



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS



PENTECOST SUNDAY

31 MAY 2020

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

[Prelude](#)

Prelude on “Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist”
Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit, and shower your mercy upon us.

J.S. Bach

Fred Gramann, *organist*

[Ringing of the Bells](#)

Pentecostal Peals
The ACP Bronze Ringers

[Introit Solo](#)

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Philip James Glenister, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *organist*

[Pentecost Greetings \(Acts 2:4\)](#)

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

And also with you.

Call to Worship

On this Pentecost Sunday,
A wind blows among us,
calling us to unite in spirit
in the name of the Holy One.

**A fire burns within us,
calling us to service,
calling us to prayer.**

A spirit moves around us,
calling us to turn in joy
toward the sorrows of the world.

**Burning, breathing, Spirit of Compassion,
we offer our lives to you in worship.**

[Hymn](#)

Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit

tune: NETTLETON ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

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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.***

[Prayer of Confession](#)

Spirit of the living God, you who are always doing a new thing-
we confess that we're sometimes resistant to opening the window of our souls,
resistant to the fresh air of new ideas that lead us to love more deeply and concretely,
resistant to hearing the cries and concerns of others,
resistant to your still small voice that urges us to change and grow.

Spirit of comfort and encouragement,
we confess that we're slow to draw open the curtains of our hearts,
slow to embrace people who are different than ourselves,
slow to imagine and respond to the struggles of others who stand in need,
slow to be vulnerable with you and others.

Holy Spirit, receive our silent personal confessions at this time...

Spirit of every place and time,
Unlock our shuttered lives-
that the breeze of your grace and the breath of your forgiveness may rest upon us this day.
In Jesus name we pray. **Amen**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends: Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God with whom we have been reconciled through Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17-18)

So hear now, and believe the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous.
Alleluia and Amen!**

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

[Welcome and Announcements](#)

Jodi Fondell

[Blessing of the Children](#)

Allison Wheeler

[Lighting the Candle for God's Global Vision of Compassion, Justice and Peace](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Victor Greene

[The First Lesson – I Corinthians 12: 3b-13](#)

Patti Lafage

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[Musical Offering](#)

A Joyous Fanfare
Eight members of the ACP Bronze Ringers

Fred Gramann

[The Second Lesson – Acts 2:1-21](#)

Felicia Henderson

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[Sermon](#)

A Fresh Wind of the Spirit

Doug Fondell

[Reflection](#)

Let the Peace of God Reign
Alexia Rabé, *soloist*

Darlene Zschech

*Father of life draw me closer
Lord, my heart is set on you
Let me run the race of time
With your life enfolding mine
And let the peace of God
Let it reign*

*Oh Holy Spirit, you're my comfort
Strengthen me, hold my head up high
And I stand upon your truth
Bringing glory unto you
And let the peace of God
Let it reign*

*Oh Lord, I hunger for more of you
Rise up within me, let me know your truth
Oh Holy Spirit, saturate my soul
And let the life of God, fill me now
Let your healing power
Breathe life and make me whole
And let the peace of God
Let it reign*

[Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer \(in your mother tongue\)](#)

Jodi Fondell

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Solo

Mein gläubiges Herze (from the Pentecost Cantata)
*My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful. Your Jesus is near.
Away with complaining, faith ever maintaining. My Jesus is near.*

J.S. Bach

Jennifer Young, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *organist*

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

Grant Mongin

Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

tune: LIVING GOD

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;***

***Spirit of the living God, move among us all,
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love.
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.***

Benediction

Doug Fondell

Congregational Amen

Postlude

Prelude on "Nun freut euch"

Paul Manz

*Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,
How His right arm the victory won; right dearly it hath cost Him.*

Fred Gramann, *organist*

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Together in Christ, While Physically Apart

Grace and peace to you! In the midst of the unprecedented Coronavirus pandemic, the American Church in Paris is dedicated to remaining a vibrant community and to provide you with resources for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and holistic health. We seek to grow spiritually closer as a community while observing physical distancing for safety.

While all activities at the ACP church sanctuary and Church House are cancelled until the confinement is lifted, the congregation is coming alive in new on-line and virtual ways. Stay tuned to acparis.org.

We pray that even during this crisis, we will continue to live into our mission "to bear witness in word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ."

God be with you 'til we meet again!



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