



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

18 December 2022, 11h00

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome, we are so happy you are here!

ACP is a Christian community of all socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicities, races, nationalities, gender identities, and sexual orientations.

Creation Care is important to us, so please take or recycle your bulletin after the service.

Corporate words are in **bold**. You are invited to rise when you see this symbol 

We Gather

Prelude

3rd Chorale
Oleg Dronnikov, *organ*

César Franck

Song

Ososo/Come Now, O Prince of Peace
Words and Music: Geonyong Lee

Lighting the Candle of Love

Lori, Pascal, Eva, Chloe Kolodziejczak

Welcome, Greeting

Paul Rock

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

 Call to Worship (Luke 1, Mary's Magnificat)

Dan Michalek

With all my heart I will glorify the Lord!

In the depths of who I am, I rejoice in God my savior!

For God has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

And God shows mercy to everyone who honors him as God.


 Hymn

Once in Judah's Least Known City
Words: Iona Community; Sung to the tune: IRBY

 Prayer of Common Confession

God, we can't help it. We are born into, and shaped by, societies that place value and worth on stuff you don't seem to care about. We spend our weeks climbing ladders of success without paying

attention to the values they lean on. When you came to earth you emptied yourself, taking on the form of a servant, born in human likeness. Please, dear Christ, be born again in us and disrupt the notions that keep us participating in systems that diminish far too many, and privilege too few. (time of silent prayer)

 Words of Assurance

Friends, in Christ we are forgiven, and if we allow, we are turned upside down to see and love the world the way he does.

Thanks be to God!

 Gloria a Dios/ Glory to God Traditional Peruvian
Pablo Veguilla, *leader*

Sacrament of Baptism Elizabeth Murray, Don Lee
Vincent Caldi, son of Charles and Jessica Caldi
Zola Manana

Children may come forward to watch the baptism and then go to their worship spaces.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from where he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy, universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

 Anthem

Folly and Love

Words and Music: Iona Community

*I sing, of a mother and manger, cradling a threat and preparing a way;
I sing of a family in danger, Father and Son and the Spirit at play;
Mother and babe, Father and Son, Spirit and flesh, and determined to stay.*

*I sing of a virgin and value, lowest of low, for the highest of high;
I sing of a prince and a preview, sinner and saint is he named and known by;
Virgin and child, Lowest on high, sinner and saint, in response to earth's cry.*

*I sing of a woman and wedding, marriage just passed and a bridegroom just
Born; I sing of new wine half encased in hay, bread for the world first appearing*

*As corn; bridegroom and bride, wine in the hay, bread for the world, not yet
Broken or torn.*

*I sing of a wonder and wisdom, maker of all, all inspect or approve; I sing of an
Heir and a kingdom, suckled and soon to be sought on the move; wonder so
wise, Maker on view, King in a crib, God is folly and love.*

**Advent Sermon Series:
Mary's Magnificat: God's Upside Down Kingdom**

Sermon Who Changed the Price Tags? Paul Rock
Luke 1:46-55; page 832 in the pew Bibles

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

Choral Response
*Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of eternal life.
By our prayers and our lives, your Kingdom come.*

Prayers of the People Dan Michalek

The Lord's Prayer (*in your mother tongue*)

**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.**


Call for Offering Elizabeth Murray

Offertory Music "For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth" Recitativo,
"The People that walked in Darkness" Air
from the oratorio, "The Messiah" by *George Frederick Handel*
Frederic Goncalves, bass

 Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
In heav'n above and earth below!
One God, three persons, we adore;
To God be praise forevermore!***

 Prayer of Dedication Elizabeth Murray

 Hymn My Soul Cries Out/Canticle of the Turning
Words: Rory Cooney; Music: Traditional Irish melody

 Benediction Paul Rock

Welcome to all! Check out acparis.org and the QR code for all the information on ACP happenings. **Today: Prayers with our lay care team** after the service in the chapel; **Docent tour** of the sanctuary; **Wednesday: Longest Night service** at 19h30. **Thursday: Silent Prayer Zoom. Saturday: Christmas Eve services** at 16h, 19h30, and 22h. Next Sunday: **Christmas Day service** at 11h only. **Coming up in the New Year: Worship Service on New Year's Day** at 14h only; **And so much more ...**



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