

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 19, 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

Violin Sonata in D Major
Hirona Amamiya, *violin*

G.F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

WELCOME

+THE CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!
We enter into God's house with Thanksgiving.

Rejoice in the Lord, who has called you here today.
We will listen for God in the sanctuary. Amen

+HYMN

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to
2. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment



pray; but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
cease; then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

WORDS: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1966 (Mt. 6:12)

MUSIC: *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820

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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 Spirit of Love

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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. _____

+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:21-26

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

ANTHEM

Oh Come, Let Us Worship
Andy Dahn, *soloist*

F. Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

THE SERMON

THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+HYMN

I Need You to Survive

Hezekiah Walker
arr. Mark Miller

*I need you, You need me
We're all a part of God's body.*

*Stand with me, come be with me.
We're all a part of God's body.*

*It is God's will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.*

I pray for you, You pray for me

I love you, I need you to survive.

*I won't harm you
With words from my mouth.*

I love you. I need you to survive.

*It is God's will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.*

THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

THE FEAST OF THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God Is Love

Ralph Manuel (b. 1951)

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 save us, 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 sacrificed 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 Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré (1845 – 1924)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+HYMN

I Come with Joy, a Child of God

1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2. And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er

4
free, _____ The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
near, _____ And join our hearts and sing with joy the

7
love laid down for me, _____ in love laid down for me. _____
Christ is ris - en here, _____ that Christ is ris - en here. _____

One of Brian Wren's most widely published texts, this hymn was originally written to "sum up a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. It tries to use simple words to suggest important theological themes."

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+THE BLESSING

+THE POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell (1659 – 1695)

+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:** Sigrid Sunstedt; **Elders:** The Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm and Bruce Wood; **Deacon Leads:** Lee Grisham and Elle Greene; **Greeters:** Kent Edwards and Lee Grisham; **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: Disciples of Christ Week of Compassion. *Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Week of Compassion seeks to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities. Give generously this morning.*

***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.

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 80th Street near Madison
 Avenue

Today, **The Gathering: Spiritual Conversations to Engage,
 Activate & Nurture Your Call of Activism**, after worship.
 Today, **Bilingual (Spanish/English) Worship Service**, 1:30 pm
 Tuesday, February 21, **Ministry Council Meeting**, 7:00 pm,
 Room A
 Sunday, March 5, **The Gathering: Spiritual Conversations to
 Engage, Activate & Nurture Your Call of Activism**, after
 worship
 Sunday, March 5, **Elders' Meeting**, 12:30 pm, Room A
 Friday, March 10, **Urban Playground Chamber Orchestra**, 7:00
 pm
 Saturday, March 11, 1:00 pm, **Order of St. Luke Chapter
 Meeting**, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 236 E. 31st Street
 between Second and Third Avenue. Call, text or email Pam for
 more info: 917-882-7667 or bandpwood@aol.com

RAISE THE AGE

For Criminal Responsibility Among Youth

Did you know that New York is ONE of only TWO STATES that automatically prosecutes 16- and 17-year-olds as adults?

Join the #RAISETHEAGE campaign and participate in a phone banking event near you!

HELP US AMPLIFY OUR VOICE AND SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR A GROUP.

CALL AND DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE RAISE THE AGE NOW!

EMAIL AND TWEET THAT THIS IS A MORAL ISSUE AND WE MUST STOP PLAYING POLITICS WITH OUR KIDS.

Join Justice League NYC, faith-based groups, community partners and residents for a day of action in calling on the Governor and the State Legislature to end child incarceration in adult prisons.

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: March 5, 12 and 19, after worship

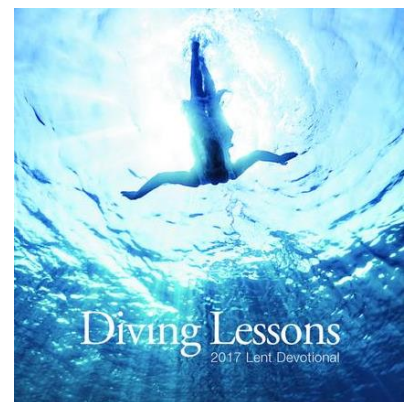
Klay S. Williams is an author, holistic lifestyle expert and media personality specializing in holistic personal and professional development. Klay has created a lifestyle-consulting firm, Plan A Enterprises, LLC that is a one-stop-shop for the entire person. Whether he is leading a conversation on spiritual 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

2017 Lent Devotional

Retrieve your copy in time for the Lenten season.

Suggested Contribution: \$5

For those of you who signed up to write a reflection for Lent, please submit your 300-word reflection, a short prayer and a brief bio, plus a photo by **February 27**.



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