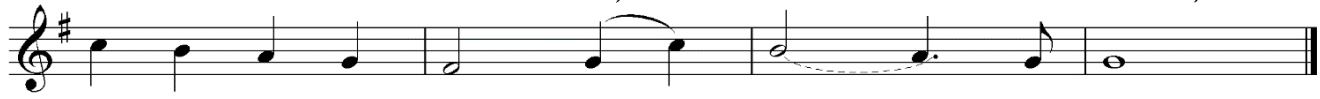


come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Viens à la crè - che voir le Roi du mon - de.
glo - ry to God, in the high - est;

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
En lui viens re - con - naît - re, en lui viens re - con - naît - re, en



come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord
lui viens re - con - naît - re ton Dieu, Sau - veur.

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. To us a child is born.

All **To us a Son is given. 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



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
3. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun-tains in re-ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



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



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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD *Said in English, then French*

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Chaque année, Seigneur, nous célébrons dans la joie la naissance de ton Fils unique : Nous accueillons avec allégresse celui qui vient nous racheter ; accorde-nous de le contempler avec assurance, quand il viendra nous juger. Lui qui vit et règne avec toi et le Saint-Esprit, un seul Dieu, maintenant et toujours. **Amen.***

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me, I pray.
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

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**

CHILDREN & YOUTH HOMILY

The Rev. Canon Hailey Jacobsen

The Very Rev. James R. Harlan

If any children or young people would like to come to the front to listen to the sermon, accompanied or unaccompanied by an adult, please come forward. You are welcome.

Si des enfants ou des jeunes souhaitent venir à l'avant pour écouter accompagnés ou non d'un adulte, veuillez vous avancer. Vous êtes les bienvenus.

HYMN: "Go tell it on the mountain"

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by the night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

**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

Intercessor

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 night. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

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 night 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 [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night with joy and light. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas Word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever. Amen.

All are invited to stand, as able.

PEACE *Said in English*

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



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HOLY COMMUNION


ANTHEM: *Glory to God in the highest from Messiah*

G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Recitative: There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:


Chorus: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards all."

[Text: Luke 2:8-14]



Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let
 Joie sur la terre! Le roi est là! Que
 He rules the world with truth and grace and

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earth re - ceive her King; _____ let
 s'ac - com - plisse sa loi _____ Ô
 makes the na - tions prove _____ the

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ev' _____ ry _____ heart _____ pre - pare _____ him _____ room _____ and
 hum - ble - ment Jé - sus Vers nous _____ est _____ re - ve - nu. Ren -
 glo - ries _____ of _____ his right - eous - ness _____ and

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heav'n and na - ture _____ sing, and _____ heav'n and na - ture _____
 dez gloire au Sei - gneur, Ren - dez gloire au Sei -
 won - ders of his _____ love, and _____ won - ders of his _____

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sing, and _____ heav'n _____ and heav'n _____ and na - ture sing.
 gneur, Ren - dez, _____ ren - dez _____ gloire au Sei - gneur.
 love, and _____ won - ders, won - ders of his love.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

All are invited to stand, as able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Elevons notre cœur.

People **Nous le tournons vers le Seigneur.**

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by all* *Festival Eucharist, Craig Philips*
(b. 1961)

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with the word 'Organ' above the staff and 'All' above the first measure. The lyrics are: '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. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and phrasing slurs. The final measure of the fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

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,
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

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.

AT THE FRACTION

Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

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

Organ All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

All **Alleluia.**

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 ANTHEMS

The Oxen

Jessica French
(b.1984)

Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock. "Now they are all on their knees," an elder said as we sat in a flock by the embers in hearthside ease. We pictured the meek mild creatures where they dwelt in their strawy pen, nor did it occur to one of us there to doubt they were kneeling then. So fair a fancy few would weave in these years! Yet, I feel, if someone said on Christmas Eve, "Come; see the oxen kneel, in the lonely barton by yonder coomb our childhood used to know," I should go with him in the gloom, hoping it might be so. [Text: Thomas Hardy (1840-1928)]

No small wonder

Paul Edwards
(b.1955)

Small wonder the star, small wonder the light, the angels in chorus, the shepherds in fright; but stable and manger for God - no small wonder! Small wonder the kings, small wonder they bore the gold and the incense, the myrrh to adore; but God gives his life on a cross - no small wonder! Small wonder the love, small wonder the grace, the power, the glory, the light of his face; but all to redeem my poor heart - no small wonder! [text: Paul Wigmore (1983)]

Still, still, still

arr. Philip Ledger
(1937-2012)

Still, still, still, let all the world be still. For Mary lays her Son to rest, sings to him softly at her breast; still, still, still, let all the world be still. Sleep, sleep, sleep, my dearest baby, sleep; the angels all rejoice and sing, heav'n for your delight shall ring; sleep, sleep, sleep, my dearest baby, sleep. Joy, joy, joy, my heart is filled with joy. The God of love has left his throne, made this humble world his home; Joy, joy, joy, my heart is filled with joy. [Text: Volkslied aus Tirol, 1819; Translation: Meg Peacocke]

All are invited to kneel, as able.

HYMN: "Silent night, holy night"

STILLE NACHT

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
2 Dou - ce nuit, sain - te nuit. Dans les cieux
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child,
l'as - tre luit. Le my - stère an - non - cé s'ac - com -plit
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
Cet en - fant sur la paille en dor - mi, C'est l'a - mour in - fi -
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
ni, c'est l'a - mour in - fi - ni.
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

All are invited to stand, as able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all*

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

BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2. Oh! Les cieux ont ré - son - né: — Gloire au Roi des rois, Dieu né!
 3. Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

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 peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"
 Paix sur ter - re! Dieu sau - veur — Ré - con - ci - lié aux pé - cheurs!
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with hea - ling in his wings.

9
 Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise — join the tri - umph of the skies; —
 Jo - yeux peu - ples sous le ciel, — A - vec les anges im - mor - tels, —
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that we no more may die, —

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 with th'an - ge - lic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Tous, êtres cré - és, prê - nez: Au - jour - d'hui le Christ est né.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to — give us se - cond birth.

17
 Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new - born King"
 Oh! Les an - ges chan - tent bien: Gloire au — Roi, Dieu né hu - main!
 Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new - born King"

DISMISSAL

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: "Hark! the herald angels sing"

David Bednall
(b. 1979)

Our worship service concludes at the end of the organ voluntary during which our musicians are still hard at work. Please avoid entering the chancel and keep noise to a minimum.

SERVING TODAY: *Celebrant:* The Rev. Canon Hailey Jacobsen; *Preacher:* The Very Rev. James R. Harlan; *Assisting Priests:* Le Rèvèrend Père Jean Dumond Chavanne, The Rev. Sara MacVane; *Canon Precentor and Director of Music:* Zach Ullery; *Organist:* Andrew Dewar; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Altar Guild:* Harriet Rivière, Patricia Gastaud Gallagher, Joy Oloni, Joshua Oloni, Dennis Grove; *Eucharist Ministers:* Harriet Rivière, Patricia Gastaud Gallagher, Allison Lafontaine; *Flower Guild:* Members of the Flower Guild; *Lectors:* Martel de Créquy; *Ushers:* Sophie Lefebvre.

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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, Isabelle, and Jochem de Boer

We pray for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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.

Flower and Music Dedications

In Memory of Avis & Sidney Segré by their daughters Kendal & Jennifer

In Honor of Christopher Moss; Vanessa Martinez; and Abbie and Samir Bandok by
Kimberly Moss

In Honor and Gratitude for our mother and grandmother Katerine Newhouse by
Hope and Ella Newhouse

Anonymous

In Memory of Charles Henry Drummond III by his partner Robert James Crackel

In Thanksgiving for our Cathedral Clergy, Staff and continued healing for Dennis by
the Vestry

In Memory of our beloved son, Louis Amouyel by Carol Amouyel Kent

In Memory of our beloved parents by Gerard and Patricia Gastaud

In Thanksgiving for family and friends near and far by the Sturman family

In Memory of Walter Bates by Anne-Laure, Annabel, Léopold, Théodore, and
Edwards Bates

In Thanksgiving for our Cathedral Clergy, Staff and our Church community by
Joyce and Xavier Chanay

In Memory of Stéphane, Andréa and Julien by Laure Montarry

In Memory of Constance Marie Giraud by the Giraud Family

Anonymous

In Thanksgiving for the Rives, Finger, Stubbs, and Upper Families by June Rives

In Memory of Ivy Eleanor Bryan by Lorna Scott

In Thanksgiving for Karen Girty-Sturm by Thomas Girty and Family

In Memory of Jacques P. Joly by Deborah Joly

In Thanksgiving for our remarkable staff and new parish family by Dean James, Eli,
and Orrin Harlan

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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Please contact Rosie Ward on communications@americancathedral.org if you have any questions.

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.

Beginning in September of this year, we have been focusing on women composers, including music composed by Mel Bonis, Nadia Boulanger, Jessica French, Joy-Leilani Garbutt, Sarah MacDonald, Stephanie Martin, 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. In today's service we feature three compositions by women composers.

The Oxen, heard this evening, was composed by **Jessica French**. Jessica French is a Seattle-based composer, soprano, and music educator. As a composer, she specializes in sacred and secular choral music. Her works have been commissioned and performed by various ensembles including Seattle Pro Musica, Northwest Girlchoir, Choral Arts Northwest, Opus 7 Vocal Ensemble, and Kantorei of Kansas City. Jessica has a rare neurological ability called synesthesia, in which the senses of the brain are linked to one another, mainly in the form of colors associated with notes, timbres, and words. These colors associated with the text help direct the musical choices she makes when composing. Her music often contains shifting modality and various key changes to reflect the changes in color.

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We adhere to the Convocation's Safeguarding Policy, and two members of our congregation are appointed as the Safeguarding Officers. 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 +

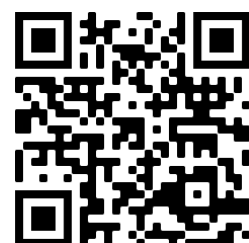
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Three Things to Know

On the first day of Christmas . . . Join us in person or online, **Christmas Day, at 11:00 a.m.** for Holy Eucharist with choir.

The **Cathedral and offices will be closed** December 26th to 29th, and January 1st . Regular AA meetings will occur but all prayer services, regularly scheduled meetings, tours, etc will not occur. We look forward to welcoming you back on Sunday, December 31st at 11:00 a.m. Our offices and programs will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Please join us on **Sunday, January 7th at 6:00 p.m.** for **Choral Evensong for the Epiphany**. This service will be available both in person and online.

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