

Transfiguration Sunday

February 26, 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

Come and Let Us Worship God

Cranmer Muhabura

arr. John L. Bell

WELCOME

+THE CALL TO WORSHIP

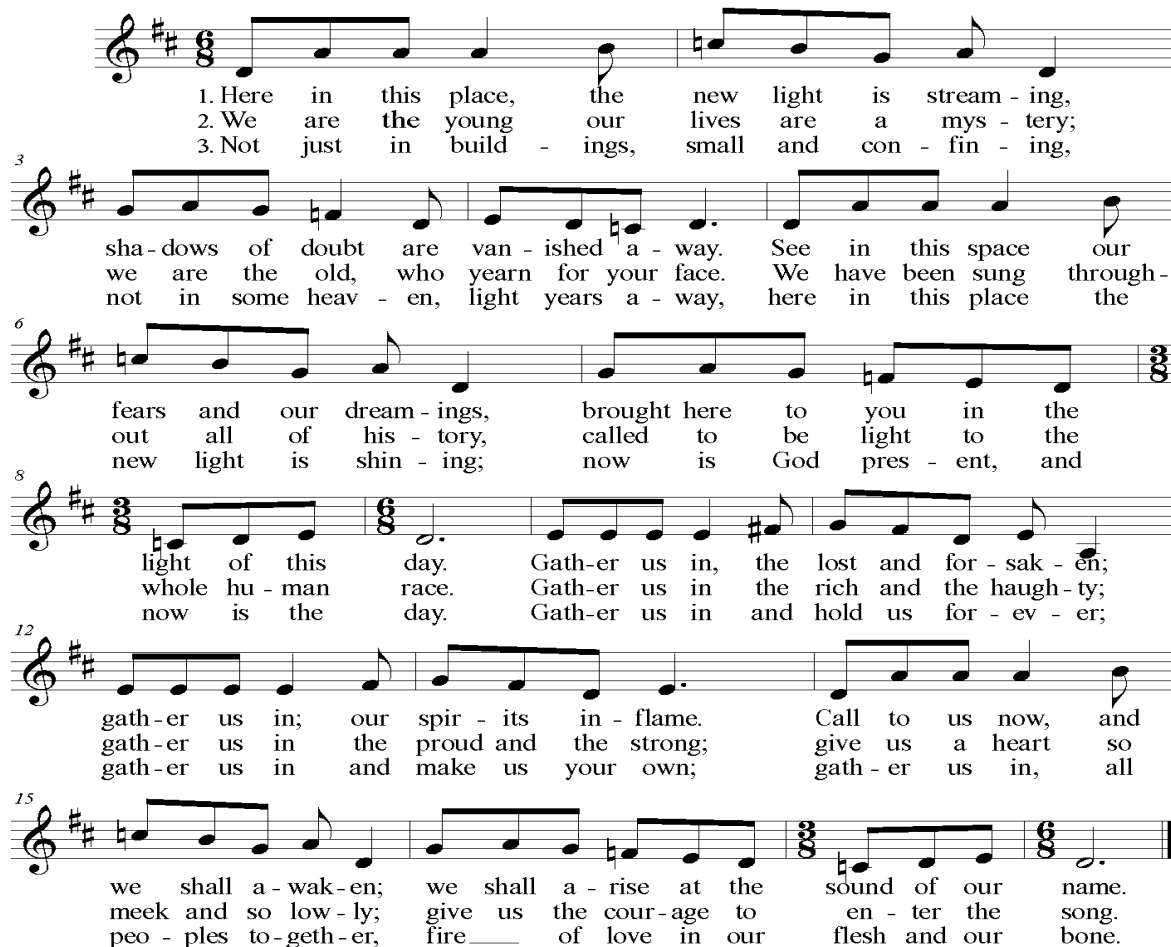
from Psalm 2

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling kiss God's feet.
Happy are all who take refuge in God.

+HYMN

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place, the new light is stream - ing,
2. We are the young our lives are a mys - tery;
3. Not just in build - ings, small and con - fin - ing,

3
sha - dows of doubt are van - ished a - way. See in this space our
we are the old, who yearn for your face. We have been sung through -
not in some heav - en, light years a - way, here in this place the

6
fears and our dream - ings, brought here to you in the
out all of his - tory, called to be light to the
new light is shin - ing; now is God pres - ent, and

8
light of this day. Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en;
whole hu - man race. Gath - er us in the rich and the haugh - ty;
now is the day. Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er;

12
gath - er us in; our spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and
gath - er us in the proud and the strong; give us a heart so
gath - er us in and make us your own; gath - er us in, all

15
we shall a - wak - en; we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
meek and so low - ly; give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
peo - ples to - geth - er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

+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

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 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

ANTHEM

The Lone, Wild Bird

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Text: Henry R. McFadyen

THE SERMON

THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+HYMN

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche (b. 1962)

*Open the eyes of my heart, God, open the eyes of my heart,
We want to see You, we want to see You;
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart,
We want to see You, we want to see You;*

*To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory;
Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing, 'holy, holy, holy,'*

*Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy, we want to see You;*

THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

THE FEAST OF THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lift Thine Eyes from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

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 most high.
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, Almighty God.
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.

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

**Larghetto from *Violin Sonata in D Major*
Hirona Amamiya, *Violin***

G. F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+HYMN

Transform Us

Text: **Sylvia G. Dunstan**

Tune: **Picardy**

Trans - form us as you, trans - fi - gured.
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4
stood a - part on Ta - bor's height. Lead us up our sa - cred
once spoke with those ho - ly ones. We, su - rround - ed by the
9
would not stay wi - thin a shrine. Keep us from our great temp -
moun - tains; search us with re - vea ling light.
wit - ness of those saints whose work is done.
13
ta - tion time and truth we quick - ly bind.

Lift us from where we have fall - en.
Live in this world as your bo - dy.
17
Lead us down those dai - ly path - ways,

Full of ques - tions, filled with fright.
Cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.
Where our love is not con - fined.

+THE BLESSING

+THE POSTLUDE

Voluntary I in D Major

William Boyce (1711 – 1779)

+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:** Marjorie Watrobski; **Lector:** Hannah Taylor; **Elders:** Carl Buckland and The Rev. Vanessa Falgoust; **Deacon Leads:** Hannah Taylor and Iris Burroughs; **Greeters:** Sandra Monroy and Ephraim Tchandao; **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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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 –
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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 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, **Choir Rehearsal/Gathering**, 1:00 pm, *The Park*
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
Wednesday, March 15, **Babywearing Meeting**, 10:00 am, Room A

Following Worship:

Join us as we unite with congregations across NYC to do a letter writing action.



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 a brief bio and a photo by **February 27**.*

Visit:

<http://www.parkavenuechristian.com/lenten-reflection-submission/>

