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**THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE TO HOST  
THE CHORISTERS OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON  
65 YEARS AFTER HISTORIC 1953 VISIT**

*Choristers to Sing at Evensong on April 25*



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**(April 25, 2018 – New York, NY) – The Cathedral of St. John the Divine** will host the treble choristers of the Cathedral Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral, London for a special Choral Evensong service **on Wednesday, April 25 at 5:00 pm** at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112<sup>th</sup> Street), Manhattan.

The upcoming visit by the St. Paul's choristers is in celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the American Memorial Chapel in St. Paul's Cathedral. While the Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the final stop on the 2018 tour, this is not the first time the Cathedral Choir of St. Paul's has visited St. John the Divine. The choir, founded over 900 years ago, first visited

America in 1953 at the invitation of Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts (1875-1955), who worked to make the ambitious visit possible as a symbol of friendship between the United States and the United Kingdom. The choir journeyed across the ocean on the *Queen Elizabeth*, traveling by bus and train over 8,500 miles. They performed 41 concerts, starting at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and closing two months later at Carnegie Hall.

In the spirit of ongoing cross-Atlantic camaraderie, St. Paul's Cathedral will host the choristers of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for a residency in the summer of 2019.

The April 25<sup>th</sup> Evensong service will include the following music:

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm 45

Canticles: *The St. Albans Service*, Simon Johnson

Anthem: *Surrexit pastor bonus*, Felix Mendelssohn

Voluntary: *Marche Héroïque*, A. Herbert Brewer

No tickets are needed to attend the Cathedral's worship services. For more information on this Choral Evensong, please visit: <http://www.stjohndivine.org/visit/calendar/events/liturgy-worship/19558/evensong-featuring-the-choir-of-st-pauls-cathedral-2>

More information on the upcoming tour by the Cathedral Choir of St. Paul's can be found at: <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/worship-music/music/st-pauls-cathedral-choristers-usa-tour-2018>.

### **About The Cathedral of St. John the Divine**

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership. People from many faiths and communities worship together in services held more than 30 times a week; the soup kitchen serves roughly 25,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Adults and Children in Trust, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

### **About St. Paul's Cathedral and the Choir**

St. Paul's Cathedral stands as a symbol and focus of the presence of God in the world and is served by the community of people who work and worship there. Founded in 604, they continue to share in the ministry of the Bishop and Diocese of London and in the wider mission of the church throughout the world.

The full Cathedral Choir of men and boys consists of 30 treble choristers and 20 professional adult singers who sing alto, tenor and bass. At their home in London, the St. Paul's Choir lend their voices to the singing of Choral Evensong each day, with Choral Mattins and Sung Eucharist on Sundays. In addition to this traditional routine, the Choir frequently gives concerts and broadcasts, as well as producing critically-acclaimed recordings and touring across the world.

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