



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

10 October 2021, 11h00

Welcome to this service of worship

We are happy you are here! Although we are slowly removing restrictions put in place for Covid, we ask that you wear your mask while indoors. Creation Care is important to us, so at the end of the service, please take or recycle your bulletin.

The congregation's spoken words are in **bold**
and the sung words are in ***bold italics***

 You are invited to rise in body or in spirit when you see this symbol

We Gather

Prelude

Trio in B minor
Sinfonia from Cantata 29
Fred Gramann, *organ*

J.S. Bach
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Welcome, Greeting, and Announcements Don
Lee The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

 Call to Worship (based on Psalm 8) Allison?

O LORD, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name.

**Your majesty surrounds the earth,
and children sing your fame.**

The heavens shout your handiwork; we stand beneath in awe.

How glorious is your name!

We sing your praises now and ever!

 Hymn No. 446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

 Prayer of Common Confession

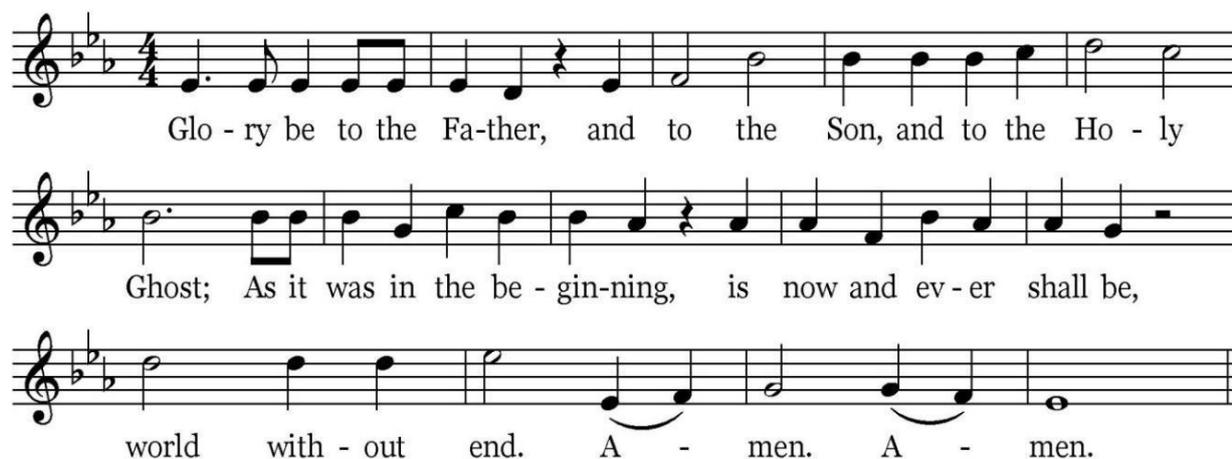
Allison?

Creative God, as we gather we are aware of the many ways we tune you out, ways that we get lost in ourselves, lose our sense of adventure, and cause harm to ourselves and others. Sometimes this harm is unleashed on those we love most; too often on those we least understand. Forgive us and help us to turn toward your dream for us, where your relentless love guides all our days. (time of silent prayer)

🌐 Words of Assurance

I will tell you what I've been told since I was a little child: we are forgiven and free to live! **Thanks be to God!**

🌐 Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

Children's Blessing and Installation of the Children's Worship Leaders

🌐 Passing of the Peace

Anthem O where is He that trod the sea? *Fred Gramann*

Adult Choir Jennifer Young, *soloist*

*O where is He that trod the sea? 'Tis only He that can save;
To thousands hungering wearily a wondrous meal He gave.
Full soon, celestially fed, their rustic fare they take;
'Twas springtime when He blest the bread,
And harvest when He brake. Thomas Lynch (1818-1871)*

Scripture Lesson: Acts 3:1-10 (page 886 of the pew Bibles) Tom Johnson

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

 Congregational Amen


Postlude

Toccatà

Gilbert Martin

The American Church in Paris

Welcome to worship – we are so glad that you are here! The **American Church in Paris** is a vibrant community, with many offerings in-person and online for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and Christian discipleship for youth, adults and children alike. In addition to in-person worship in our sanctuary, ACP posts livestreamed worship at acparis.org. Please check our website for the latest news and opportunities to grow and connect every week. Our mission is “**to bear witness in word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.**”

Announcements

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Etienne Losq, by Lela Hasteley-Losq.

The Choral Anthem this morning was composed by Fred Gramann in memory of his mother, Jean Gramann (1923-2021). The lyrics are by Thomas Lynch, a 19th century minister who served churches in England.

Atelier Concert Series: This evening’s free concert at 17h30 in our sanctuary features cellist Jonathan Bloom, accompanied by David Berdery on piano, performing music by Beethoven and Rachmaninov.

ACP pizza party and game night: 15 October 19h-22h. ACP congregants of all ages are invited to come and enjoy fellowship with each other while dining and playing some classic board games. We will provide pizza and some sweet snacks. There is no charge for this event, but make sure to register at acparis.org/signups.

“The Story of Spirituals” Benefit Concert: Saturday 30 October, 20h. This concert will be presented by Nicole Taylor (soprano) and Nathalia Romanenko (piano) to raise funds aimed at decreasing ACP’s financial losses during the last year and a half. Our goal is to raise at least 5,000 euros from this concert. Tickets are 20 euros for adults and 15 euros for students. Our ACP community is encouraged to go beyond the price of the ticket, with the option of receiving a year-end French tax credit for the extra gift if requested. We also have an ACP member who will match up to ten people who donate 100 euros beyond the price of a ticket! Please plan to lend your support by your presence and financial generosity. See acparis.org/benefit.

In need of prayer? If you are in need of prayer today, a lay care giver is available in the chapel (to the right of the sanctuary) to pray with you. If you would like members of the lay care ministry team, members of the prayer chain, and the pastoral team to uphold you in prayer, you may contact us at acparis.org/prayers.

Seasons of change: You will notice the scaffolding in the sanctuary as we continue our light and sound improvement project. We will continue to worship with the scaffolding in our midst throughout the fall. We hope to see all of you around here a lot!

Help Paul get to know you and vice versa. Join a small group meet-and-greet conversation with Paul and Stacey (when she can make it) and chat about "what it means to be the Church." Two 1-hour Zoom sessions are scheduled for 26 October at 17h30 and 7 November at 16h. Please sign up for one session only at acparis.org/signups.

Photos for Paul: Help us help Paul get to know you by face and name by taking a selfie of yourself or your family and sharing it by email with the names of those in the photo to pastorintern@acparis.org. We will make a photo book for Paul with your submissions (your personal information will not be shared with a third party). Thanks for your help as we continue to bring our new Senior Pastor on board!

Photos Requested: All Saints Day, which falls on Monday 1 November, is a time when we remember ACP-related friends and family members who have joined our Lord in heaven during the past year. You are invited to send a photo of a departed loved one, along with their complete name, to Fred Gramann at music@acparis.org by Wednesday, 28 October. A musical meditation video will be created to honor our saints, which will be shared with the congregation.

Welcome Cards for Incoming Youth and Young Adults Pastor Rev. Elizabeth Murray: Please help us welcome incoming Rev. Elizabeth Murray by writing a card or note! Turn in notes at ACP reception or email them to sundaywomensbible@acparis.org. Email messages need to be in by 15 October. Hand-written messages need to be in by 24 October.

Sunday Welcome Table: We are looking for volunteers to help staff our welcome table after worship. If you'd like to join this team, please let Pastor Jodi know at associatepastor@acparis.org.

Volunteer Editor for *The Spire*: ACP's thriving monthly magazine *The Spire* is looking for a volunteer editor-in-chief. Interested? For further information please contact us at communications@acparis.org.

Children's Ministries

Kids' Monthly Bible Study: Today 12h15-13h15 in room G7. All children ages 7 and older are welcome! This year, we will be learning more about Jesus through studying the "I am" statements found in the Gospel of John. Please register your child at acparis.org.

Family Mission Sunday: 17 October following the 11h service in classroom G7 (basement level). Family Mission Sundays are opportunities for parents and children of all ages to serve God by serving others. This month, we will be making sandwiches for our Sandwich Ministry, which provides meals for those in need. Please write to Allison Wheeler at childrensworship@acparis.org with any questions.

Children's Worship: Children's Worship is back in the ACP building at the 11h and 14h services! For safety reasons, all children must be registered for the program to attend. You can register your child for Children's Worship at acparis.org/cw-registration or by using the QR code here. We also ask that you register your child's

attendance in advance of each coming Sunday at acparis.org/signups. If you are an adult and are interested in joining our Children's Worship leadership team, or if you have any other questions, please write to Allison Wheeler at childrensworship@acparis.org.



Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Youth Ministry (collège, lycée): Youth meet weekly on Sundays, 12h30-13h45 in the Catacombs on the basement level of ACP. Contact associatepastor@acparis.org for more information.

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-30): Young Adults meet weekly on Tuesday nights, 19h30-21h30 in the Library. Contact associatepastor@acparis.org for more information. Follow our YA group on Instagram here: https://www.instagram.com/acp_ya/.

Adult Ministries

Women's Monthly Bible Study: Today 12h30-13h30 in room F2 (1st floor). All women are welcome to join us in a once-monthly study on women in parables! Register at acparis.org.

Women's Fellowship: 17 October, 16h on Zoom. Join us for the "Getting to know Stacey Perkins Rock Interview." All women are welcome. Please register at acparis.org/groups/womensfellowship.

A Pathway Forward: Constructive conversation on homosexuality and the Bible – welcome and inclusion at ACP. Every second Thursday, next session on 21 October 19h30-21h via Zoom. Please register online at acparis.org.

Shane Claiborne, Thurber Conversation: 26 October, 19h30 on Zoom. We're excited to welcome Shane, who's speaking on "Hope for a People Weary of Violence." Shane is the founder of Red Letter Christians: redletterchristians.org. Register at acparis.org.

African Fellowship Online: Sundays 16h-17h via Zoom. The first Sunday of each month is the Fellowship; other Sundays in the month will be Bible study. Please register for the Zoom details at acparis.org.

Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study: Sundays 17h30-19h via Zoom. This Bible study on the Book of Acts is hosted by Patti Lafage and Nathaniel Akujuobi, via Zoom. All are welcome. To register and receive the Zoom link: acparis.org.

Alpha Online Course: Mondays 20h30-22h. Got questions about life? Alpha Online offers you the chance to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, fun and friendly environment! See acparis.org/alpha.

Sandwiches for those in need: 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, 15h30 in the Courtyard. Join us to make sandwiches to be delivered to homeless and refugee populations. This event is financially supported by the ACP, and the food will be distributed by Serve the City volunteers. Feel free to bring a few bags of sliced bread, if you would like. We will make fresh sandwiches together and share conversation. Reservation in advance at tennhafer@yahoo.com is mandatory.

Wednesday Evening Adult Learning at ACP – Everybody Always! Wednesdays 19h30-21h via Zoom: "Becoming love in a world full of setbacks and difficult people." Please register online at acparis.org.

Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP: Thursdays 7h30-8h30. Info at acparis.org/men-thursday.

Silent Prayer Thursdays at ACP: Thursdays 18h-19h via Zoom. Join us for prayer in silence. We will practice 25 minutes of praying together in stillness according to the method of Centering Prayer, followed by the reading of a short sacred text according to the method of Lectio Divina. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity for sharing. Register at acparis.org for the Zoom link.

Recycling Reminder: The garbage bins with yellow lids are for recycling paper, cans, and plastics. Please think about recycling your bulletin on the way out today!

Read all about it – inspiration, information, news, and events from ACP in the most recent edition of the Spire. Available on the app, or at acparis.org.

For more information on all the offerings for children, youth, adults, and mission and service opportunities, see acparis.org.

A "Pass Sanitaire" is required to attend ACP services.

All congregants of more than 17 years of age will be required to present at least one of the following documents upon arrival:

1. Proof of completion of a full vaccination schedule at least 7 days old (or 4 weeks in the case of a single shot Johnson & Johnson vaccination).
2. A negative RT-PCR or antigenic test less than 72 hours old.
3. The result of a positive RT-PCR or antigenic test demonstrating recovery of Covid-19, at least 11 days old and less than 6 months old.

Proof will be accepted in the form of a paper certificate or digitally via the "TousAntiCovid" mobile phone application. Mask mandate protocols remain in place.

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