

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2017

## THE PEOPLE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

+Please rise in body or in spirit, as you are able.

The congregation is invited to read and sing all text printed in bold.

### THE PRELUDE

Diferencias sobre el canto de LA DAMA le demanda  
 Antonio de Cabezón (1510 – 1566)

### WELCOME

### +THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*From Psalm 29*

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;  
 worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
 the God of glory thunders,  
 the Lord, over mighty waters.

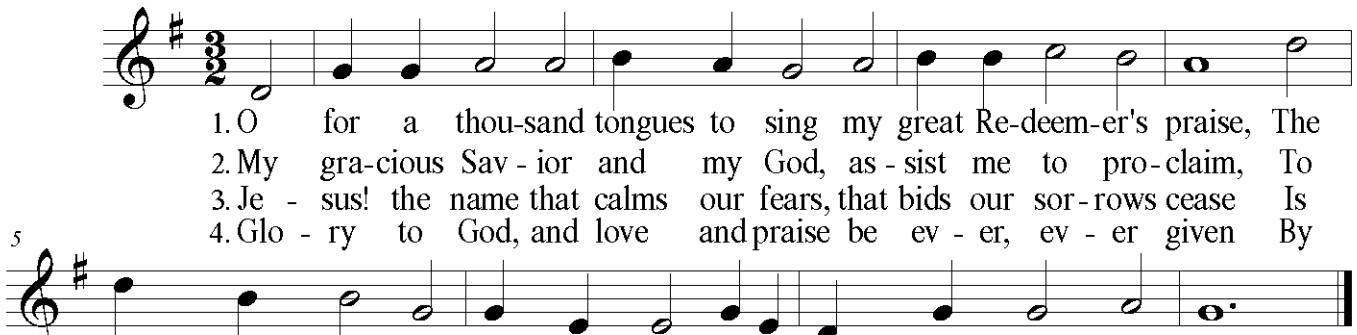
**The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
 the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
 the Lord sits enthroned forever.

**May the Lord give strength to the people!  
 May the Lord bless the people with peace!**

### +HYMN

### O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise, The  
 2. My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro-claim, To  
 3. Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease Is  
 4. Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given By

5  
 glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
 mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, is — life, and health, and peace!  
 all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

### +THE CALL TO CONFESSION and THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Over the next 60 seconds, you are invited to offer silent prayers of confession.*

## +THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### +RESPONSE

### We Are Forgiven, Loved, and Free

Written for The Rev. Alvin O. Jackson in celebration of his ministry at Park Avenue Christian Church by Paul M. Vasile.

**We are forgiven, loved and free.**

**We're washed anew and then called to be**

**Hope for the weary, strength for the weak,**

**With a blessing of peace for all, With a blessing of peace for all.**

## THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for a brief time of sharing. Following this, children may stay in worship with their parents or go with their teachers to Sunday School.

### RESPONSE

### There's a Spirit of Love

Mark Miller

There's a spir - it of love in this place, there's a spir - it of love in this place.  
pres - ence of peace in this room, there's the pres - ence of peace in this room.

You can't see it but it's there, just as pre-cious as the air. There's a spir - it of love in this  
In God's ten-der-ness is found peace that pass - es hu-man bounds. There's a pres-ence of peace in this

1. place. There's a room. O al-le - lu - ia, sing al-le - lu - ia! We bless your ho - ly  
2. place. There's a room. O al-le - lu - ia, sing al-le - lu - ia! We bless your ho - ly

name. O al-le - lu - ia, sing al-le - lu - ia! There's a spir - it of love in this place.

## WELCOME OF VISITORS

Please note the fellowship pads in the pews. We are especially interested in hearing from all of our visitors. If you are able, please stand if you are a first time visitor so that we may give you a welcome card. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate.

### RESPONSE

### There's a Spirit of Love

Mark Miller

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

# THE PEOPLE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PREPARATION

We'll Walk in the Light

George Elderkin (1845 – 1928)

6 We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.  
11 Come where the dew-drops of mer - cy shine right. Oh, shine all a -  
round us by day and by night. Je - sus, the light of the world.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

ANTHEM

Lord, I Know I Been Changed

arr. Bruce More, Jim Regin

THE SERMON

# THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+HYMN

God Has Not Given Us a Spirit of Fear

5 God has not giv - en us a spir - it of fear,  
8 God has not giv - en us a spir - it of fear,  
12 But God has giv - en un - to us a spir - it of pow -  
- er a spir - it of love and a sound mind.

Verse: Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,  
For God has given unto us a spirit of power, a spirit of love and a sound mind.

Words and Music by Steve Dory, Abiodun James and Cority Quarles

# THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

## THE FEAST OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

D'Angelo Smith

### OFFERTORY

If I Can Help Somebody

Alma Bazel Androzzo (1912 – 2001)

Arr. David L. Brunner

### DOXOLOGY



You who made the heav-en's splen-dor, ev'-ry danc-ing star of night, Make us  
5 shine with gent-le jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might-y  
9 God of all cre - a - tion, gen-tle Christ who lightsour way, Lov-ing  
13 Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end-less day.

### THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### PROPER PREFACE

May God be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks for God with us, Emmanuel.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

That we should at all times, and in all places,

Give thanks and praise to you, God with us, Word made flesh.

You did not have to be born of Mary. You did not have to walk our streets.

You did not have to be executed for us. You do not have to save us.

**And yet, you do save, again and again. Thank you, Jesus.**

#### BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

## CHRIST'S PRAYER

We invite you to use the words to the prayer you know best, in the language that resonates most with you.

*In the name of Christ, who taught us to pray . . .*

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be Your name.**

**Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our sins/debts/trespasses, as we forgive those who sin/debt/trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And so we recall that on the night of betrayal and desertion, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In like manner, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood, given for you. Do this as often as you drink of it for the remembrance of me."

## FRACTION

Ministering to you now in the name of Jesus Christ, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Alleluia! Christ, our Lord, is born for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Anyone wishing to know the presence of Christ is invited to come forward to receive communion. If you need to remain in your seat, a deacon will bring the elements to you. Matzo bread, wafers, gluten-free wafers, and grape juice are served.*

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION    The Lone, Wild Bird


Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### +HYMN

### I Come With Joy

words: Brian Wren (b.1936)



I come with joy, a child of God, for -  
I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each  
And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the  
To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in  
giv - en, loved, and free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
find, as all are fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
Pres - ence, ev - er near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that  
friend - ship we will stay, And go with joy to love the world and  
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.  
love the way we pray, and love the way we pray.

## +THE BLESSING

## +THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And always with you.**

*Please share gestures of Christ's peace with your neighbors.*

## +THE POSTLUDE

**Canonnade**

**Claude-Bénigne Balbastre (1724 – 1799)**

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

**Preaching:** The Rev. Kaji S. Douša; **Liturgist:** Marjorie Watrobski; **Lector:** Bruce Carlson; **Elders:** The Rev. Ismael Sánchez and Johnson Liu; **Deacon Leads:** Bruce Carlson and Lee Grisham; **Greeters:** Frank Tyson and Elle Greene; **Director of Music Ministry:** Saya Callner, conductor; **Organist:** John Austin Clark, piano, organ.

***Today's flowers are given in honor of the Music Ministry at The Park.***

Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone in your life or to celebrate a special occasion. Call the church office at 212-288-3246, ext. 102 to place your order.

**This Week's Mission Offering: Justice League NYC.** *The Gathering for Justice and its social justice task force Justice League NYC, have been building justice initiatives on multiple fronts. Their work includes leading policy initiatives for police accountability; bringing in individuals and groups from diverse communities to organize as a 'family coalition' in order to capitalize on our combined power and build the agenda for sustained black and brown liberation; being the catalyst for the re-introduction of federal legislation to end racial profiling and stop the militarization of law enforcement; engaging a serious and sustained effort for Raise the Age in NY State; and creating a blueprint – in the form of a substantive list of demands – for criminal justice redress and accountability for NY City and State.*

*The Gathering for Justice and Justice League NYC follow a set of guiding principles. They stand on the radical shoulders of Civil Rights leaders and elders like their Founder Harry Belafonte, who was educated in radical thought by Paul Robeson. They ground ourselves in Kingian nonviolence because we understand the power of nonviolence as a tactic in the struggle for social justice.*

## **Saturday, January 21, 10:00 am Women's March on Washington**



In the spirit of democracy and in honor of the champions of human rights, dignity, and justice who have come before us, we join in diversity to show our presence in numbers too great to ignore. The Women's March on Washington will send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in office, and to the world, that women's rights are human rights. We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us.

Please see <https://www.womensmarch.com/> and the Facebook Event Page for more information.

***Please pray for us as we carry out the ministry of presence and the living of God's love in New York City.  
Go in peace. The worship is over. Service now begins.***

The Rev. Kaji S. Douša, **Senior Pastor**  
The Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena, **Associate Pastor/Outreach**  
The Rev. Ismael Sanchez, **Associate Pastor/Latino Ministry**  
Ms. Marjorie Watrobski, **Pastoral Associate, Youth & Children's Ministry**  
Ms. Saya Callner, **Director of Music Ministry**  
Ms. Stephanie Wilson, **Office Administrator**  
The Rev. John Wade Payne, **Senior Minister Emeritus**

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# The Park WEEKLY FORWARD

## Welcome

**Everybody needs a place to belong.  
Find yours here!**

### Our Vision

We dare to see a faithful, growing healthy congregation in the hundreds over the next five years that seeks to demonstrate true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

### Our Values

We dare to be a church that embraces and celebrates the divinity and dignity of difference by actively seeking and welcoming all people regardless of race, age, culture, economic circumstance, sexual/gender orientation, physical or mental condition. We dare to be a church that lives to serve others.

### Our Mission

We dare to do ministry in such a way that reaches and impacts the upper east side, the city of New York and beyond with the radical claims of the gospel of Jesus Christ through our worship and witness as we strive to build the beloved community of God.

### Visiting or checking us out today?

*The Park* may be the place for you. Here's how to connect:

- Join us for *Coffee Hour*, a time of refreshments and hospitality immediately after worship.
- Ask questions or make inquiries of the Greeters and Deacons, fill out a welcome card or the pew pad.
- Wanting to connect with Pastor Douša? Call or email the church office. She would welcome the opportunity to meet over a meal or drinks. Please call 212-288-3246 or email [swilson@parkavenuechristian.com](mailto:swilson@parkavenuechristian.com).

### Thinking about joining?

It would be our pleasure to welcome you to *The Park*. It is easy to join, simply walk forward during the singing of the Invitation to Christian Discipleship (right after the sermon). Pastor Douša will receive you and the whole church will welcome you.

### Sharing Your Time, Talents and Treasure

We want you to live out your calling here at *The Park*, and we need your time and your talents, as well as your financial support. Please know that so much of what we are able to do is because of the generous service and support of our members and friends.

If you'd like to receive a pledge card, please see one of the Deacons after worship.

### Remembering those in prayer this week:

Bess Terry, Worley Reynolds, Justin Strickland, Etti Schiller, Francisca Torres, Mary Virginia Moore, Josiah Waters, Jaimie Arkelian, Dorothy McCarthy, Terry Jones, Teresa Sulyok, Sigrid Sunstedt, Jeremy Watrobski, Tomás Andrew, Sterling Ashby, and Barbara Sanders.



**If you have additions or deletions to the prayer list, please notify the church office at 212-288-3246.**

## PRAYER

### PRAYER MINISTRY AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE.

One of our Pastors, other Clergy or Elders are always happy to visit with anyone who would like individual prayer after worship. Someone will be stationed in the Chancel area each Sunday.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at the church.) 6:00 pm

#### Contacts:

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**Hillary Buckland –**  
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### THE-PARK-PRAYS-ON-LINE

To be added, contact Pam Wood,  
[bandpwood@aol.com](mailto:bandpwood@aol.com) (or 917-882-7667, talk/text). As a member, you can post a prayer or prayer request.

### ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

Healing prayer group, NYC Chapter meets monthly for worship, study and healing prayer. Contact Pam Wood: [bandpwood@aol.com](mailto:bandpwood@aol.com), 917-882-7667.

# EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## Upcoming:

Every Sunday, **Choir Rehearsal**, 9:00 am, *The Park*  
Every Sunday, **Adult Bible Study**, 10:00 am, Room A  
Every Sunday, **Children's Sunday School**, 10:00 check in,  
1:00 pm pick up  
Every Tuesday, **Recorder Consort Rehearsal**, 6:00 pm, *The Park*  
Today, **Bilingual (Spanish/English) Worship Service**, 1:30 pm  
Wednesday, January 18, **Ministry Council Meeting**, 7:00 pm,  
Room A  
Saturday, January 21, **CPE Orientation**, 10:00 am  
Saturday, January 28, **Community Lunch Program**, 1:00 pm,  
Manhattan Church of Christ, 48 East 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Madison  
Avenue  
Sunday, January 29, **Annual Congregation Meeting**, 12:30 pm

## Monday, January 16, 7:30 pm, *The Park* 20th Annual Heschel-King Service



### A Candlelight Vigil for Healing and Hope Moving from Demonstration to Dialogue in Divided Times.

For almost 20 years, Park Avenue Christian Church and  
Congregation Da'at Elohim (Temple of Universal Judaism) have  
celebrated an interfaith service honoring the friendship and  
life work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and Rabbi Abraham  
Joshua Heschel. All are invited to join us for a service of music,  
candlelight, reading, and remembering the words and witness  
of two towering moral giants.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 29, 2017



~ Adopting the 2017 Budget and Annual Review

## Clinical Pastoral Education: Focus on Prison Ministry



Park Avenue  
Christian  
Church is  
offering an  
intensive unit  
of Clinical  
Pastoral  
Education  
(CPE)

focusing on individuals and families affected by incarceration.  
The Program Director is Rev. Maria Lopez, who served for twenty  
years as a prison chaplain at Rikers Island and Bedford Hills  
Correctional Facility for Women. CPE provides an opportunity for  
those in religious leadership, both clergy and lay, to develop and  
deepen their skills in listening and healing. CPE students focus on  
the living human document in need of their attention. The CPE  
program at The Park will focus on all facets of incarceration: the  
prisoner, their families and those who are targeted (the poor).

**The extended unit begins January 21.** Additional info and an  
application form are available.

**For more information contact: The Park at**  
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**The Rev. Dr. Maria Lopez at**  
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[abdussalaam1943@gmail.com](mailto:abdussalaam1943@gmail.com) or (347) 407-6828

Saturday, January 21, 11:00 am (gather around 10:00 am),  
**Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (NW corner of 47th and 2nd) to**  
**Trump Tower (56<sup>th</sup> and Fifth Avenue)**



If you're looking for an opportunity to march but can't get down to  
Washington, DC, this is your opportunity! There is a sister march  
here in New York City and we will be participating.

This is an opportunity for us to remind our government that we  
expect the rights of ALL individuals to be upheld, to show everyone  
that real POWER lies with the PEOPLE, and to EMPOWER us all to  
stand up for our beliefs and our rights.

Please come join us for the march, or even just for the kick off  
celebrations, and moment of silence at 11:00AM, if you don't feel  
you can make the whole march. More information will be coming  
out on Facebook and the church website as it is available.  
For more information, please contact Margie Watrobski  
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