



CHORAL EUCHARIST
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES
ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent 2024: Create in us a New Heart

THE AMERICAN CATHEDRAL IN PARIS
WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 2024

7:30 PM

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the Procession enters the Cathedral in silence.

The Word of God

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: The Book of Isaiah 58:1-12 (NRSV)

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

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

Antiphon:



The Lord knows where - of__ we are made: he re-mem-bers that we__ are but dust.

Benedic, anima mea

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever. ***Antiphon***
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. ***Antiphon***
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust. ***Antiphon***

SECOND READING: The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
(NRSV)

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through feats of endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots,

labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to stand and sing, as able.

HYMN: 149, "Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church"

OLD 124TH

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (NRSV)

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

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

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

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who

is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend James R. Harlan

Silence is kept for reflection.

All are invited to stand, as able.

The Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent.

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept for a time, all kneeling, as they are able.

The Celebrant says the following prayer over the ashes.

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be unto us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those desiring the Imposition of Ashes may come forward at this time. Ashes are imposed with the following words: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return.

PSALM 51 *Sung by the cantors*

Plainsong

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *

- and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my
salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

MOTET: *Miserere mei*

William Byrd
(1540-1623)

Sung by the Choir in Latin

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses. [Text: Psalm 51:1]

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling, as they are able

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through 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 HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Emendemus in Melius*

William Byrd
(1540-1623)

Sung by the Choir in Latin

Let us amend for the better in those things in which we have sinned through ignorance; lest suddenly overtaken by the day of death, we seek space for repentance, and be not able to find it. Hearken, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against thee. Help us, O God of our salvation, and for the honour of thy name deliver us. [Text: Psalm 79:9]

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)

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant. The fourth staff is for the People. The lyrics are: "God be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise."

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

William Byrd

Sung by the Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 righteous and holy 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.**



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.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **grant us 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.

COMMUNION MOTET: *Agnus Dei* from *Mass for Five Voices*

William Byrd

Sung by the Choir in Latin

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

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

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

Grant, most merciful God, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All are invited to stand, as able.

HYMN: 148, "Creator of the earth and skies"

UFFINGHAM

THE DISMISSAL

Response **Thanks be to God.**

SOLEMN RECESSION

Once the ministers have departed, the people may depart in silence.

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; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Ann Dushane and Angelina Stelmach; *Lector:* Carol Kent.

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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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Bulletin deadline: Please note that the deadline for sending announcements to communications@americancathedral.org to feature in the bulletin is Wednesday 12:00 p.m.

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.

Children and Youth

Welcoming and Fully Including Babies, Toddlers, and Their Families at Our Cathedral: At 12h30 on Sunday, 3 March, join Sunday School Director Andrew Aiken 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 4 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: (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 (canon@americancathedral.org) or Youth Leaders Adrien & Mélanie LeSure (youth@americancathedral.org) for more information.

Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Akiko, Nicolas, Emile, Alice, Jim, Elizabeth, Jacqueline, Marie-Laure, Thierry, Terry, Eric, Daniel, Mary, David, Hervé, Elizabeth, Melissa, Jeremy, Françoise and Eleanor.

We pray for those who have died, especially Martha Taylor, Loïc, Richard Holthaus, Libby, Nina, Diana Pietrasweski and Alice.

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

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

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.

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:

Ash Wednesday | Wednesday, February 14th

- 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist for Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes
- 6:00 p.m. | Evening Prayer
- 7:30 p.m. | Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes featuring William Byrd's *Mass for Five Voices* (in person and [online](#))
- 9:00 p.m. | Contemplation and Compline

Wednesdays at the Cathedral with The Rainbow Ministry

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

- 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

Rejoignez-nous pendant le Carême (du 14 février au 30 mars) pour du prière inclusif et bilingue (anglais-français).

Les mercredis à:

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

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.

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.

**The Truth That Will Liberate Us : Racism in the World Church) |
February 15th-17th, 2024**

You are invited to participate in-person or virtually in the third of a three-year sequence of programs on confronting racism in the white church and seeking God's justice. Curated by our Canon Theologian and the Hanks Professor of Literature and Culture at Baylor University, Greg Garrett.

This conference will take place, February 15th-17th from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CST (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CET) at George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University, Waco Texas.

Conference schedule: <https://truettseminary.baylor.edu/events-resources/conferences-seminars-events/racism-world-church/2024-conference-schedule>



To register, please scan the QR code or visit:

https://www1.baylor.edu/ers/register.aspx?event_id=1513297

Les Dimanches Musicaux | Sunday, February 18th at 3:00 p.m.

Please join Les Arts George V this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for their free concert series, Les Dimanches Musicaux, featuring “Le Fil d’Or” - a new ensemble focusing on the performance of 15th and 16th century vocal polyphony, in particular English sacred music of this period. This concert pays tribute to Robert White and Stanford, whose anniversaries are celebrated this year. Le Fil d’Or consists of eight to ten singers, directed by Cathedral Choir staff singer, Lewis Hammond. For more information, please visit www.lagv.org.

All are welcome. No reservation needed.

Les Tricoteurs.es (Knitting Group)

This bilingual group meets every Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Fleetwood room and at the American Church on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Salle/room F3, 65 Quai d'Orsey, 75007. All are welcome including non-knitters, sewers, crocheters or those who just want to chat.

We work on our own projects but also knit hats and scarves for guests of The Sandwich Ministry and, at Christmas, Love in a Backpack. For more information, please contact susanmgreig@gmail.com or susaneowens@hotmail.com.

Support Our Community | Stewardship

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

An enormous thank you to the over 130 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 this past Sunday was Pledge Sunday, which marked 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 (canon@americancathedral.org) or Stewardship Co-Chairs Anne Pouret and Chris Barnes (pledge@americancathedral.org).



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.



Things to Know

Join **The Rainbow Ministry during Lent** (February 14th - March 30th) for **inclusive, bilingual prayer**. Everyone is welcome! More details on page 20 of the bulletin.

For more information about our Lent schedule and theme: **“Create in us a New Heart”**, please visit <https://amcathparis.com/news/lent2024> or scan the QR code.



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