

# Thanksgiving Day Service

for the  
American Community  
in London

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
11 am

# WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition (Church of England) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 1400 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Our regular worshippers, supported by nearly 150 members of staff and a large number of volunteers, make up the cathedral community. We are committed to the diversity, equal opportunities and personal and spiritual development of all who work and worship here because we are followers of Jesus Christ.

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The Combined Choirs of the American Congregations in London are directed by Scott Stroman, MM, FGSM, Director of Music and Worship, the American International Church.

The St Paul's Cathedral Choir is directed by Andrew Carwood, Director of Music. The organ is played by Peter Holder, Sub-Organist, and Simon Johnson, Assistant Director of Music and Organist.

Participating in this service are staff and members of the American Embassy, members of the US Armed Forces, the American International Church and the International Community Church.

The American International Church is an interdenominational Christian congregation worshipping at Whitefield Memorial Chapel, Tottenham Court Road, London, W1.

The International Community Church of Surrey is an interdenominational Christian congregation worshipping at Chertsey Hall in Chertsey, Surrey.

## Music before the service

*The Combined Choirs of the American Congregations sing*

*Highway to heaven*

Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)  
arr. Scott Stroman (b. 1958)

*Precious Lord*

Thomas A. Dorsey  
arr. Scott Stroman

*If we never needed the Lord before*

Thomas A. Dorsey  
arr. Scott Stroman

*The Sub-Organist plays*

*Marche Américaine* (Op. 31)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)  
arr. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

*At 10.50 am, remain seated as the Chapter leaves the Dean's Aisle and proceeds to the Great West Door of the Cathedral.*

*At 10.55 am, the Ambassador of the United States of America and Mrs Brooke Brown Barzun are received by the Chapter.*

*At 10.58 am, remain seated as the Cathedral Choir, the College of Minor Canons College of Minor Canons, the visiting clergy and the College of Canons leave the Dean's Aisle and proceed to their places under the Dome.*

## Processional Order

A Virger

The Cathedral Choir

The College of Minor Canons

The Reverend Stephanie Kremmel,  
Director of Student Ministries,  
The American International Church

The Reverend Rick Andrew  
Senior Pastor,  
The International Community Church, Surrey

The Reverend John A. D'Elia  
Senior Pastor,  
The American International Church

A Virger

The College of Canons

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*The congregation is asked to join in all texts printed in **bold**.*

*Stand*

Hymn

*during which the Chapter escorts the Ambassador of the United States of America and Mrs Brooke Brown Barzun to their places under the Dome, and the Color Guard follows in procession.*

**Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest-home!  
All be safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest-home!**

**All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall purge away  
All that doth offend, that day;  
Give his angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In his garner evermore.**

**Then, thou Church triumphant, come,  
Raise the song of harvest-home;  
All be safely gathered in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There for ever purified  
In God's garner to abide:  
Come, ten thousand angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest-home!**

Words: Henry Alford (1810-71)

Tune: *St George's Windsor*  
George Elvey (1816-93)

## The Bidding

*given by*

The Very Reverend David Ison,  
Dean

Dear friends, welcome to this Cathedral Church, as we come together in the name of Jesus Christ, to offer worship and praise on this Thanksgiving Day and to remember before God all the peoples of the United States of America. We give thanks for that nation's history, for its inheritance of faith, for its tradition of liberty, for its defence of freedom, for all that we have received at God's hand. We pray for all nations, that men and women may live together under God in peace, as we ask for renewed vision and courage to live according to God's law and love. We pray as people of faith united by our common story, and we pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Anthem

*The Combined Choirs of the American Congregations sing*

How blest are those who know their need of God,  
theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
How blest are those who have sorrow, they shall be comforted.  
How blest are those who are gentle, they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall be children of God.  
How blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
they shall be satisfied.  
How blessed are those who are persecuted for the cause of right,  
theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
How blessed are those who show mercy, it shall be shown to them.  
How blessed are those with pure hearts, they will see God.  
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and all your soul,  
and all your strength.  
Love God.

Words: Matthew 5. 3 - 12  
Deuteronomy 6. 5

Music: *The Beatitudes*  
Scott Stroman (b.1958)

## The First Lesson

*read by*

The Reverend Canon Philippa Boardman,  
Treasurer, Canon in Residence

Now this is the commandment – the statutes and the ordinances – that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6. 1-9

## The Second Lesson

*read by*

The Reverend Stephanie Kremmel,  
Director of Student Ministries,  
The American International Church in London

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Matthew 22. 34-40

## The Explanation of Need

*given by*

The Reverend Rick Andrew,  
Senior Pastor,  
The International Community Church

## The Offering

*After the needs of this service have been met, today’s offering will be given to St Mungo’s Broadway.*



*During the offering, the Combined Choirs of the American Congregations sing*

## **Anthem**

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing  
to enter into the courts of the Lord:  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:  
They will be alway praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:  
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come.  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Words: Psalm 84. 1-4, Psalm 90. 17,  
and Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## **The President's Proclamation**

*given by*

The Honorable Matthew W. Barzun,  
Ambassador of the United States of America

# Anthem

*sung by the St Paul's Cathedral Choir*

Jehovah, I will thee extoll  
for thou hast lift up mee;  
and over mee thou hast not made  
my foes joyfull to bee.

O Lord my God, to thee I cry'de  
and thou hast made me whole.  
Out of the grave, o Jehovah,  
thou hast brought up my soule.

Thou mad'st me live, I went not downe  
to pit. Sing to the Lord,  
(yee his Saints) and give thanks when yee  
his holynes record.

For but a moment in his wrath;  
life in his love doth stay:  
weeping may lodge with us a night  
but joye at break of day.

Doe thou mee o Jehovah, heare,  
and on mee mercy have:  
Jehovah, o bee thou to mee  
an helper mee to save.

That sing to thee my glory may,  
and may not silent bee:  
O Lord my God, I will give thanks  
for evermore to thee.

Words: verses from Psalm 30  
from *The Bay Psalm Book* (Cambridge Massachusetts, 1640)

Music: Paul Crabtree (b.1960)  
commissioned for  
the US Thanksgiving Service 2014

## A Litany of Thanksgiving

*led by*

The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel,  
Precentor

The Reverend William Hall,  
The International Community Church

Gabriela Barnes Janssen,  
The American School in London

Elianna Sanders,  
The American School in England

Benjamin Berendson,  
American Community School, Cobham

Let us give thanks to our gracious and loving God for all the gifts which God's bountiful provision so freely bestows upon us.

For the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, for the mystery of love.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of women and men, revealing the image of Christ.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty and justice.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For this good world with all its resources, opportunities and challenges.

**We thank you, Lord.**

As we give thanks for all the blessings which come from your hand, O God, we remember your people who daily struggle to attain basic needs. We pray for those who live as people without land, shelter, food, or companionship and for those who live and serve in areas torn by war and conflict. Give us the will and the courage to seek your justice and mercy, that all people may share in your abundance.

Above all, we give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ, for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Give us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know you and make your presence known; and through you, at all times and in all places, may give thanks in all things.

O loving and generous God, you open your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature: multiply the harvests of the world and let your Spirit renew the face of the earth, so that our land may give her increase, and your people everywhere may give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Stand*

**O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And every gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.**

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1869-1929)

Music: *Materna*  
Samuel Ward (1848-1903)

# The Sermon

*given by*

The Reverend John A. D'Elia,  
Senior Pastor, The American International Church

*Stand*

## Hymn

*during which the Color Guard collects the Colors.*

**Now thank we all our God,  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The One eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.**

Words: German, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)  
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)

Tune: *Nun Danket*  
attrib. Johann Crüger (1598-1662)  
harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

## The Blessing

given by

The Dean

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children,  
that you may use his gifts to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*Remain standing as the Chapter escorts the Ambassador of the United States of America and Mrs Brooke Brown Barzun to the Great West Door of the Cathedral.*

*The College of Minor Canons, the visiting clergy and the College of Canons return to the Dean's Aisle.*

## Organ Voluntary

*Allegro from Symphony No 6 (Op. 42)*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*Members of the congregation are asked to remain in their places until invited to leave by a Wandsman or Usher.*

*After the service the American Memorial Chapel at the East End of the Cathedral will be open for those who wish to visit it. Please enter by the North Quire Aisle.*

## This Year's Designated Charity



St Mungo's  
Broadway

Rebuilding lives, day by day

St Mungo's Broadway helps people recover from the issues that create homelessness. We provide a bed and support to more than 2,500 people each night who are either homeless or at risk, and work to prevent homelessness, helping about 25,000 people a year. Our clients are at the heart of what we do. We want to support, challenge and inspire people and enable them to live full lives.

St Mungo's Broadway believes no one should be homeless and that people can – and do – recover from the issues that create homelessness.

[www.mungosbroadway.org.uk](http://www.mungosbroadway.org.uk)

Thanksgiving Day next year is on  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## The Star-Spangled Banner

which this year celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming.  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars  
Through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched,  
Were so gallantly streaming.  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?



## **The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral USA Tour April 2015**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston, MA

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
St Philip's Cathedral, Atlanta, GA

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Vineville United Methodist Church, Macon, GA

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, GA

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston, TX

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
St Paul's Cathedral, St Paul, MN

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Valparaiso University, IN

### **Find out More**

We would be delighted to hear from any friends in the United States interested in learning more about the tour, or about joining our network of Choir Patrons. You can contact us on [usa@stpaulscathedral.org.uk](mailto:usa@stpaulscathedral.org.uk) or follow the Choir on Twitter [@stpaulschoir](https://twitter.com/stpaulschoir)

# Advent and Christmas Services and Events

## **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

- 6 pm **The Advent Procession** sung by the Cathedral Choir  
One of the year's most dramatic services as the procession moves from darkness to light.  
Words and music focus on the Advent themes of light in darkness, hope in despair, and a new relationship with God in Christ.

## **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

- 6.30 pm **A Celebration of Christmas\***  
Music, carols and readings with celebrity readers  
The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral, City of London Sinfonia  
Simon Johnson *organ*, Andrew Carwood *conductor*  
Entry free, no tickets required,  
but please note there is limited capacity

## **Friday 19<sup>st</sup> December**

- 5 pm **A Ceremony of Carols\***  
Benjamin Britten's sequence for Christmas  
The Choristers and Vicars Choral of St Paul's Cathedral  
with Sioned Williams *harp*  
Entry free, no tickets required

## **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

- 11 am **Family Carols\***

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

- 6 pm **A Eucharist to mark the Longest Night of the Year:**  
acknowledging pain and loss, during a season of celebration,  
in the presence of Christ who came as light in the darkness

## **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

- 4 pm **Christmas Carol Service\***  
relayed live to a screen in Paternoster Square

\* These services are usually very popular, so you are advised to arrive early.

# Advent and Christmas Services and Events

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

4 pm **Christmas Carol Service\***

relayed live to a screen in Paternoster Square

11.30 pm **Midnight Eucharist\***

relayed live to a screen in Paternoster Square

Setting *Missa in C (KV 317) "Coronation Mass"*

Mozar

Anthem *Bethlehem Down* Warlock

Preacher The Dean

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day

8 am **Holy Communion** Book of Common Prayer

11 am **Sung Eucharist**

Setting *Missa Sancti Nicolai* Haydn

Anthem *O magnum mysterium* Poulenc

Preacher The Bishop

3.15 pm **Festal Evensong**

Canticles *Dyson in D*

Anthem *Sir Christèmas* Mathias

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December

### Feast of St Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

5 pm **Evening Prayer with Carols**

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December

### Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist

5 pm **Evening Prayer with Carols**

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# St Paul's Cathedral

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## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday

8 am **Holy Communion** Book of Common Prayer

8.45 am **Morning Prayer**

11.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Setting

*Mass for five voices* Berkeley

Anthem

*Vigilate* Byrd

Preacher

The Reverend Canon Philippa Boardman,  
Treasurer, Canon in Residence

Voluntary

*Fantasy on Veni Emmanuel* Leighton

3.15 pm **Evensong**

sung by the Vicars Choral

Canticles

*Magdalen Service* Grayston Ives

Anthem

*People of Sion* Jackson

Preacher

The Reverend Dr Keith Hebden,  
Seeking Justice Pioneer Minister,  
Mansfield Deanery

Voluntary

*Processional* Grayston Ives

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Morning Prayer is said daily at 7.30 am, except on Sundays.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 am and 12.30 pm daily, except on Sundays.

Choral Evensong is usually sung daily at 5 pm,

except on occasional Mondays when Evening Prayer is said.

For further information telephone 020 7236 4128.

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