



PARK AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A Christian Community  
that Embraces the  
Divinity of Difference  
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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 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

Canção

António Carreira (c. 1520 – 1597)

WELCOME

+THE CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

**One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:**

**to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,**

**to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
**and I will offer in God's tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

**I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

+HYMN

Come! Live in the Light

David Haas (b. 1958)

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of our  
Come! O - pen your heart! Show your mer - cy to all those in  
Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be

God! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so all  
one! God will reign and we'll walk with each oth - er as

**Refrain:**

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God! We are called  
ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!  
sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!

to act with jus - tice, we are called to love ten - der - ly, we are called to

serve one an - oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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

Almighty God, we confess before you that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may walk in your way and delight in your will, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*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**

**There's a Spirit of Love**

**Mark Miller**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

# THE PEOPLE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PREPARATION

Come! Live in the Light

David Haas (b. 1958)

*We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.*

+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Light

Lillian Bouknight

THE SERMON

## THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+HYMN

The Lord is My Light

Lillian Bouknight

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion. the  
5 Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my  
10 light and my sal - va - tion. Whom shall I fear?  
17 Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? The  
25 Lord is the strength of my life. Whom shall I fear?

# THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

## THE FEAST OF THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

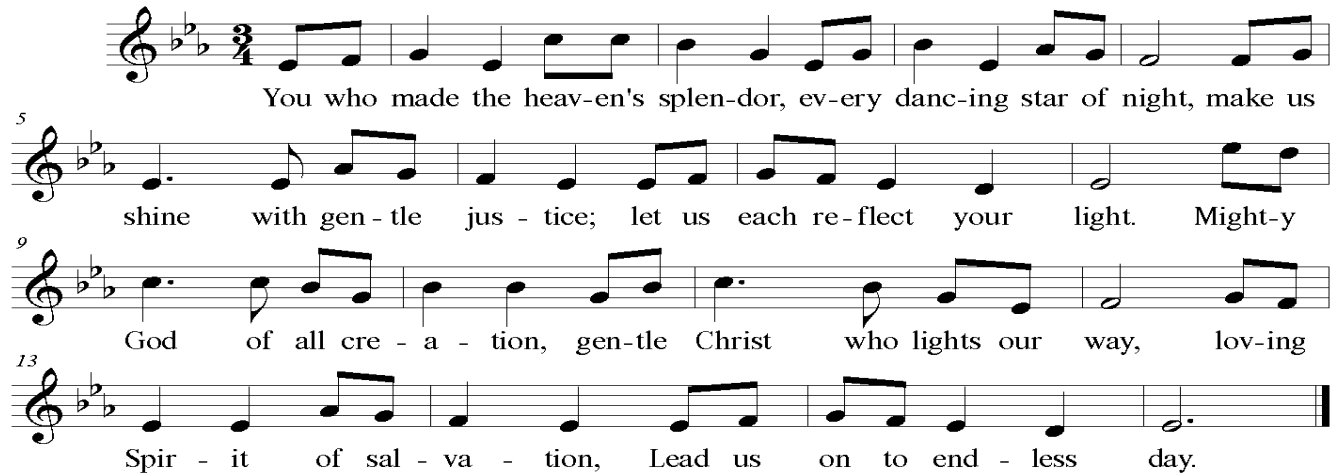
Casey Watrobski

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)



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-lect 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

Ave Maria

Charles Gounod (1818 – 1893)

Hirona Amamiya, Violin

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### +HYMN

### To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - jice,

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Music: Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924  
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### +THE BLESSING

### +THE POSTLUDE

Solemn March, from *Joshua*

G.F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

## +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:** Michael Vanacore; **Lector:** The Eicher Family; **Elders:** David Mitchell and Heather Bickham; **Deacon Leads:** Harry and Norma Lopez Eicher; **Greeters:** Ajua and Amenan Kouadio; **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: Faith in New York.** *Help us continue our work of empowering people of faith across New York City to put their faith in action for justice. When you donate to Faith in New York, you are supporting a movement of faith leaders and community members committed to uniting across racial, faith, neighborhood and socio-economic lines to pursue the work of justice in our city.*

## ***Stick Around Following Worship:***



**~ Adopting the 2017 Budget and Annual Review**

***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:

Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena – [lacartagena@parkavenuechristian.com](mailto:lacartagena@parkavenuechristian.com);

Hillary Buckland – [candhbuckland@optonline.net](mailto:candhbuckland@optonline.net)

### 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 Monday and Wednesday - **CPE**, 6:30 pm, *The Park*  
 Every Tuesday, **Recorder Consort Rehearsal**, 6:00 pm, *The Park*  
 Every Saturday, **Saturday Community Lunch Program**, 1:30 pm,  
 Manhattan Church of Christ, 48 East 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Madison  
 Avenue

Today, **Annual Congregation Meeting**, after worship, *The Park*  
 Sunday, February 5, **Elders' Meeting**, 12:30 pm, *The Park*  
 Sunday, February 5, **The Gathering: Spiritual Conversations to  
 Engage, Activate & Nurture Your Call of Activism**, after worship.  
 Saturday, February 11, **Order of St. Luke Chapter Meeting**,  
 1:00 pm, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 236 E. 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
 between Second and Third Avenue. Call, text or email Pam for  
 more info: 917-882-7667 or [bandpwood@aol.com](mailto:bandpwood@aol.com)  
 Tuesday, February 21, **Ministry Council Meeting**, 7:00 pm,  
 Room A

## NEXT WEEK

### 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.

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1010 Park Ave  
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(corner of 85th Street)

Admission \$20 at the door

## The Gathering: Spiritual Conversations to Engage, Activate & Nurture Your Call of Activism



Led by Klay S. Williams, The Gathering is a group of awakened activists, visionaries and burgeoning community leaders interested in creating spiritual pathways to develop/nourish one's purpose, build community and discovery of wellness practices to live an empowered life.

**Future Dates: February 12, 19 and March 5, 12 and 19, after worship**

Klay S. Williams is an author, holistic lifestyle expert and media personality specializing in holistic personal and professional development. Klay has created a lifestyle-consulting firm, Plan A Enterprises, LLC that is a one-stop-shop for the entire person. Whether he is leading a conversation on spiritual progression of the self, supporting clients with closing the gap between their past and present or having a full service image/wellness conversation, it all points towards living what Klay calls, one's "Plan A". He is the author of *There Is Only Plan A— A Journey Toward Self-Discovery and Renewed Purpose* and *365 Plan A Nightly Meditations*. A graduate of Kalamazoo College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion with a double minor in Economics and Business, he also holds a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Klay has appeared/partnered with a host of media platforms, including but not limited to: Fox 5 NY, fyi, NPR, iHeart Radio, Lululemon and ABC. For more information on Klay, visit: [KlaySWilliams.com](http://KlaySWilliams.com)

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