



CHORAL EVENSONG  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*Lent 2024: Create in us a New Heart*

THE AMERICAN CATHEDRAL IN PARIS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024  
6:00 P.M.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE: *Andantino in F minor*

Frank Bridge  
(1879-1941)

*All are invited to stand, as able, for the entrance of the choir and clergy.*

INTROIT: *O Lord, look down from heaven*

Jonathan Battishill  
(1738-1801)

O Lord, look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: Where is Thy zeal and Thy strength? Thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?  
[Isaiah 63:15]

HYMN: *Now let us all with one accord*

BOURBON



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt. James Quinn, SJ. Printed by permission of Geoffrey Chapman, a division of Cassell Ltd. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938).

## INVITATORY AND PSALTER

PRECES

Bernard Rose  
(1916-1996)

*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.

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.

*All are invited to sit.*

THE PSALM: *34 Benedicam Dominum*

*Anglican chant*, Samuel Liégeon  
(b.1984)

I will bless the Lord at all times; \*

his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; \*

let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*

let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*

and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, \*

and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*

and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*

and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*

happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*

for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*

but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?  
Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.  
Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.  
The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.  
Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.  
He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.  
Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.  
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

*All are invited to 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.

*All are invited to sit.*

## LESSONS

FIRST LESSON (NRSV)

JEREMIAH 6:9-15

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Glean thoroughly as a vine the remnant of Israel; like a grape-gatherer, pass your hand again over its branches. To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? See, their ears are closed, they cannot listen. The word of the Lord is to them an object of scorn; they take no pleasure in it. But I am full of the wrath of the Lord; I am weary of holding it in. Pour it out on the children in the street, and on the gatherings of young men as well; both husband and wife shall be taken, the old folk and the very aged. Their houses shall be turned over to others, their fields and wives together; for I will stretch out my hand against the inhabitants of the land, says the Lord. For from the least to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for unjust gain; and from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely. They have treated the wound of my people carelessly, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace. They acted shamefully, they committed abomination; yet they were not ashamed, they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to stand.*

MAGNIFICAT

*Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense*, Philip Moore  
(b.1943)

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.

*All are invited to sit.*

SECOND LESSON (NRSV)

JOHN 5:25-29

Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out - those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to stand.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

*Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense*, Philip Moore  
(b.1943)

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.

THE 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 Ghost, 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. Amen.**

## 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. Amen.**

*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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Choir* Amen.

## A COLLECT FOR PEACE

*Officiant* 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.

## A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

*Officiant* 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.*

ANTHEM: *Meditabor in mandatis tuis*

Josef Rheinberger  
(1839-1901)

*(Sung 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.

[Psalm 119: 47,48]

*All are invited to 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 ourselves 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

*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.

*All* **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.**

*Please remain standing.*

## LENT PROSE

*The Cantor sings the Antiphon. The Congregation then repeats the Antiphon. Then the Choir sings the verses and the Congregation sings the Antiphon following each verse.*



1 To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. **[Antiphon]**

2 O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father:  
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement. **[Antiphon]**

3 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated  
bow down and hearken to they children:  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. **[Antiphon]**

4 Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. **[Antiphon]**

5 Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced:  
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer. **[Antiphon]**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Attende Domine*

Jeanne Demessieux  
(1921-1968)

*Please preserve the silence of the sanctuary as you leave.*

## 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](http://amcathparis.com/leadership).

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**Bulletin announcements:** Please send through any announcements for the bulletin to [communications@americancathedral.org](mailto: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 Sara, Reece, Sarrinah, Reece, Shaista, Mohammad and family, Marilou, Anne, Annie, Barry, Blandine, David, Hervé, Elizabeth, Melissa, Jeremy, Françoise and Eleanor.

We pray for those who have died, especially Alice, Dr. James Woodham, Peggy, Donny and Mary Lou Hessler.

We pray 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.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda. In the Convocation Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Old Catholic Church of the Union of Utrecht.

**Prayer requests** may be sent to us at [communications@americancathedral.org](mailto:communications@americancathedral.org).

## 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. Please note that the Cathedral will be closed during the week **April 1st- 6th**. The Cathedral will remain open for AA meetings and for the Célébration Eucharistique (MEFR) on April 6th.

### **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 27<sup>th</sup>: Prayer with The Rainbow Ministry (in person only)**

- 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

### **Maundy Thursday | Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Good Friday | Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Holy Saturday | Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> (Please note that incense will be used during this service)**

- 8:00 p.m. | Easter Vigil (online and in person). Join us for drinks and canapés after the service.

### **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!

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

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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.



## 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](mailto:agray@tec-europe.org). **Join Eli Harlan on March 6<sup>th</sup> as she leads the session on the theme of "Praying with Art."**



### **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.

The concert will air online at **3 p.m. ET March 29th** 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."

### **Confirmation And Reception Happening on Pentecost | Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

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 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 Palm Sunday (March 24<sup>th</sup>). Please contact Canon Hailey ([canon@americancathedral.org](mailto:canon@americancathedral.org)) to sign up or for more information.



## Paris Choral Society Concert | Carl Rütti's Requiem

**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, Rutt'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.



## 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](mailto:safeguarding@americancathedral.org)

## Support Our Community | Stewardship

### Join in the Stewardship of Our Cathedral Home: Pledge Today!

An enormous thank you to the over 140 households who have so far pledged to support our Cathedral in 2024! We are still trying to reach our goal of over 180 pledging households. We need everyone to join in at every size pledge to make sure we can do everything we hope in 2024. There is still time to pledge!



To learn more, email Canon Hailey at [canon@americancathedral.org](mailto:canon@americancathedral.org) or Stewardship Co-Chairs Anne Pouret and Chris Barnes on [pledge@americancathedral.org](mailto: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.





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