

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: Noël X

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

HYMN IN PROCESSION: 93, "Angels, from the realms of glory" REGENT SQUARE

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

THE WORD OF GOD

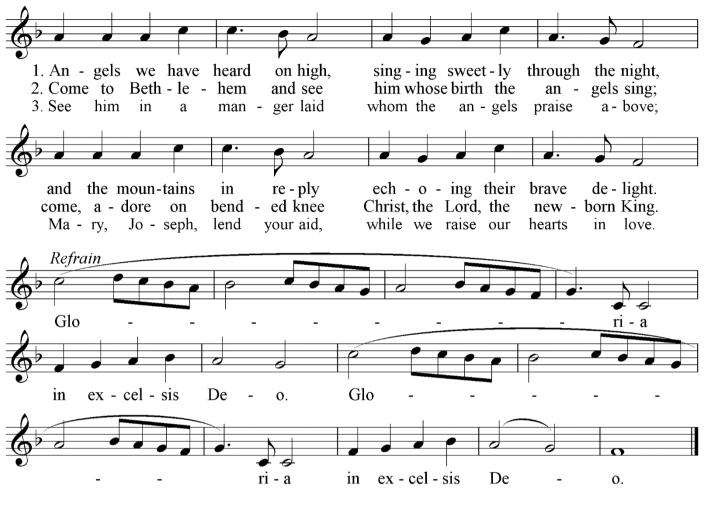
CelebrantAlleluia. To us a child is born.AllTo us a Son is given. Alleluia.

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

All are invited to remain standing, as able.

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



GLORIA

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.AllAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 Lord, 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: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (NRSV)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:13-21 (NRSV) Sung by the Choir

June Nixon (b.1942)

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

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He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes. He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold? He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow. He declares his word to Jacob, * his statues and his judgments to Israel. He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 (NRSV)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All are invited to stand and sing, as able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 84, "Love came down at Christmas" GARTAN

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

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18 (NRSV)

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.AllGlory 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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Very Rev. James Harlan

Sermon

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

Intercessor

The word of God lives among and within us to strengthen and inspire. With confidence let us pray to our God with words of hope and faith, saying: hear our prayer.

God of light, empower your people to proclaim your gospel fearlessly wherever darkness obscures human dignity. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, in your word we recognize the abundance of your enduring love. Grant to this world, marked by division and strife, a thirst for justice perfected in selfless love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, strengthen us to serve with joy those who experience the darkness of suffering, especially those in helping and healing professions. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, bring comfort to those who suffer in body, mind and spirit. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, give us hearts filled with love, voices to speak your praise, and lives transformed by the image of your Son. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory, in your word we receive the promise of eternal life. Let light perpetual shine upon those who have found rest in that place you have prepared with care and tenderness. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant then adds a concluding collect:

Creator of all, you have not abandoned your creation, but have made your dwelling with us in Christ. Hear your faithful people, and grant us the blessings of your mercy, through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

All are invited to stand, as able.

PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of Christ 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: All bells in paradise

John Rutter (b. 1954)

Deep in the cold of winter, darkness and silence were everywhere; softly and clearly, there came through the stillness a wonderful sound to hear. All bells in paradise I heard them ring, sounding in majesty the news that they bring. All bells in paradise I heard them ring, welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King. All bells in paradise I heard them ring: 'Glory to God on high' the angel voices sing. Lost in awe and wonder, doubting I asked what this sign might be: Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable, a marvellous sight to see. He comes down in peace, a child in humility, the keys to his kingdom belong to the poor; before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures, gold incense and myrrh. All bells in paradise I heard them ring, welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King. All bells in paradise I heard them ring, sounding in majesty the news that they bring. All bells in paradise I heard them ring, welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King. All bells in paradise I heard them ring; 'Glory to God on high' the angel voices sweetly sing. [Text: John Rutter (b.1954)]

All are invited to stand and sing, as able.

AT THE PRESENTATION: 92, "On this day earth shall ring"

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All remain standing, as able.

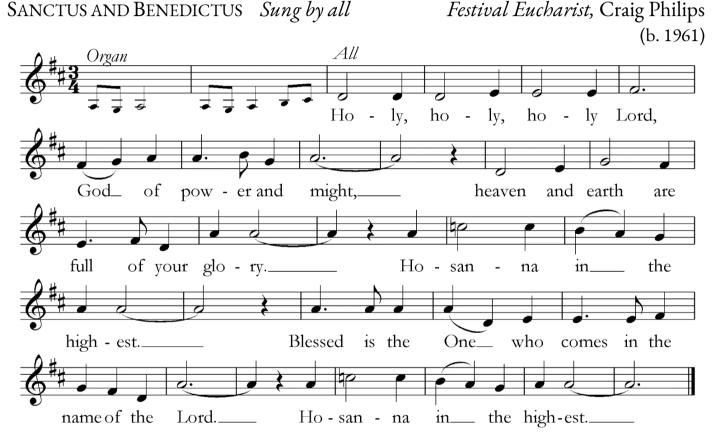
GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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.

Celebrant

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 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 him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

LORD'S PRAYER Said by each in their own language

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Notre Père qui es aux cieux, que ton Nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AT THE FRACTION

Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips (b. 1961)



Choir 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. 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 MOTET: Dies sanctificatus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

A day made holy dawns upon us; O come, all nations, and adore the Lord; for today a great light has descended upon earth/on all the earth. Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. [Text: Gradual for 3rd mass of the Nativity.]

COMMUNION HYMN: 82, "Of the Father's love begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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.

HYMN IN PROCESSION: 107, "Good Christian friends, rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

DISMISSAL

CelebrantLet us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.AllThanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: In dulci jubilo

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 Rev. Canon Hailey Jacobsen; Preacher: The Very Rev. James R. Harlan; Organist: Andrew Deward; Organ Scholar: George Nicholls; Choir: The Cathedral Choir; Eucharist Ministers: Harriet Rivière, Julie Aubry, Laurence Moachon; Lectors: Laurence Moachon, Harriet Rivière; Livestream Production: Gaël de Fournas; Ushers: Jacques Bossonney, Bill Tompson, Lavinia Tompson.

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Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Adeola, 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 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.

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.

The composer of this morning's psalm is **Dr. June Nixon.** One of Australia's best known organists, choir trainers and composers, June Nixon initially obtained Diploma of Music (Piano) and Bachelor of Music (Organ) from Melbourne University. Post graduate scholarships enabled further study in London where she gained F.R.C.O. and became the first woman to receive the John Brooke prize for the Choir Training Diploma. In 1968 she was the winner of the Australian National Organ Competition. She was appointed Organist and Director of Music at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne in 1973 and only relinquished this after 40 years on 3 February 2013 and has been made Organist Emerita. She is on the teaching staff of Melbourne University Faculty of Music. She has given numerous recitals at the Cathedral and at the Melbourne Town Hall, and given other recitals in London, the most recent at Westminster Abbey. Her influence outside the Anglican Church was recognized in 1995 by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne awarding her the Percy Jones Award for "outstanding dedication and service given to music for worship".

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!

Les Tricoteurs.es

Please join **Les Tricoteurs.es every Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** This group resumes on Monday, January 8th. This is a bilingual knitting (and crocheting) group comprised of parishioners from both the Cathedral and the American Church in Paris.

Beginners are most welcome. Bring along a friend!

Sandwich Ministry

Sandwich Ministry resumes on Tuesday, January 2nd. This ministry provides free healthy bag lunches and hot coffee on the steps of the Cathedral each Tuesday and Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

This ministry nourishes volunteers and guests alike with much-needed food and fellowship. Volunteers help assemble, package, and distribute bagged lunches outside the Cathedral from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact <u>mission.outreach@americancathedral.org</u> for more details.

All are welcome. Lunches are distributed as supplies last.

Midweek services

Our midweek services of Noonday Prayer and Holy Eucharist will resume **Tuesday**, **January 2nd.** All are welcome.

- Mondays at 12:00 p.m. : Noonday Prayer (English)
- Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. : Holy Eucharist (French)
- Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m: Noonday Prayer (English)
- Thursdays: No services
- Fridays: No services
- Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. : Noonday Prayer (French)

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>

Please join us next **Sunday, January** 7th **at 6:00 p.m**. both online and in person for a Choral Evensong for the Epiphany.

The Cathedral and Offices will be closed tomorrow, **Monday, January 1**st. Please note that the Cathedral remains open for AA meetings.

We wish everyone a very happy and peaceful new year!

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