

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
 and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
 For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust and I shall live for him.
 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD,
 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music

Der Frühling
 Jennifer Young, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *organ*

W.A. Mozart

The Second Lesson – John 15:1-11

David Li

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

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Sermon

Grace of the Vine

Odette Lockwood-Stewart

Music

New Wine
 Alexia Rabé, *vocals and piano* Devon Graves, *vocals* Mimi Sunnerstam, *cello*

Brooke Ligertwood

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

Doug Fondell

Offertory Music

Adagio
 Carol Mundinger, *clarinet* Fred Gramann, *piano*

Johann Melchior Molter

Prayer of Dedication

Jodi Fodell

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Jodi Fondell, Doug Fondell

The Invitation - Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Solo

Panis Angelicus
 Jennifer Young, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

Arthur Honegger

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we thank you for this meal and mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that in the strength of your Holy Spirit we may give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Christ, You Often Sat at Dinner

tune: BEACH SPRING

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The American Church in Paris Online Community

Welcome to worship! During the Covid-19 pandemic, the **American Church in Paris** remains a vibrant community with online resources for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and Christian discipleship. We continue to **Worship Online** at acparis.org. Please continue to check our website for the latest news and to participate in new opportunities every week. We continue to pursue our mission **“to bear witness in word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.”** God's grace and peace be with you!

Announcements

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.

Gospel Welcome! Today and 9 May from 12h-13h on Zoom. A series of Open Conversations on Welcome and Inclusion at the American Church in Paris. Over the next two Sundays, with opportunity for small group conversations led by pastors, ACP Council's Affirmation of Welcome and Inclusion will be presented in community. This is just the beginning of a journey of listening, learning, and growing our witness to the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. If you would like the Zoom link, please register at: acparis.org/worship-fellowship.

Zoom Membership Orientation Meeting: 6 May 19h30-21h on Zoom. All who are interested in becoming a member at ACP are invited to sign up for this casual and interactive Zoom meeting. You'll learn about the history, the vision, beliefs, values, and governance of ACP, and you'll get to know your pastors and some of the members of our lay care ministry team. Together we'll explore opportunities for involvement that will enable you to serve, connect, and grow at ACP. Register at acparis.org.

ACP welcomes Guest Preacher the Reverend Grace Imathiu on Sunday 9 May to our Worship Online service. Rev. Imathiu is Senior Pastor of First UMC Evanston (USA). For Rev. Imathiu, “the world is her parish”. As an African who is married to a European and is raising an American son, Grace is committed to advocating for the inclusion of all people. She has preached in Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Togo, Liberia, Denmark, Australia, Malaysia, Brazil, and all throughout the United States.

Volunteer Editor for *The Spire*: ACP's thriving monthly magazine *The Spire* is looking for a volunteer editor-in-chief. The ideal candidate or team is skilled at content planning, text layout, photo-editing, graphics design, copy-editing, and proofreading. The position requires a native English speaker with a good grasp of French, excellent writing skills, good interpersonal skills, and sharp attention to detail. Interested? Please contact communications@acparis.org.

ACP Weekly

Sunday Worship: We worship online, with weekly postings starting from 9h at acparis.org.

Sundays via Zoom – Worship/Coffee Fellowship Online: Join this Sunday for worship and fellowship time on Zoom. *Note, we have resumed watching Worship Online together at 11h during the confinement period.* Join anytime, but please be muted if you join mid-service. If you would like the Zoom link, please register at: acparis.org/worship-fellowship.

Wednesdays from 6h at acparis.org – Sanctuary Sessions Join *Natalie Raynal and ACP Contemporary Worship Musicians* for acoustic sessions online.

Silent Prayer Thursdays at ACP: Thursdays 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 for the Zoom link.

Children's Ministries

Kids' Monthly Bible Study 2020-21: 30 May 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 for more information, and/or register at 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. Children of all ages are welcome. See acparis.org/childrensmusic for registration.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

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.

Adult Ministries

Wednesday Evening Adult Learning at ACP: 5 May to 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.

Sandwich-making for those in need: 5 May 15h30 in the ACP Courtyard. Join us to make sandwiches to be delivered to homeless and refugee populations. This event is financially supported by the ACP and the food will be distributed by Serve the City volunteers. Feel free to bring a few bags of sliced bread if you would like. We will make fresh sandwiches together and share conversation. Due to Covid constraints the maximum number of 6 sandwich makers will be admitted, reservation in advance at tenhafer@yahoo.com mandatory.

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.

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. We are currently studying Adam Hamilton's *Making Sense of the Bible*. Please register for the Zoom details at 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.

Women's Weekly Bible Study: Tuesdays 10h-12h via Zoom. Join us for our virtual study of "Job, an Unlikely Story of Joy." Contact Katherine for more information at womensbiblestudy@acparis.org.

Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP: Thursdays 7h30-8h30 via Zoom. 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.

For more information on all the offerings for children, youth, adults, and mission and service opportunities, see acparis.org.

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