



HOLY EUCHARIST
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent 2024: Create in us a New Heart

THE AMERICAN CATHEDRAL IN PARIS
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024
11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The customary Organ Voluntary will be omitted.

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

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Celebrant

Jesus said, “the first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All are invited to kneel, as able.

God of all mercy, **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All are invited to remain kneeling and sing.

KYRIE *Sung by all*

Healey Willan
(1880-1986)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (NRSV)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROPER PSALM 22:22-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

George Nicholls
(b.2000)

The Antiphon is sung first by the Choir and then repeated by all, as indicated.



All fam-ilies of the na - tions shall bow be - fore him.

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them. **Antiphon**

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: 401, "The God of Abraham praise"

LEONI

All are invited to turn toward the Gospel Book for the reading.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV)

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?"

Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. James R. Harlan

Silence for reflection.

All are invited to stand, as able.

NICENE CREED *Said by all*

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM V

Intercessor

In peace, let us pray to God saying,
God, have mercy.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O God.
God, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Mark, our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O God,
God, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, O Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O God,
God, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania. In the Convocation Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Commission on the Ministry of the Baptized; The Rev. Canon Dr. Ali Gray, Chair and Canon for Spiritual Development; and we pray for all those seeking discernment and all Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders. We pray to you, O God.
God, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O God.
God, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O God.
God, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For those who are present and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the Name of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The monetary gifts in the Sunday offering plate help us to discern and realize God's call for The American Cathedral in Paris. 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.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Meditabor in mandatis tuis*

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger
(1839-1901)

Sung by the Choir in Latin

I will meditate on thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly:
and I will lift up my hands to thy commandments, which I have loved.

[Text: Psalm 119:47-48]

All are invited to stand and sing.

PRESENTATION HYMN: 140, "Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun"

DONNE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer C)

Celebrant God 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

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

The Celebrant continues

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by all*

Healey Willan

(1880-1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Holy and Righteous Forebears; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Celebrant and People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

The Celebrant continues

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER, *said by each in his or her 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 soumetts pas à la 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.
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(organ) *All*
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. *(organ)* O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us.
(organ) O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world,
(organ) grant us thy peace.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE 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 is administered today at the altar rail.

You are invited to kneel or stand at the altar rail. In either case, please receive the bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. The wine follows; please drink from the cup as it is extended to you. We are not allowed to permit dipping the host in the chalice.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available for those who need them. Please ask the priest who is distributing bread at communion.

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.

ORGAN INTERLUDE: *Domine Jesu (Berceuse)*

Jeanne Demessieux
(1921-1968)

COMMUNION ANTHEM: *Pater Noster*

Dan Locklair
(b.1949)

The Lord's Prayer, sung by the Choir in Latin

COMMUNION HYMN: 328, "Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord"

SONG 46

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *All are invited to stand, as able and pray,*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Clergy Bow down before the Lord.

All are invited to kneel, as able. The Celebrant continues,

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All are invited to stand, as able.

HYMN: 635, “If thou but trust in God to guide thee”

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

THE DISMISSAL

Response **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please preserve the silence of the sanctuary as you leave.

SERVING TODAY: *Celebrant:* The Rev. Canon Hailey Jacobsen; *Preacher:* The Very Rev. James R. Harlan; *Canon Precentor and Director of Music:* Zachary Ullery; *Organist:* Andrew Dewar; *Organ Scholar:* George Nicholls; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Thomas Girty, Chris Barnes, Kim Powell; *Lectors:* Chris Barnes, Barbara Diggs; *Livestream Production:* Gaël de Fournas; *Ushers:* Xavier Chanay, Ann Dushane, Cassandre Chanay; *Vestry Person in Charge:* Christian Martel.

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Bienvenue and 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 amcathparis.com/leadership.

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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.

Bulletin announcements: Please send through any announcements for the bulletin to communications@americancathedral.org by midday on Wednesday.

Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Eric, Daniel, Mary, Sara, Reece, Sarrinah, Reece, Shaista, Mohammad and family, David, Hervé, Elizabeth, Melissa, Jeremy, Françoise and Eleanor.

We pray for those who have died, especially Martha Taylor, Libby, Nina, Diana Pietrasweski, Alice and Dr James Woodham.

We prayer for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and all areas where there is conflict.

We pray for the congregation of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Prayer requests may be sent to us at: communications@americancathedral.org.

Children and Youth

Welcoming and fully including babies, toddlers, and their families at our Cathedral: At 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 3rd, join Sunday School Director Andrew Aitken and Canon Hailey Jacobsen for a conversation in the Fleetwood Room about welcoming and fully including babies, toddlers, and their families at our Cathedral.

We are especially interested in learning from the recent and current experiences of those with children aged 4 years old and under and would like to share some ideas and hear feedback on ministry with our youngest members and their families.

For more information, or if you have anything that you would like to share but cannot attend, please contact Andrew Aiken on sundayschool@americancathedral.org and Canon Hailey canon@americancathedral.org.

Sunday School: Sunday school is currently taking a break and will restart on Sunday 3rd March. During the school term we meet in the Fleetwood room from 10:45 a.m. to around 11:45 a.m. when Communion is served in the 11:00 a.m. service. All children from ages 3 to 10 years old are welcome to attend. Please contact Andrew Aitken on sundayschool@americancathedral.org for more information.

Youth Group: All youth in grades 6^{ème}/ 6th grade through 11^{ème}/ 12th grade are welcome at Youth Group. Contact Canon Hailey on canon@americancathedral.org or Youth Leaders Adrien & Mélanie LeSure youth@americancathedral.org for more information.

Holy Week 2024: Create in us a New Heart

Please join us online and in person for Holy Week for the following services in addition to our regular services. Everyone is welcome.

Palm Sunday | Sunday, March 24th

- 11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist with procession from Place de la Reine Astrid (online and in person)

Wednesday, March 27th

- 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer | The Rainbow Ministry (in person only)
- 12:00 p.m. | Noonday Prayer | The Rainbow Ministry (in person only)
- 6:00 p.m. | Evening Prayer | The Rainbow Ministry (in person only)
- 9:00 p.m. | Contemplation and Compline (in person only)

Maundy Thursday | Thursday, March 28th

- 7:30 p.m. | Holy Eucharist with washing of feet (online and in person)

Good Friday | Friday, March 29th

- 12:00 p.m. | Sung Passion with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament (online and in person)

Holy Saturday | Saturday, March 30th

- 8:00 p.m. | Easter Vigil (online and in person)

Easter Day | Sunday, March 31st

- 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (in person only)
- 11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (online and in person)
- After the 11:00 a.m. service | Easter Egg Hunt (for children aged 10 years and under- no reservation required)

Lent 2024: Create in us a New Heart

In addition to our regular Sunday morning and midweek services, there are plenty of other moments to join us for worship during Lent:

Wednesdays at the Cathedral with The Rainbow Ministry

Join us during Lent (February 14th - March 30th) for inclusive, bilingual prayer. Everyone is welcome!

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Wednesdays at :

- 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. | Noonday Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. | Evening Prayer
- 9:00 p.m. | Contemplation and Compline

Les mercredis à:

- 9h00 | La prière du matin
- 12h00 | La prière de midi
- 18h00 | La prière du soir
- 21h00 | Les complies

Rejoignez-nous pendant le Carême (du 14 février au 30 mars) pour du prière inclusif et bilingue (anglais-français). Tou.te.s sont les bienvenu.e.s

Praying Lent with The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Pray as you can, not as you can't

(Online on Zoom: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. CET time)

Wednesdays during Lent from February 21st.

During Lent, the Canon for Spiritual Development, Ali Gray, will be hosting 5 weekly sessions on Zoom to help deepen our prayer lives. For the Zoom link, please scan the QR below. The sessions will be relaxed, gentle and invitational. We will practice centering prayer and journaling, the Examen, Lectio Divina, imaginative prayer and praying with art and poetry.

They will last 90 minutes and will include time sharing our experiences- both struggles and joys, introduction to, and guided practice of each mode of prayer, and finish with compline.

All are welcome, for one session or every week. There's no need to book, just turn up. For more information, please contact Ali Gray on agray@tec-europe.org.



Join Eli Harlan on March 6th as she leads the session.

Good Friday Offering, special online concert to support Middle East ministries

As The Episcopal Church's Good Friday Offering prepares to mark 102 years, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites the whole church to an afternoon of sacred music and collective giving to support siblings in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Recorded at Christ and St. Luke's Church, Norfolk, in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, the concert will air online at **3 p.m. ET March 29** on The Episcopal Church's [Facebook page](#) and [website](#). Viewers will have the opportunity to make donations during the event to go toward the offering, also frequently gathered by churches during Good Friday services.

“We will not forget those caught in the crossfire between warring factions in the land where our Lord walked,” Curry writes in his [annual Lent letter](#) to Episcopal churches. “As we mark our Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, we remember those whom he loves facing injustice and oppression today, and remember the urgency of love—true, sacrificial love.”

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 safeguarding@americancathedral.org

Music Notes | A Multitude of Voices

To create a fuller and more inclusive picture of the richness of our musical heritage, we will be exploring music composed by women, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), and other historically under-represented composers.

At the start of the receiving of communion, we will hear a short organ piece composed by the French organist and composer Jeanne Marie-Madeleine Demessieux (1921-1968). Demessieux was the organist at Saint-Esprit for 29 years and later at La Madeleine (1962). She performed internationally as a concert organist and was the first female organist to sign a record contract. She went on to record many organ works, including her own compositions.

The Domine Jesu 'Berceuse' comes from a set of short pieces for organ written in the French post-romantic style. Composed in 1947, specifically for publication in the United States, the work is entitled Twelve Choral Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes. Some consider this set of pieces to be a Catholic hint towards J. S. Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* in that it teaches the performer how to treat chorale, or in this case Gregorian melodies.

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!**

Coming up

Confirmation And Reception Happening on Pentecost | Sunday, May 19th

Confirmation is the sacramental rite of making a mature and public commitment in the Episcopal Church to living out your Christian faith. For those who have already been confirmed in another Church, Reception is the public rite (which looks and sounds very similar to Confirmation) of officially joining the Episcopal Church. The next opportunity for Confirmation and Reception will be on Pentecost, Sunday, May 19th.

For adults who would like to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, preparation will happen during the Easter Season leading up to Pentecost. Sign up by up by Palm Sunday (March 24th). Please contact Canon Hailey (canon@americancathedral.org) to sign up or for more information.

Jazz Vespers | Lent | Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for our monthly service of Jazz Vespers on Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. This beautiful service of music, poetry and scripture will focus this month on Lent and our preparations for Holy Week.

Please note that this service will be available in person only.

Choral Evensong | Sunday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for our monthly service of Choral Evensong sung by the Cathedral Choir on Sunday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. this is a unique service to Anglican worship, rooted in musical traditions from 16th-century England. This style of worship, rare to find in France, offers a meditative end to the day.

Please note that this service will be available in person only.

Paris Choral Society Concert | Carl Rütti's Requiem

Thursday, March 21st at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Swiss composer Carl Rütti's (b.1949) music blends English choral tradition with other genres, including jazz and the blues, in rich and colorful textures. His music combines dazzling rhythms, soaring melodies and distinctively lush harmonies, often using two keys simultaneously. Relentless, driving rhythms co-exist with quietly shimmering soundscapes.

Of his Requiem, a 2007 commission from the celebrated Bach Choir, the composer writes that 'no words are strong enough to express the feelings of the bereaved, nor sufficient to explain what will await us after death. Music may be the most appropriate language'.

Scored for soprano, baritone, double choir, strings, harp and organ, Rutti's Requiem ultimately affirms life's precious fragility – with, at the end, a solo voice fading into the distance as the soul enters heaven.

PCS is proud and delighted to present this wonderful work for the first time in France.

Tickets are available on the Paris Choral Society website (<https://parischoralsociety.org/>) or by scanning the QR code.



Les Dimanches Musicaux | Sunday, February 25th at 3:00 p.m.

Please join Les Arts George V this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for their free concert series, Les Dimanches Musicaux, featuring Matthew Odell playing works by Robert Schumann, Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms.

For more information, please visit <https://lagv.org/>. All are welcome. No reservation needed.

Stewardship Season 2024 | Give Cheerfully 2024 - There is still time to pledge!

An enormous thank you to the over 140 households who have pledged to support our Cathedral in 2024! A pledge is one's best guess at how much they will be able to give financially to our church in the coming year. It allows our leadership to plan with as much clarity as possible. Although Pledge Sunday has passed marking the conclusion of our Stewardship Season, there is still time to pledge, and we need more people to join in to ensure our Cathedral can do all that we hope in 2024. To learn more, email Canon Hailey on canon@americancathedral.org or Stewardship Co-Chairs Anne Pouret and Chris Barnes on pledge@americancathedral.org.



Message from the Treasurer

Parishioners who made contributions to our Cathedral in 2023 will receive donation receipts by email this week. If you have not received your receipt(s) by February 24th, please check your spam folder. Alternatively, you may contact our Finance and Administration Manager, Carole Le Floc'h at accounts@americancathedral.org. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

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.



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Your Cathedral Staff wants to be resourceful to your pastoral needs, questions, and concerns. Please contact a member of the staff directly. For general matters, please email Timothy Thompson, Parish Coordinator on parish.coordinator@americancathedral.org

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Three Things to Know

Want to find out more about the Cathedral? Tours are available every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after the 11:00 a.m. service. RDV in the Martyrs' Chapel.

Easter Flowers 2024: You are invited to participate in the annual Easter Flower Fund to decorate the Cathedral with flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one or several loved ones. The deadline to participate is Friday March 22nd.

To donate and dedicate flowers, please use the special envelopes found in the pews or visit <https://amcathparis.com/donate> (or scan the QR code)– making sure that you note the donation is for Easter Flowers and to whom the flowers are dedicated.



Please note that the Cathedral and its offices will be closed during the week **April 1st-6th**. The Cathedral will remain open for AA meetings and for the Célébration Eucharistique (La Mission Episcopale Francophone de la Résurrection) on April 6th.

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