



# The American Church in Paris

## PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

5 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

In the Beginning Was the Word *Rosophanye Powell*  
The ACP Adult Choir Fred Gramann, *director*

#### Greeting for Worship

Victor Greene

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

#### Call to Worship (Psalm 118:24-29)

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
May the LORD, save us, and let us enjoy success.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.  
The LORD is God, and has given us light;  
join in celebratory procession up to the horns of the altar.  
You are our God, and we give you thanks;  
You are our God, and we praise you with great joy.  
Give thanks to the LORD, who alone is good,  
and whose lovingkindness is everlasting

#### Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor *tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN*

#### Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives: forgive us. When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness, some kind of defect in our character: forgive us. When we have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love for you, for others, and for ourselves: forgive us. When we find ourselves glossing over the events of your passion and death because we look too quickly to the Easter celebrations: forgive us. Hear now, our silent prayers of confession to you and grant us your mercy.**  
*(Silent prayers of confession)*

## Words of Assurance

Friends, hear and believe the Good News: “Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.”

(Philippians 2:6, 7a, 8b)

**Through his obedience we are freed and forgiven from whatever sin enslaves us. Thanks be to God! Amen**

## Welcome

Scott Herr

## Hosanna

*Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown*

Alexia Rabé, piano/lead vocal; Florence Hennequin, cello;  
Natalie Raynal, backing vocals

### Verse 1

***Praise is rising,  
Eyes are turning to you  
We turn to you  
Hope is stirring  
Hearts are yearning for you  
We long for you***

### Pre-chorus

***'Cause when we see you  
We find strength to face the day  
And in your presence  
All our fears are washed away  
Washed away***

### Chorus

***Hosanna, hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises***

### Verse 2

***Hear the sound of hearts  
Returning to you  
We turn to you***

***In your kingdom***

***Broken lives are made new  
You make us new***

### Pre-chorus

***Chorus***

## Children's Blessing

Allison Wheeler

## The First Lesson – Psalm 31:9-16

Kate Snipes

This is the word of the Lord.

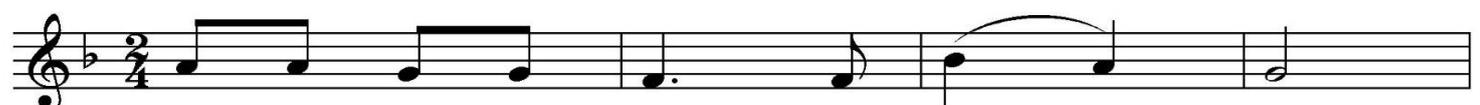
**Thanks be to God.**

## Congregational Response

Ubi caritas

from Taizé

*(may be sung in Latin or English)*



U - bi car - i - tas et a - mor,  
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,



u - bi car - i - tas De - us i - bi est.  
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

[The Second Lesson](#) – Matthew 27:11-26

Doug Fondell

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

[Sermon](#)

Not The Way It Is Supposed To Be

Doug Fondell

[Musical Response](#)

Wounded Healer

*J. Arndt and D. Gungor*

John Arndt, piano; Natalie, lead vocal;

Florence Hennequin: cello

Verse 1

***A suffering God,  
Our wounded healer  
Lonely there upon the cross  
Crowned with thorns  
Now crowned with glory  
Reigning at the Father's side***

Verse 2

***Thou once despised  
Thou once rejected  
Lamb of God, our sacrifice  
You came and died  
For our forgiveness  
Rose again to bring us life***

Chorus 1

***Hosanna....***

Verse 3

***Wounded deep  
For our transgressions  
Bruised for our iniquities  
You bought our peace  
And brought our healing  
Now eternally we sing  
Now eternally we sing***

Chorus 2

***Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest***

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

Grant Mongin

[Offering of Tithes and Gifts](#)

Scott Herr

Doxology Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
In heav'n above and earth below!  
One God, three persons, we adore:  
To God be praise forevermore!***

Prayer of Dedication

Jodi Fondell

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scott Herr, Jodi Fondell

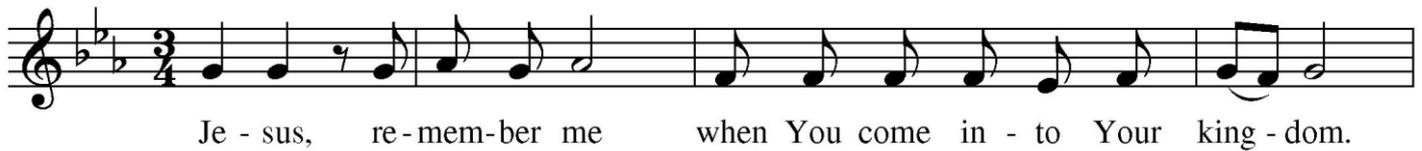
The Invitation to the Table

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Response Jesus, Remember Me

from Taizé



Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God our help, we thank you for this meal shared in the Spirit with your Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us eternal life. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him, and we pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen**

## Hymn

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

tune: ST. DROSTANE

## Benediction

Doug Fondell

Congregational Amen

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