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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 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

Ave Maria  
Hirona Amamiya, *Violin*

Charles Gounod (1818 – 1893)

WELCOME

+THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Adapted from 1 Corinthians 1:18-27*

The Apostle Paul says: the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, **but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For some demand signs and others desire wisdom,

**but we proclaim Christ crucified. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.**

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

**But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;**

**God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.**

Let the one who boasts:

**boast in the Lord. Amen.**

+HYMN

Welcome (Let's Walk Together)

1. Let's walk to-gether for a while and ask where we be - gin —  
 2. Let's talk to-gether of a time when we will share a feast,  
 3. Let's dream to-gether of the day when earth and heav'n are one,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to build a house where love can grow — and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ where pride and pow - er kneel to serve the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ a cit - y built of love and light, — the  
 hope and en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ to be the hands of  
 lone - ly and the least, \_\_\_\_\_ and joy will set the  
 new Je - ru - sa - lem, where our mourn - ing turns to  
 heal - ing and to plant the seeds of peace. Sing - ing  
 ta - ble as we join our hands to pray, Sing - ing  
 danc - ing, ev - ry crea - ture lifts its voice! Cry - ing  
 wel - come, wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to  
 come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the love of God to share \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 'cause all of us are wel - come here; \_\_\_\_\_  
 all are wel - come in this place. \_\_\_\_\_

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+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 Presence of Peace in This Room**

**Mark Miller**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

# THE PEOPLE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PREPARATION

Let Justice Roll Like a River

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
wash all op - pres - sion a - way; \_\_\_\_\_ Come, O  
God, and take us, move and shake us,  
Come now, and make us a - new, \_\_\_\_\_ that  
we might live just - ly like you. \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

ANTHEM

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Mark Miller

THE SERMON

# THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+HYMN

What Does the Lord Require of You? (*Refrain*)

Mark Miller

*What does the Lord require of you.*

*What does the Lord require of you.*

*What does the Lord require of you.*

*I want to know. I want to know.*

*Justice, Kindness, Walk humbly with your God.*

*Justice, Kindness, Walk humbly with your God.*

# THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

## THE FEAST OF THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Rev. Kaji S. Douša

OFFERTORY

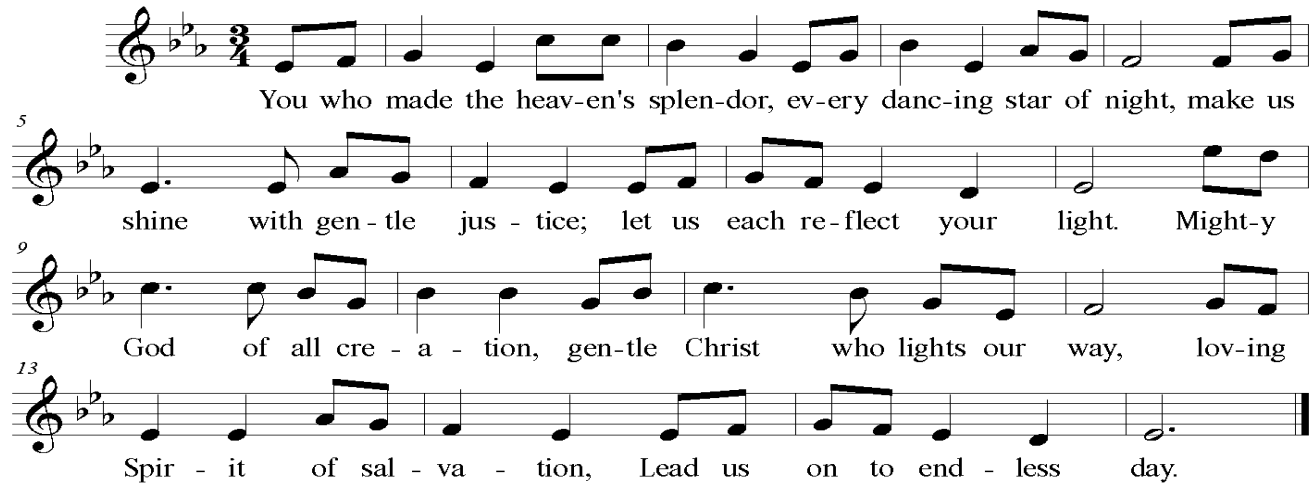
Softly and Tenderly  
Georga Osborne, *soloist*

W.L. Thompson (1847 – 1909)  
Arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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-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

Notre Père (Lord's Prayer)

Maurice Duruflé (1902 – 1986)

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### +HYMN

### God of Grace and God of Glory



God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the  
Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
pour your power; crown your an - cient church's sto - ry; bring its bud to  
Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long havebound us free our hearts for  
your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and  
glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, make our brok - en spir - its  
hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.  
John Hughes, c. 1907

**+THE BLESSING**

**+THE POSTLUDE**

**Le Rondeau de Première Suite**

**Jean-Joseph Mouret**

**+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. Sydney Advent; **Liturgist:** Marjorie Watrobski; **Lector:** E.B. Blakney; **Elders:** The Rev. Dr. Maria Lopez and Hillary Buckland; **Deacon Lead:** Noel Cline; **Greeter:** Noel Cline; **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: Micah Faith Roundtable.** *Inspired by the Hebrew prophet Micah's call to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God, we seek to inspire and educate faith leaders to fight poverty and injustice.*

*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, after worship, **Elders' Meeting**, *The Park*  
 Today, after worship, **The Gathering: Spiritual Conversations to Engage, Activate & Nurture Your Call of Activism**, *The Manse*  
 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

## Following Worship

**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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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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