



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

## TRINITY SUNDAY

30 May 2021, 11h00

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### Welcome to this service of Worship in the Sanctuary

For the health and safety of us all, we worship respecting Covid-19 pandemic protocols. We kindly invite you to keep your masks on throughout worship, and to refrain from greeting your neighbor using touch (hugs, handshakes, etc.).

Please speak prayers aloud as led by our pastors.

The offering plates will not be passed, but will be located at stations as you enter and exit the Sanctuary. Please make your offering to God with a generous heart here today or electronically at [acparis.org/donate](https://acparis.org/donate).

When leaving the sanctuary, please follow the guidance of ushers, and maintain safe physical distancing. Remember to take your bulletin with you when you leave or recycle it in the designated bin on your way out.

Thank you for joining us today!

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### We Gather

Gathering Music    Prelude on “O Lamb of God, Most Holy”    *J.S. Bach*  
Fred Gramann, *organist*

Welcome and Greeting    Odette Lockwood-Stewart  
The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Introit    Surely the Lord is in This Place    *Robert Powell*  
Jennifer Young, *soloist*    Fred Gramann, *piano*

† Call to Worship    Victor Greene

God’s love is poured out on God’s world.

**From the foundations of time,**

**God’s love is woven into all things.**

When we cry "Abba, Father!", God hears and lovingly responds to us.

**Thanks be to God who forgives and lifts us up.**

Now we are called to be born anew!

**Lord God, Open our hearts and our lives**

**that we may truly be born with hearts aflame with your love.**

† Tolling Bells Call to Confession



and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Music                      Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze                      *J.S. Bach*  
*Open up completely, my heart, to Jesus, that he may enter in.*  
*How blessed I will be to find favor in his eyes.*  
Jennifer Young, soloist    Fred Gramann, piano

The Second Lesson – John 3:1-17                      Alison Benney

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.



# Announcements

**The altar flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the ACP Council and the dedicated service they have given to our church, by Lela Losq.

**Sunday Worship:** Children's Worship Online at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org) starting at 9h. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 11h, livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube (see [acparis.org](http://acparis.org) for links). We are building a volunteer tech team to run the livestream each week; contact [secretary@acparis.org](mailto:secretary@acparis.org) if you would like to join the team! Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary at 14h. Registration is required for both Worship in the Sanctuary services; see [acparis.org](http://acparis.org) Mondays at 12h to reserve your seats.

**Today**, the Paris Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 605 will distribute Buddy Poppies before and after the 11h service. Poppies are traditionally handed out on or before Memorial Day in honor of service members who lost their lives while serving their country. The poppy, which grows wild throughout France and Belgium, was mentioned in the poem "In Flanders Fields" in the aftermath of WWI and is a representation of a fallen buddy. For over 90 years, VFW Buddy Poppies have been assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals. Take a poppy and wear it proudly on Memorial Day.

**ACP Special Congregational Meeting today to vote to call the incoming Senior Pastor and to vote on other finance and governance matters.** To be held after Sunday services at 16h00 via Zoom.

The Council of the American Church in Paris requests the presence of all voting members of the ACP – and welcomes all congregants – to attend the Special Congregational Meeting via Zoom video conference. Agenda items include:

- vote to call the incoming Senior Pastor recommended by the ACP Senior Pastor Search Committee;
- vote to approve the 2021-2022 proposed Council Slate;
- vote to approve the 2020 audited financial results, and vote to approve the reserve allocations.

Please plan to attend this virtual meeting, but if you cannot be present, make sure your vote counts by completing the electronic proxy at [acparis.org/proxy](http://acparis.org/proxy). We kindly request that you submit your electronic proxy before the meeting begins today, in order to save time at the Congregational Meeting. The Zoom virtual meeting system allows only one vote per connected device. If your household includes more than one ACP member, please have each member log-on with separate devices or fill out an electronic proxy ([acparis.org/proxy](http://acparis.org/proxy)) for each additional ACP member on the same device. If you have any questions, please contact [connections@acparis.org](mailto:connections@acparis.org).

**Called! A Spring Devotion.** A 5-week devotion led by the contemporary worship team. In scripture, music and prayer, listen for how Jesus is calling you to play the role only you can play. Jesus is alive and has called us to join him!

**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 [acparis.org/prayers](http://acparis.org/prayers).

**Volunteer Editor for *The Spire*:** ACP's thriving monthly magazine *The Spire* is looking for a volunteer editor-in-chief. Interested? Please contact [communications@acparis.org](mailto:communications@acparis.org).

## ACP Weekly

**Sundays via Zoom – Coffee Fellowship Online:** Join this Sunday for fellowship time on Zoom after worship. *Note, we will no longer "view" the service together on zoom but invite you to join the live stream at 11h00 via YouTube or Facebook.* If you would like the Zoom link for Coffee Fellowship, please register at: [acparis.org/worship-fellowship](https://acparis.org/worship-fellowship).

**Silent Prayer Thursdays at ACP:** Thursdays at 19h-20h 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. This period is 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](https://acparis.org) for the Zoom link.

## Children's Ministries

**Children's Worship Online:** Sundays online starting at 9h. Visit [acparis.org](https://acparis.org) for link or contact Allison Wheeler at [childrensworship@acparis.org](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org).

**Kids' Monthly Bible Study 2020-21:** Today at 12h45 via Zoom. This online monthly Bible study is for all children seven and older. We will spend the year studying the Lord's Prayer. Please contact Rev. Allison Wheeler at [childrensworship@acparis.org](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org) for more information, and/or register at [acparis.org](https://acparis.org).

**ACP Children's Music Ministry program 2021:** The ACP children's choirs will continue via online choir rehearsals sent as private YouTube video links to watch, alternating with Zoom rehearsals. See [acparis.org/childrensmusic](https://acparis.org/childrensmusic) for registration.

## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**Youth: People Power.** Sundays through 27 June at 15h30 via Zoom.

**Young Adults: Mary's Playlist: Listen. Chat. Pray. Repeat.** Featuring selected songs from the *Rolling Stone's* top 500 songs of all time playlist, YAYA gatherings will use the art / artists as interlocutors to help exegete the ways Mary's song (Luke 1:46-55) is imprinted on the Resurrected body of Jesus and on the world that is, the world we hope to be, and the world we hope to come. Join us! May 2021, online – and maybe, in person should COVID protocols change. For more information contact Pastor Victor Greene at [youthpastor@acparis.org](mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org).

## Adult Ministries

**Women's Monthly Bible Study:** 30 May at 13h30-14h30 via Zoom. All women are welcome to join this study on Women of the Old Testament, led by Teri Lee Valluy. Register at [acparis.org/women-sunday](https://acparis.org/women-sunday).

**Wednesday Evening Adult Learning at ACP:** Through 23 June, 19h30-21h00 via Zoom. Join us as we embark on a new learning journey focused on John's Letter of Hope to the Seven Churches of Revelation. For more information and to register for the Zoom link, please visit [acparis.org](https://acparis.org).

**ACP Women's Fellowship:** 13 June 16h via Zoom. ACP member Teri Lee Valluy will discuss the book of Esther, specifically 14 lessons she's learned from Esther's story and how she's applied those to her life. Please register for the Zoom details at [acparis.org](https://acparis.org).

**African Fellowship Online:** Sundays 16h-17h via Zoom. The first Sunday of each month is the fellowship, and additional Sundays in the month will be Bible study. Please register for the Zoom details at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org).

**Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study:** Sundays 17h30-19h via Zoom. This Bible study on the Gospel of John is 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](http://acparis.org).

**Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP:** Thursdays 7h30-8h30 via Zoom.  
[acparis.org/men-thursday](http://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](http://acparis.org).

**For more information on all the offerings for children, youth, adults, and mission and service opportunities, see [acparis.org](http://acparis.org).**



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## **The Ministry of the American Church depends on you**

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](http://acparis.org) to find out how.

# **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday 30 May  
at 16h on Zoom**

## **THE AGENDA:**

- 1) The vote to call the incoming Senior Pastor**
- 2) The approval of the proposed council slate for 2021-2022**
- 3) The approval of the audited financial results for 2020**



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