



A Christian Community
that Embraces the
Divinity of Difference
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First Sunday of Lent

March 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.

GATHERING

Ave Verum Corpus

W. A. Mozart (1756 – 1791)

Hirona Amamiya, violin

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

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.

+RESPONSE

Give Me a Clean Heart

Chorus:

Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee.

Lord fix my heart so that I may be used by Thee.

For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.

Give me a clean heart and I'll follow Thee.

Verse:

I'm not asking for the riches of the land

I'm not asking for high men to know my name

Please give me Lord a clean heart

so that I may follow Thee

Give me a clean heart a clean heart

And I'll follow Thee.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Kaji Douša

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.

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.

THE PEOPLE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PREPARATION

Lay Me Low

Daniel Schwandt

Lay me low, where God can find me.

Lay me low, where God can hold me.

Lay me low, where God can bless me.

Lay me low, oh, lay me low.

+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

ANTHEM

Dr. Tony McNeill

THE SERMON

THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Dr. Tony McNeill

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and grief to
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y -
3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den; cum - bered with a load of
bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thin to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

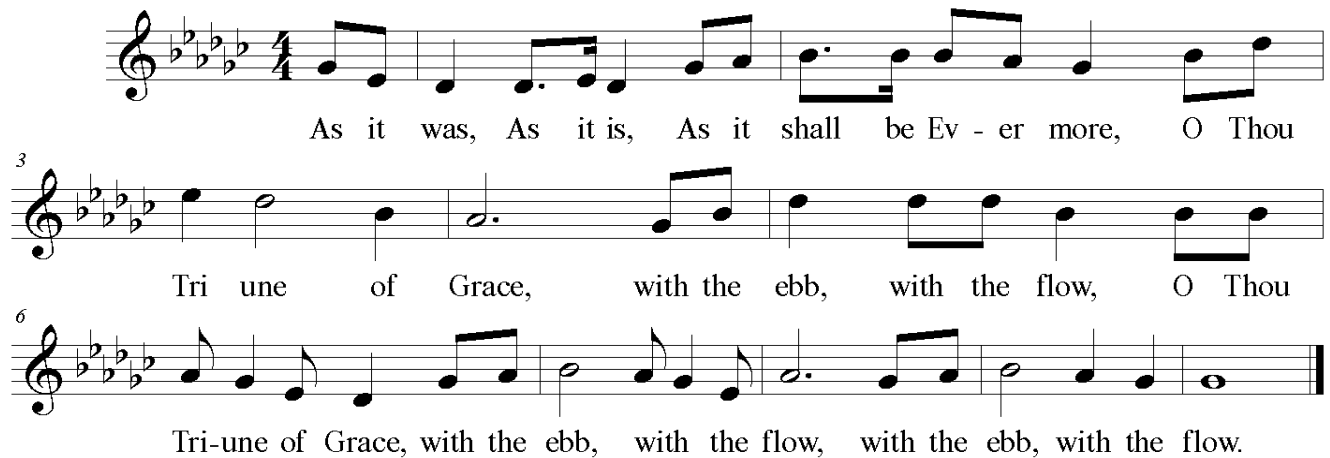
THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

THE FEAST OF THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY



As it was, As it is, As it shall be Ev - er more, O Thou

³Tri une of Grace, with the ebb, with the flow, O Thou

⁶Tri-une of Grace, with the ebb, with the flow, with the ebb, with the flow.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PROPER PREFACE

The Lord 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, in all times and in all places,

Give thanks and praise to you, Almighty God.

Lord, have mercy.

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, gave thanks for it, broke it and said:

Take and eat, this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In like manner after supper, Jesus took the cup, blessed it and gave it to them saying: this is the cup of the new covenant in my blood poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink of it for the remembrance of me.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Ministering to you in the name of Jesus Christ, I offer you this bread and this cup.

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

Jesu Dulcis Memoria

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548 – 1611)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN

In an Age of Twisted Values

tune: Hyfrydol

In an age of twisted values We have
We have built dis-crimination On our
6 We who hear Your words so often Choose so
lost the truth we need, In soph-isti-cated
Pre-ju-dice and fear. Ha-tred swift-ly turns to
12 rare-ly to ob-ey. Turn us from our will-ful
lan-guage We have ju-sti-fied our greed. By our strug-gle
cru-el-ty If we hold re-sent-ments dear. For co-mmu-ni-
blind-ness; Give us truth to light our way In the pow-er

19
for ties of Your Spirit We have robbed the poor and weak.
By the wall of class and race;
Come to cleanse us, make us new;

25
Hear our cry and heal our nations,
Hear our cry and heal our nations,
Hear our cry and heal our nations,

29
Your for-giveness, Lord, we seek.
Show us, Lord, Your love and grace.
Till our nation honors You.

THE BLESSING

THE POSTLUDE

Voluntary VI in C Major

William Boyce (1711 – 1779)

SHARING A SIGN OF GOD'S 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:** Sydney Avent; **Lector:** Anita Edson; **Elders:** The Rev. Dr. Maria Lopez and The Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena Zayas; **Deacon Leads:** Scott and Anita Edson; **Director of Music Ministry:** Saya Callner, conductor; **Organist:** John Austin Clark, piano, organ.

Today's flowers honor/celebrate justice, freedom, equality, diversity and human rights.

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: Haitian Wells & Poverty Support. *The Park is collecting funds for an eighth water well in Haiti. Each well costs \$2,500, and will provide fresh water for an entire village. Our ultimate goal to reach a total of ten wells. Because of your generous gifts, we recently funded the seventh well. Dr. Maklin, our liaison in Haiti, has used the funds to go door to door giving sanitary supplies to over 100 homes. With your support we can continue to help the impoverished and those in need. Please lift up in prayer the good people of Haiti, while reflecting on your own self and what more you could possibly contribute to fund our eighth well for the people of Haiti. Please give generously this morning.*

Next up in MaTP: Urban Playground Chamber Orchestra



UPNYC

urban playground
chamber orchestra

UPNYC: Lineage & Heritage
Still, Saint-Georges & Handel

Still: Mother and Child
Saint-Georges: Violin Concerto, Op. 2, Nr. 1
Jessica McJunkins, violin
Handel: Dixit Dominus
Ampersand, chorus

*For more information contact Music Director, Saya Callner
at musicattheparkseries@gmail.com*

*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 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, March 5, **The Gathering: Spiritual Conversations to Engage, Activate & Nurture Your Call of Activism**, after worship

Today, 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 International**, 10:00 am, Room A

Pastoral Compassionate Care in Jail/Prison Setting



Join us for the start of the program on **Sunday, March 26, at 3:00 PM at The Park.**

We will continue meeting for six Sundays. Mark your calendars for:

March 26, April 9, April 16, April 23, April 30, and May 14.

Light refreshments will be provided. Each meeting will last approximately 2 hrs., running from 3:00 PM -- 5:00 PM.

After the training, volunteers will be posted at one of the facilities at Rikers Island. A certificate will be issued on behalf of The Park to those who complete this program.

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 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

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