

The
American
Cathedral
in Paris

CHORAL EVENSONG

October 8th, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Please note that incense will be used during this service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Prelude and Fugue in A major*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

All remain seated. From the Nave the Choir sings

INTROIT: *Hail! gladdening Light*

Charles Wood
(1866 - 1926)

Hail! gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured, Who is the immortal Father, heavenly blest. Holiest of Holies - Jesus Christ our Lord! Now we are come to the Sun's hour of rest; The lights of evening round us shine; We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine! Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung, With undefiled tongue, Son of our God, giver of life, alone: Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own. Amen. [John Keble (1792-1866)]

All are invited to stand, as able, for the procession of the choir and clergy

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

PRECES

Margaret Burk
(b.1990)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Please be seated.

THE PSALM

PSALM 145 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

Chants by: Joy-Leilani Garbutt (b.1982)
Zach Ullery (b.1982)

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.

The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Please stand.

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.

Please be seated.

LESSONS

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 20:1-21

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the Lord: Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover." Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord: "Remember now, O Lord, I implore you, how I have walked before you in faithfulness with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight." Hezekiah wept bitterly. Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him: "Turn back, and say to Hezekiah prince of my people, Thus says the Lord, the God of your ancestor David: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; indeed, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord. I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David's sake."

Then Isaiah said, "Bring a lump of figs. Let them take it and apply it to the boil, so that he may recover." Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the Lord on the third day?" Isaiah said, "This is the sign to you from the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he has promised: the shadow has now advanced ten intervals; shall it retreat ten intervals?" Hezekiah answered, "It is normal for the shadow to lengthen ten intervals; rather let the shadow retreat ten intervals." The prophet Isaiah cried to the Lord; and he brought the shadow back the ten intervals, by which the sun had declined on the dial of Ahaz.

At that time King Merodach-baladan son of Baladan of Babylon sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. Hezekiah welcomed them; he showed them all his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the

precious oil, his armory, all that was found in his storehouses; there was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them.

Then the prophet Isaiah came to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say? From where did they come to you?" Hezekiah answered, "They have come from a far country, from Babylon." He said, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them." Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the Lord: Days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your ancestors have stored up until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says the Lord. Some of your own sons who are born to you shall be taken away; they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the Lord that you have spoken is good." For he thought, "Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?" The rest of the deeds of Hezekiah, all his power, how he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah? Hezekiah slept with his ancestors; and his son Manasseh succeeded him.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in F, Harold Friedell
(1905-1958)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and

his seed forever. 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.

Please be seated.

SECOND LESSON: Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

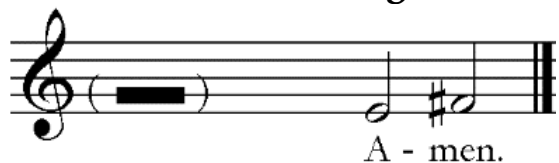
NUNC DIMITTIS

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Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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.

APOSTLE'S CREED *Sung by all in English, monotone.*

**I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**



PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

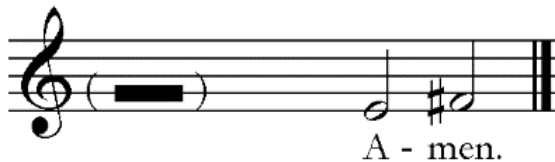
Officiant Let us pray.

All are invited to kneel, as able, while the prayers are sung.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

LORD'S PRAYER *Sung by all in English, monotone.*

**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.**



Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save the State.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Officiant sings the Collects:

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Additional prayers are offered by the clergy.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM: *O Lord, support us*

David Briggs (b. 1962)

O Lord, support us all the day long, Until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hush'd, and the fever of life is over, and our work is

done. Then in thy mercy grant us safe lodging and a holy rest, and peace at the last.
Amen. [Text by George W. Douglas, from a sermon by John Henry Newman.]

Please stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *Said by all.*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom Thou hast created.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM *Said by the Officiant.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our
common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that

when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

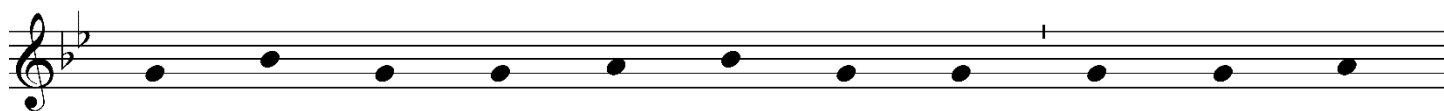
All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All **Amen.**

HYMN: (*sung by all*): "To you before the close of day"

TE LUCIS ANTE TERMINUM



1 To you be - fore the close of day, Cre - a - tor
 2 Save us from trou - bled, res - tless sleep, from all ill
 3 A health - y life we ask of you, the fire of
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, hear our cry through Je - sus



of all things, we pray that in your con - stant
 dreams your child - ren keep; so calm our minds that
 love in us re - new, and when the dawn new
 Christ, our Lord Most High, whom with the Spi - rit



cle - men - cy our guard and keep - er you would be.
 fears may cease and rest - ed bo - dies wake in peace.
 light will bring your praise and glo - ry we shall sing.
 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

All are invited to remain standing, as able, as the procession departs.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Consolation No. 3 in D-flat*

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Arranged for organ by Harvey Gaul (1881-1945)

SERVING TODAY: *Officiant:* The Very Rev. James R. Harlan; *Canon for Music:* Zachary Ullery; *Organist:* Andrew Dewar; *Organ Scholar:* George Nicholls; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Lectors:* Carol Amouyel Kent, Francie Seder; *Acolytes:* David Madsen, Andrew Kluetz; *Usher:* Helen Charles; *Livestreaming Production:* Arthur Girard.

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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Pour info cet office est retransmis en direct. Si vous ne souhaitez pas apparaître sur le livestream, veuillez-vous asseoir derrière les cinq premiers bancs. Merci beaucoup.

Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Sylvie, Angela, Sharon, Terry, David, Hervé, Elizabeth, Jeremy, Françoise, Eleanor, Alec, Jacqueline, August, Erika and Ingrid. We pray for those who have died, especially Frances Bommart, Henry W. MacKenzie, Jr., Robin Trevor Tait, Christopher Warren Danello and Marion Pasquio.

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

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.

Maggie (Margaret) Burk (composer of the Preces and Responses heard this evening) is currently Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., where she oversees the choral area, teaches coursework in music education, choral literature, and conducting, and directs the award-winning Carthage Choir. Maggie completed the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Michigan where she studied with Eugene Rogers. Maggie is also an active composer and professional chorister. Her music is published by Oxford University Press, Hal Leonard, and Selah Music Publishing, and has been heard at on the BBC Radio 3 as well as at venues such as the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, St. Mark's Church in Philadelphia, PA, and St. Michael and All Angels in Dallas, TX.

Coming Up

Make a Joyful Noise update

We are delighted to have entered into the next stage of our Make a Joyful Noise project!

Installation of machinery, drilling and coring structural surveys begin at the back right area of the Nave from October 4th to October 12th where the antiphonal (back) organ cases will be built. From October 16th, drilling and coring will take place in the Martyrs' chapel, where the front Grandes Orgues cases and console will stand.

Over the next few weeks our nave will be looking a bit different as we undertake this exciting stage in the Make a Joyful Noise project. Please stay behind the red ropes for your safety and security. Please visit www.amcathparis.com/news for more information.

Save the date | Future Choral Services

In addition to Choral Evensong this evening at 6:00 p.m. We have a range of exciting choral events coming up over the next few months both in person and online. All are welcome!

- November 5th: Choral Evensong: 6:00 p.m. (online and in person)
- December 3rd: Advent Lessons and Carols: 6:00 p.m. (online and in person)
- December 16th: Christmas Lessons and Carols: 4:00 p.m. (in person only)
- December 17th: Christmas Lessons and Carols: 6:00 p.m. (online and in person)

Save the date | Jazz Vespers

Please join us both in person and online over the next few months for our Jazz Vespers service- a wonderful service of jazz and poetry, featuring a new group of musicians and focus each service.

- October 15th at 6:00 p.m. (online and in person)
- November 12th at 6:00 p.m. (online and in person)
- December 10th at 6:00 p.m. (online and in person)

Save the Date | October 16th at 8:00 p.m.

Please join Les Arts George V on Monday, October 16th at 8:00 p.m. for an exciting concert performed by the Texas Boys Choir who will be on tour. They will be performing a music by both French and American composers including Fauré, Duruflé, Poulenc, Zamer, Stroope and Bob Dylan!

Les Dimanches Musicaux | LAGV

Join Les Arts George V at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons for their free concert series, Les Dimanches Musicaux. Next week's concert will feature Laura Losada (soprano) and Cristian Monti (piano) performing works by Mozart, Chausson, Debussy, Fauré, Foster and Granados.

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

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