



The American Church in Paris

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 April 2020

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Prelude in B Major C. Saint-Saëns, arr. Fred Gramann
The Raleigh Ringers David Harris, *director*

The Peace of Christ

Greeting for Worship

Jodi Fondell

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

Call to Worship

Please join us in our opening Call to Worship:

A poem titled "St. Thomas the Apostle" by Malcolm Guite:

"We do not know... how can we know the way?"

**Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.**

Oh, doubting Thomas, father of my faith,

You put your finger on the nub of things

We cannot love some disembodied wraith,

But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.

Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,

Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.

Because He loved your awkward counterpoint

The Word has heard and granted you your wish.

Oh, place my hands with yours, help me divine

The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

tune: HYMN TO JOY

Prayer of Confession

Resurrected Lord, we confess that it is not always easy for us to believe in your resurrection in the face of death. We admit how often it is that we feel hopeless. We hide doubting that you meet us in places of fear, isolation, and sadness. We struggle seeing how it is you can appear to us wounded, pierced, and alive. Holy Spirit breathe on us and send us out to be your hands and feet. Almighty Father, help us to see you and help us to share your power over death.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Words of Assurance

Beloved Community, hear and believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, our Resurrected Lord, we have been forgiven and made righteous. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father

tune: GLORIA PATRI

Welcome

Scott Herr

Children's Blessing

Allison Wheeler

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

Prayer for Illumination

Grant Mongin

The First Lesson – Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Rose Marie Burke

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Contemporary Song

Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith

The Second Lesson – John 20:19-28

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Victor Greene

Anthem

Blessed are the eyes that have not seen you

Fred Gramann

(Based on John 20:24-29)

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

Scott Herr

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Alleluia, Alleluia
For our Lord God Almighty reigns
(repeat)

Holy, Holy
Are you Lord God Almighty?
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

You are Holy, Holy
Are you Lord God Almighty?
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

Doxology, Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

Doug Fondell

[Hymn](#)

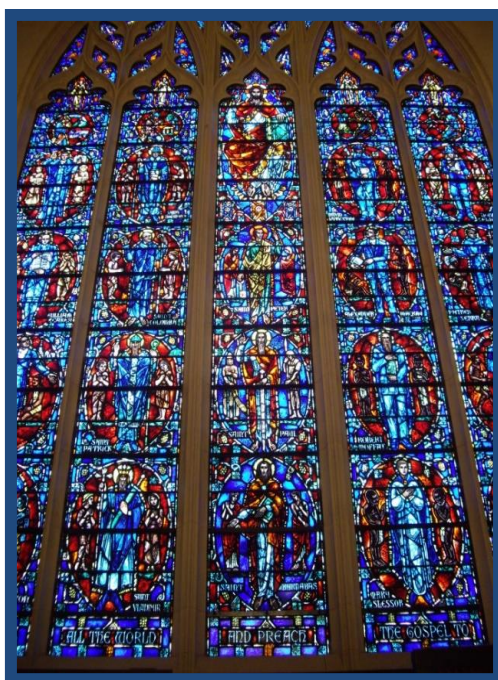
The Day of Resurrection!

tune: LANCASHIRE

[Benediction](#)

Victor Greene

Congregational Amen



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