

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 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

WELCOME

+THE CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted From Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord;
 who inclined to me and heard my cry.
**The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit,
 out of the miry bog,
 and set my feet upon a rock,
 making my steps secure.**

God put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God.

**Happy are those who make
 the Lord their trust,
 who do not turn to the proud,
 to those who go astray after false gods.**

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
 your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;
 none can compare with you.
 Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
 they would be more than can be counted.

**Do not, O Lord, withhold
 your mercy from me;
 let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
 keep me safe for ever.
 For evils have encompassed me
 without number;
 my iniquities have overtaken me,
 until I cannot see;
 they are more than the hairs of my head,
 and my heart fails me.**

But may all who seek you
 rejoice and be glad in you;
**may those who love your salvation
 say continually, 'Great is the Lord!'**
 As for me, I am poor and needy,
 but the Lord takes thought for me.
**You are my help and my deliverer;
 do not delay, O my God.**

+HYMN

Arise, Your Light is Come

words: Ruth Duck (b. 1947)
 melody: Peter Lambert



1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey. Show
 2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; Pro -
 3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, Bind
 4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise

5
 forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
 claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 up the bro - ken heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

+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



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

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEOPLE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PREPARATION

Jesus, the Light of the World

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

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb God named me. God made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of God's hand God hid me; **God made me a polished arrow, in God's quiver God hid me away.** And God said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be the Lord's servant, to bring Jacob back, and that Israel might be gathered in, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— God says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; **I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, **the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.**'

ANTHEM

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Eric Lindsey, *soloist*

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
arr. Mark Hayes

THE SERMON

THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+HYMN

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

John Bell (b. 1947)
text inspired: Desmond Tutu (b. 1931)

5 Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than hate;
9 light is strong-er than dark - ness; life is strong-er than death. Vic-tory is
ours, vis - tory is ours through God who loved us.

THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

THE FEAST OF THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

D'Angelo Smith

OFFERTORY

Rise, Shine, You People

Dale Wood (1934 – 2003)

DOXOLOGY

You who made the heav-en's splen-dor, ev-ery danc-ing star of night, make us
5 shine with gen-tle jus-tice; let us each re-flect your light. Might-y
9 God of all cre-a-tion, gen-tle Christ who lights our 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 Agnus Dei, from *A Little Jazz Mass*

Bob Chilcott (b. 1951)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+HYMN

In the Midst of New Dimensions

1. In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ple, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,
3. As we stand a world di-vid-ed by our own self-seek-ing schemes,
4. Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,
5 Who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-dering in their sep-arate ways?
Who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?___
Grant that we, your glob-al vil-lage, might en-vi-sion wid-er dreams.
10 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.___
God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your peo-ple,
15 ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er-more.

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
Julian Rush, 1985
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

+THE BLESSING

+THE POSTLUDE

Musical Reflection

The Postlude is performed by our guest pianist Milena Zhivotovskaya. Please stay seated for this musical reflection before passing of the peace. as a teaser for February 5th 5pm concert at The Park. Please stay seated for this musical reflection before passing of the peace.

Four pieces op.3 for piano

S. Prokofiev

Movements; I: Story, II: Badinage, III: March, IV: Phantom

+THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And always with you.

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

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Preaching: The Rev. Kaji S. Douša; **Liturgist:** The Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena Zayas; **Lector:** Anita Edson; **Elders:** Stephenie Stovall and The Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena Zayas; **Deacon Leads:** Scott and Anita Edson; **Greeter:** The Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena Zayas; **Director of Music Ministry:** Saya Callner, conductor; **Organist:** John Austin Clark, piano, organ; **Guest Pianist:** Milena Zhivotovskaya.

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.

***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.

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

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

Contacts:

Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena –
lacartagena@parkavenuechristian.com;

Hillary Buckland –
candhbuckland@optonline.net

THE-PARK-PRAYS-ON-LINE

To be added, contact Pam Wood,
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, 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, **The Gathering**, 1:00 pm, *The Manse*
 Saturday, January 28, **Community Lunch Program**, 1:00 pm,
 Manhattan Church of Christ, 48 East 80th Street near Madison
 Avenue
 Sunday, January 29, **Annual Congregation Meeting**, 12:30 pm

Song without Words

an afternoon concert of chamber music
 for Cello, Piano, and Voice

Xue Yang Liu
 cello

Milena Zhivotovskaya
 piano



guest soprano

Joyce Bingxiu Wang

Works by Handel, Schumann,
 Mendelssohn, Scriabin, Rachmaninov, Fauré, Piazzolla

Sunday, February 5 at 5 p.m.

Park Avenue Christian Church
 1010 Park Ave
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 (corner of 85th Street)

Admission \$20 at the door

NEXT WEEK

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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