

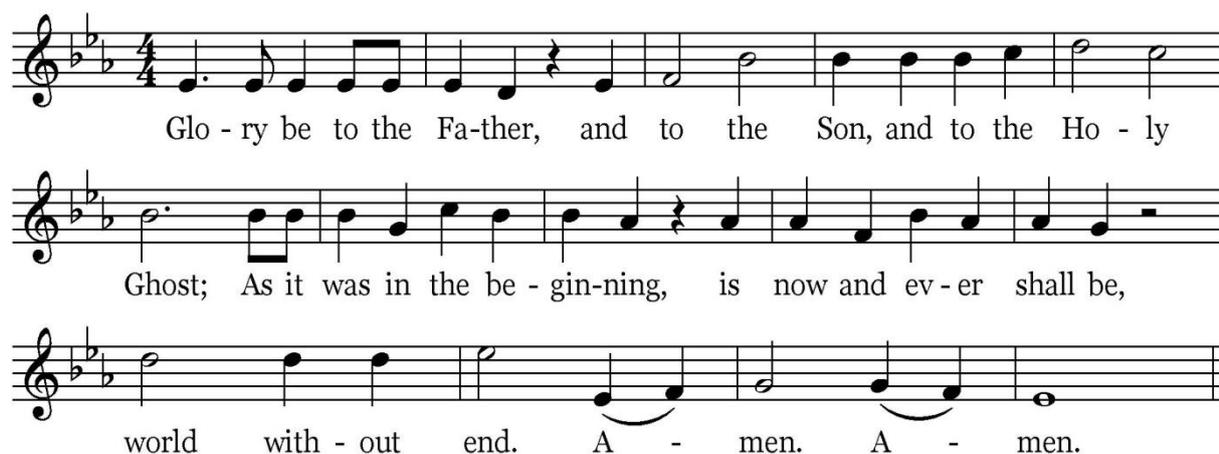
and extravagant in your loving. God, forgive our narrow view of salvation and teach us to swim in the power, love, grace, and abundance of your Spirit. *(time of silent prayer)*

† Words of Assurance

Blow the trumpet in Zion! Declare a day of repentance. Call a public meeting. Consecrate the congregation. We are forgiven. Let us celebrate!

**For God has sent the gift of his Spirit! Our fast is over.
Eat and drink and share in the good news!**

† 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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Emile Lee-Cormier, son of Anthony Cormier and Minshan Lee,
brother of Camille Lee-Cormier

All children may come forward to witness the baptism up front and then go to their children's worship space following the baptism.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and 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; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and sits 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

Music

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon

Gilbert Martin

Fred Gramann, *organ*

Minute for Ministry: Community Life

Kym Stewart

Scripture Lesson

Diane Ficarelli

Exodus 31:1-5

The Lord spoke to Moses: Look, I have chosen Bezalel, Uri's son and Hur's grandson from the tribe of Judah. I have filled him with the divine spirit, with skill, ability, and knowledge for every kind of work. He will be able to create designs; do metalwork in gold, silver, and copper; cut stones for setting; carve wood; and do every kind of work.

Joel 2:28-32

After that I will pour out my spirit upon everyone; your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days, I will also pour out my spirit on the male and female slaves. I will give signs in the heavens and on the earth – blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood before the great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. But everyone who calls on the Lord's name will be saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music How Can I Keep from Singing? *arr. B. Ellingboe*
Adult Choir Lisa Prevett, *flute* Philip Glenister, *piano*

Sermon Series: Renovating & Rebuilding the Post-Pandemic Church

Sermon What does this mean?! Paul Rock
Acts 2:1-21 (see page 885 in the pew Bibles)

Music Psalm 133 *Fred Gramann*
How very good it is when people live in unity.
John Bernard, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

Prayers of the People and the Lord's prayer Doug Fondell
We bring our struggles, celebrations, our gifts, and ourselves to God in prayer.

*Offerings are received at the welcome table
or at acparis.org/donate (QR code on back page).*

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

† Hymn

Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit *tune: NETTLETON*

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Faithful God, you sent your Spirit

Long ago at Pentecost.

You gave life and said to share it,

All as one, beneath your cross.

May we see your wondrous blessing

When your people everywhere

Work together, all confessing

Faith that binds us, faith to share.

God of hope, you daily nurture

Those who seek to follow you.

You're not bound by any culture;

You love rich and poor ones, too.

In an ever-changing nation,

May your churches welcome in

Every child of your creation,

Giving hope to all again.

God of love, may we in worship

Welcome our diversity.

May we reach in trust and friendship

To the poor and refugee.

May we see Christ in the stranger,

Breaking bonds of hate and fear.

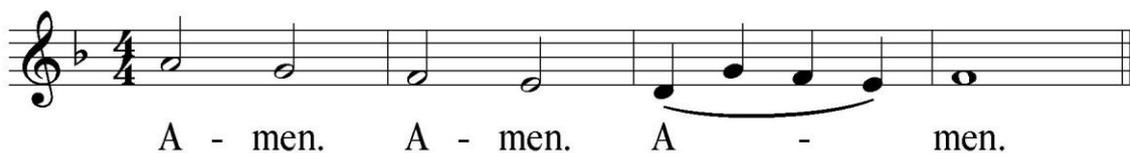
By your Spirit, may we offer

Glimpses of your kingdom here.

† Benediction

Paul Rock

† Congregational Amen



The American Church in Paris Online Community

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you are here! During the Covid pandemic, the **American Church in Paris** remains a vibrant community, with online resources for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and Christian discipleship. In addition to in-person worship in our sanctuary, ACP posts **livestreamed worship and much more** at acparis.org. Please continue to check our website for the latest news and to participate in new opportunities 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 thanksgiving for their new granddaughter, by Marcial and Eloisa Nuluud.

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.

September is U.S. National Suicide Prevention Month

- **SOS Helpline** – English-speaking helpline in France. Free telephone line open daily from 15h-23h at 01 4621 4646. Visit soshelpline.org for more information.
- **International Counseling Service.** Speak to someone about your needs – for individuals of all ages, couples, and groups. Free initial consultation. Contact 01 4550 2649 or icsparis@gmail.com. Visit icsparis.com for more information.

Seasons of change: You will notice the scaffolding in the sanctuary as we begin our light and sound improvement project. We will continue to worship with the scaffolding in our midst throughout the fall. Though this will reduce our sanctuary capacity, we are happy to be able to provide additional space to worship together in the Thurber Room where congregants can view the livestream of the 11h service on the large screen there. We hope to see all of you around here a lot this fall!

Atelier Concerts: Sundays at 17h30 in the sanctuary. **Today:** Our ACP musicians share their gifts: Jonathan Bloom, *cello*; Philip Glenister, *tenor*; Frédéric Goncalves, *baritone*; Laurana Mitchelmore, *piano*; Carol Mundinger, *clarinet*; Lisa Prevett, *flute*; Nicole Primmer, *soprano*; Debra Takakjian, *piano*; Nicole Taylor, *soprano*; Jennifer Young, *soprano*. Admission is free. Pass sanitaire required.

Membership Orientation Meeting: 28 September 19h30-21h on Zoom. All who are interested in becoming a member of ACP are invited to sign up for this casual and interactive Zoom meeting. You will learn about the history, the vision, beliefs, values, and governance of ACP, and also get to know your pastors and our lay care ministry team. Together we will explore opportunities for you to serve, connect, and grow at ACP. Register at acparis.org.

ACP Open Doors Welcome: 3 October. Join us at our 11h traditional service or the 14h contemporary service to learn more about the ACP! You are invited to bring a friend and welcome them to the American Church. This is a time to greet and welcome the

community of Paris. We will have a fellowship picnic with our guests after the 14h service in the park across the street. Please register for the picnic at acparis.org.

Becoming like the French: 9 October, 15h-17h in the Thurber Room. Have you ever wondered if you should tip in a restaurant in France or which wine you should choose? Do you want to know how you can better understand French people? Join us for a convivial moment to learn some cultural tips for living in France. Please register at acparis.org; limited spots available.

The Adult Choir and Handbell Choirs have resumed regular rehearsals. Please contact Fred at music@acparis.org for information on participating.

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.

ACP Weekly

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.

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.

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.

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, just as you have been signing up to attend worship in the sanctuary, that you sign up your child's attendance in advance of each coming Sunday at acparis.org/signups. If you 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 at 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 from 19h30-21h30 in the Courtyard (weather permitting) or in the Catacombs on the basement level of ACP. 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 welcome to join us in a once-monthly study on women in parables! Register at acparis.org.

Alpha Online Course: Mondays, beginning 27 September, 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.

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.

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.

A Pathway Forward: Constructive Conversation on Homosexuality and the Bible – welcome and inclusion at ACP. Every second Thursday, next session on 7 October, 19h30-21h via Zoom. Please register online at acparis.org.

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

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. The current social distancing and mask mandate protocols will also remain in place.

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