



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

24 January 2021

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP ONLINE

Announcements Largo *G.F. Handel*
Simon Fournier, *trumpet* Fred Gramann, *organ*

Gathering Music *J.S. Bach*
'Fantasia con Imitatione' in B Minor
Fred Gramann, *organ*

Welcome Odette Lockwood-Stewart

Greeting and Call to Worship (*from Psalm 62*)

Our souls find rest in God alone, for our hope comes from God.
The LORD is our rock and our salvation;
God is our strength; we will not be shaken.
Trust in the LORD at all times, O people;
we pour out our hearts before the Living God;
for our steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD.

Hymn Our Souls Find Rest in God, Our Rock *tune: KINGSFOLD*
Text © 2021 by Fred Gramann (based on Psalm 62)

***Our souls find rest in God, our rock;
Salvation comes from Him.
A fortress strong amidst the storm
Where we are welcomed in.
When all around us seems unsure,
Fearing that we may fall,
God is our refuge and our strength;
Our hope is in God's call.***

***One thing our God has told to us,
Yet two things we have heard:
All power belongs to you, O Lord,
And we trust in Your word.
Each one shall reap their just rewards
For the deeds they've done.
We pray to rest in heaven above
That day your Kingdom comes.***

Call to Confession Jodi Fondell
Let us be honest about who we are and come before God in prayer with all of who we are.

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, when we are reluctant disciples. Renew our desire to follow you even if, like those first disciples, it means completely changing the direction of our lives. Forgive us when we forget that we do not have to do everything in our own power when challenged to take risks in faith. Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us now, as we can only offer true worship and provide faithful discipleship when we are empowered by you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous! Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children's Blessing

Allison Wheeler

Music

Keep the Hope *George Makhshigian, John Arndt*
George Makhshigian, *vocals* John Arndt, *piano, production* Josiah Woodson, *flute*

Candle for God's Global Vision of Compassion, Justice and Peace

Victor Greene

The First Lesson – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

John Martin

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music

Christe eleison (from the Mass in B Minor)
Christ, have mercy upon us.

J.S. Bach

Jennifer Young and Caroline Drury, *duet* Fred Gramann, *piano*

The Second Lesson – Mark 1: 14-20

David Van Cleave

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Following Jesus...Now

Odetta-Lockwood-Stewart

Music

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, Salomon Ligthelm

Alexia Rabé, *piano, vocals* Florence Hennequin, *cello* Natalie Raynal, *backing vocals*
John Arndt, *production*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (in your mother tongue) Invitation to offering

Doug Fondell

Offertory Music

O wie selig ist das Kind

Felix Mendelssohn

Oh, how blessed is the child that receives the Lord's protection. The children who obey him will receive his peace. They silently bloom, opening to their own salvation, protected by the Lord. Nothing can disturb them; the arrows of their enemies will not harm them.

Jennifer Young and Caroline Drury, duet Fred Gramann, piano

Prayer of Dedication

Jodi Fondell

Hymn

Jesus, You Once Called Disciples

tune: IN BABILONE

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***Jesus, you once called disciples, choosing twelve to follow you:
Simon (also known as Peter), Andrew and Bartholomew,
Philip, Thomas, James and Matthew, Simon, Thaddaeus, John, and James –
Then there was the one called Judas. These were your disciples' names.***

***Women, too, were your disciples, sitting, learning, at your feet.
Mary knew your word was precious, even more than food to eat.
Martha trusted in your power when her brother Laz'rus died.
Women shared your journey, Lord, and stayed when you were crucified.***

***Lord, so many heard and followed, like the woman at the well.
Meeting you, the living water, she sought others she could tell.
Like the boy with loaves and fishes, like Zacchaeus in the tree,
Many gladly heard your message; many shared your ministry.***

***Jesus, still you call your people, "Come and follow me today!"
Some, like Paul, feel sudden wonder; some are brought up in your way.
Lord, no matter how we meet you, by your Spirit, make us new.
May we know your living presence; may we daily follow you.***

Benediction

Congregational Amen

The American Church in Paris Online Community

Welcome to worship! During the Covid-19 pandemic, the **American Church in Paris** remains a vibrant community with online resources for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and Christian discipleship. We follow government guidelines to carefully re-open church buildings for worship schools, and community groups in a way that is safe, sustainable, and fair for all. We continue to **Worship Online** at acparis.org. Please continue to check our website for the latest news and to participate in new opportunities every week. We continue to pursue our mission **"to bear witness in word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ."** God's grace and peace be with you!

Announcements

The altar flowers for Worship in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Juliette Lecointre, by her son and daughter-in-law, Didier and Jovie Serrano Lecointre.

In need of prayer? 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 prayerrequests@acparis.org.

Volunteer Editor for *The Spire*: ACP's thriving monthly magazine *The Spire* is looking for a volunteer editor-in-chief. The ideal candidate or team is skilled at content planning, text layout, photo-editing, graphics design, copy-editing, and proofreading. The position requires a native English speaker with a good grasp of French, excellent writing skills, good interpersonal skills, and sharp attention to detail. Interested? Please contact communications@acparis.org.

ACP Weekly

Sunday Worship: We will continue with Worship in the Sanctuary at 11h and 14h. Registration in advance each Sunday is obligatory; register at acparis.org. Worship Online with weekly postings starting from 9h at acparis.org.

Sundays from 10h55 via Zoom – Worship/Coffee Fellowship Online

At 11h00, we will worship online together via shared screen. Once the service has ended (about 12h), we will break into 30-minute coffee fellowship groups. Join anytime, but please be muted if you join mid-service. If you would like the Zoom link, please register at: acparis.org/worship-fellowship.

Wednesdays from 6h at acparis.org – Sanctuary Sessions Join *Natalie Raynal and ACP Contemporary Worship Musicians* for acoustic sessions online.

Children's Ministries

ACP Children's Music Ministry program 2021: Join us in lifting a joyful noise unto the Lord through voice and instrument, in praise, prayer, and thanksgiving. The ACP children's choirs will continue via virtual choir rehearsals sent as private YouTube video links to watch, alternating with Zoom rehearsals. Children of all ages are welcome. See acparis.org/childrensmusic for registration.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

2021 program *Theology on the Ground*. For more information contact Pastor Victor Greene at youthpastor@acparis.org.

Adult Ministries

ACP Monthly Women's Fellowship: Today at 16h via Zoom. Pastor Jodi Fondell will speak about her book *I Was A Stranger: Encouraging the Church to Welcome and Embrace the Foreigner*, and her experience of pastoring internationally for many years. All women are welcome to sign up to join the Zoom at acparis.org.

Wednesday Evening Adult Learning at ACP: 19h30-21h via Zoom. The Sermon on the Mount: Living as Kingdom People (a 6-week study). Register at acparis.org.

A Thursday Evening Discipleship Encounter for new and seeking to be renewed Christians: 19h-20h via Zoom. Walking in His Steps: Living as a Disciple of Jesus (an 8-week encounter). Register at acparis.org.

Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study: Sundays 17h30-19h via Zoom. This Bible study on the Gospel of John will be hosted by Patti Lafage and Nathaniel Akujuobi via Zoom. All are welcome. To register and receive the Zoom link please sign up at acparis.org.

African Fellowship Online: Sundays 16h-17h via Zoom. Please register for the Zoom details at acparis.org.

Women's Weekly Bible Study: Tuesdays 10h-12h via Zoom. Join us for our virtual study of "Job, an Unlikely Story of Joy." Contact Katherine for more information at womensbiblestudy@acparis.org.

Men's Ministry Bible Study at ACP: Thursdays 7h30-8h30 via Zoom. Register at acparis.org/men-thursday.

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.

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The American Church's operating costs depend primarily on the generosity of its members and alumni around the world who have been touched by its ministry. If you wish your gift to be tax-deductible in the United States, you must make your check payable to our parent organization "The American and Foreign Christian Union" (AFCU) and put the words "for ACP Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. In France, your gift in Euros is deductible under the category "*réduction pour dons à des organismes d'intérêt général.*" The church issues year-end receipts of giving acceptable for French tax authorities. Contributions in either euros or US dollars are accepted by both the ACP and the AFCU. To find out more about how you can help secure the future of the ACP through bequests, charitable trusts, and other forms of planned giving, please speak to one of the pastors. If you would like to set up recurring electronic fund transfers to facilitate giving, please visit acparis.org to find out how.



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