



## WELCOME

**T**hank you for joining us for worship today. We would love for you to be a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church. If you have any questions please ask one of our greeters or a member of the pastoral staff. To indicate your presence with us, please fill out the form on the back page of this program and place it in the offering plate, or give it to a greeter.

### VISITORS WITH CHILDREN IN THE MORNING SERVICE

Children of all ages are welcome in the worship service.

#### INFANT NURSERY

(0-18 months) Please follow signs or ask a greeter.

#### TODDLER CLASS

(19-36 months) Please follow signs or ask a greeter.

#### PARENTS, PLEASE...

- Sign your children into the nursery and toddler rooms using the sign-in sheets
- Label all personal items
- Pick up your children immediately after the service

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children 3 to 6 years of age may be dismissed prior to the sermon for age appropriate activities and will return before communion. Of course, children of all ages are welcome to remain in the worship area for the entire service.

#### AFTER THE SERVICE

Please join us for refreshments in the cafeteria.

### VISITORS WITH CHILDREN IN THE EVENING SERVICE

A volunteer nursery for children 0-2 years of age is provided. Please follow signs or ask a greeter.

#### COMMUNITY GROUPS

In addition to weekly worship, we offer many small groups that meet during the week in the surrounding area. Community Groups are excellent ways to develop genuine relationships with others while providing opportunities to investigate Christianity and get involved in local service projects. For a complete list of Community Groups, please visit our website at [www.parkslopechurch.com](http://www.parkslopechurch.com) or call the church office at 718.369.7972.



## REFLECTION

**S**ee, the Conqueror mounts in triumph;  
see the King in royal state,  
riding on the clouds, his chariot,  
to his heavenly palace gate:  
Hark! the choirs of angel voices  
joyful alleluias sing,  
and the portals high are lifted  
to receive their heavenly King.

You have raised our human nature  
in the clouds to God's right hand;  
there we sit in heavenly places,  
there with you in glory stand:  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels,  
man with God is on the throne;  
mighty Lord, in your ascension  
we by faith behold our own.  
—Christopher Wordsworth, 1862 (mod.)



The Lord's Day  
May 24, 2009

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter: Ascension Sunday*<sup>1</sup>

**PRELUDE**

**GOD CALLS US**

**CALL TO WORSHIP / EASTER ACCLAMATION**

Minister: Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God's right hand—  
with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

People: **Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven—  
Jesus, the Son of God—let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.  
Let us praise his holy name!**

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!  
**Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength  
be to our God forevermore!**

Alleluia, Amen!  
**Alleluia!**

—based on Hebrews 4:14; Revelation 5:10, 12

**HYMNS**

*The King of Love  
To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue  
Father Long Before Creation*

<sup>1</sup> The Church has long used symbolic color in its worship. As the dominating colors of God's creation change from season to season, so do the liturgical colors of the Church calendar. The sequence of colors is meant to enhance the celebratory aspect of worship and to teach the Gospel story throughout the year. In celebration of Easter Day, white is used because it symbolizes the joy, glory and perfection of the resurrection.



**THE KING OF LOVE**

Capo II



1. The King of Love my Shepherd is whose  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish, oft I stray, but  
4. In death's dark vale, I fear no ill with



good - ness fail - eth ne - ver. I  
ran - somed soul He lead - eth. And  
yet in love Lord, He sought side me; And  
Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy



no - thing lack - if I am His and  
where the ver - dant pas - sures grow, with  
on His and should - er my gen - tly laid, and  
rod and staff - er my com - fort still, Thy



He is mine for - e - ver  
food cel - es - tial e - eth.  
home, re - joi - cing brought me.  
cross be - fore to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight from  
Thy pure chalice floweth.

6. And so through all the length of days,  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.



# TO CHRIST THE LORD LET EVERY TONGUE

Words by Dr. S. Stennett  
alt. by Laura Taylor  
Music by Laura Taylor

1. To Christ the Lord let ev - ery tongue, Its nob - lest tri - bute bring when  
 2. Ma - jes - tic sweet - ness sits en - throned, Up - on His aw - ful brow His  
 3. He saw me plunged in deep dis - tress, He fled to my re - lief For

6 He's the sub - ject of the song, Who can re - fuse to sing? Sur -  
 head with ra - diant glo - ries crowned, His lips with grace o'er - flow His  
 me He bore the shame - ful cross, And car - ried all my grief No His

10 *\*Tag*  
 vey the beau - ties of His face, And on His glor - ies dwell think  
 mor - tal can with Him com - pare, A - mong the sons of men And  
 hand a thou - sand bless - ings pours, Up - on my guil - ty head His

14 of the won - der of His grace, And all his tri - umphs tell.  
 fair - er He than all the fair, That fills the Heaven - ly train  
 pre - sence gilds my dark - est hours, And guards my sleep - ing bed

4. To Him I owe my life and breath, And all the joys I have  
He makes me triumph over death, And saves me from the grave  
To Heav'n the place of His abode, He brings my weary feet  
Shows me the glories of my God, And makes my joy complete.

5. Since from his bounty I receive, Such proofs of love divine  
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord they should all be Thine  
A thousand men could not compose, A worthy song to bring  
Yet Your love is a melody, Our hearts can't help but sing.

*\*Tag:* A thousand men could not compose, A worthy song to bring  
Yet Your love is a melody, Our hearts can't help but sing.



# FATHER, LONG BEFORE CREATION

Chinese Hymn  
Trans. by Francis P. Jones  
Music by Jonathan Barnes

Capo III

1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion,  
 2. Though the world may change its fash - ion,  
 3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry,  
 4. Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore Thee

3 Thou hadst cho - sen us in love,  
 Yet our God is e'er the same;  
 Is my boast - ing all the day;  
 We will ev - er praise Thy love,

5 And that love so deep, so mov - ing  
 His com - pas - sion and nev - er fail - ing  
 Mer - cy free - sion and nev - er fail - ing  
 And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing

7 draws us close to Christ a - bove,  
 Through all a will, ges - will re - main.  
 Moves my will, reach di - rects my way.  
 'Til we reach our home my a - bove,

9 Still it keeps us, Still it keeps us  
 God's own child - ren, God's own child - ren  
 God so loved us, God so loved us  
 Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry

11 *Last Time To Coda*  
 firm - ly fixed in Christ a lone  
 Must for - ev - er praise His name.  
 That His on - ly Son He gave.  
 To our God and to the

17 Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry To our God and to the  
 21 Lamb



**PRAYER OF ADORATION** *(concluded by the following prayer in unison)*

Almighty God,  
we thank you that you have highly exalted  
your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Before him every knee shall bow  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
He has made captivity itself a captive;  
and has given gifts to his people.  
We rejoice that Jesus Christ,  
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
has triumphed most gloriously  
and is our Lord.  
Bring us at last into your presence,  
so that we can live and praise you  
together with all the saints  
forever and ever. Amen.

**DOXOLOGY** *(sung in unison)*

All ye who are of tender heart,  
Forgiving others take your part.  
Sing his praises. Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care.  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness.  
O Praise him. Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



**GOD CLEANSSES US**

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *(unison)*

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and we have not acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have conformed to the ways of the world, and we have failed to give Christ glory. Forgive us, we pray, and by your Spirit empower us to live as your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who rules over all things and who is head of his body, the church. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

**PRIVATE CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification of sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.  
Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: *And also with you.*

*The people greet one another, followed by news of the church's life.*



**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Psalm 47

- 1 Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- 2 For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.
- 3 He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.
- 4 He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah
- 5 God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!
- 8 God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.  
For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted! [ESV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN**  
*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

*During the following hymn children ages 3-3rd grade may be dismissed for Children's Church. They will return prior to communion. (Morning service only.)*



**I WILL ARISE AND GO TO JESUS**

Joseph Hart, 1759

African-American spiritual



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y,  
 2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come,  
 \*3. Let not con - science make you lin - ger,  
 4. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y la - den,  
 5. Lo! th'in - car - nate God as - cend - ed



weak and wound - ed, sick and sore; Je - sus read - y  
 God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy. True be - lief and  
 \*nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream. All the fit - ness  
 lost and ru - ined by the fall. If you tar - ry  
 pleads the mer - it of His blood. Ven - ture on Him,



stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.  
 true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.  
 \*He re - quir - eth is to feel your need of Him.  
 till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.  
 ven - ture whol - ly, let no oth - er trust in - trude.

*Refrain*



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus,



He will em - brace me in His arms. In the arms of



my dear Sav - ior, oh, there are ten thou - sand charms.



## GOD SPEAKS WITH US

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Merciful Father, give grace to your church,  
that she would be a strong witness to the healing power of Christ,  
bringing hope and the forgiveness of sins to all peoples;  
may those gathered here continue to be richly blessed  
by the proclamation of your Son's healing word;  
for this, O Lord, we pray:

**All: Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Sovereign Lord, guide our country and all its governors and leaders,  
that each may serve the citizens faithfully and with integrity;  
cause justice to prevail among the nations and free our world from bloodshed;  
grant protection from every evil, for those who police our communities  
and those who find themselves in the midst of warfare;  
for this, O Lord, we pray:

**All: Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of all compassion, visit the lonely and provide them companions;  
bless the labor of those in poverty and enlarge the generosity of others;  
grant present shelter to the homeless and a path toward permanent homes;  
inspire landlords to care for properties,  
free our streets from violence, crime, and lawlessness,  
and may honest and caring citizens fill our neighborhoods;  
for this, O Lord, we pray:

**All: Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you raise up those who are broken;  
strengthen and heal all who are ill or recovering from their infirmities,  
that they might be renewed again to serve both God and their neighbor;  
grant comfort to family and friends of those who have died,  
and sustain them in the hope of the resurrection to life everlasting;  
for this, O Lord, we pray:

**All: Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.**

And for what else should we pray?

*Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with, "For this, O Lord, we pray" and all responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."*



### SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,  
<sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."  
<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." [ESV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

HE IS RISEN INDEED!: Stories of Resurrection Life  
**"Ascension"**

Pastor Brown



**CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Nicene Creed***

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made; of one substance with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
 He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified;  
 he spoke by the prophets.  
 And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
 we acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;  
 we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

*The offering is a way for members and friends of Park Slope Presbyterian Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.*

*If you would prefer to make your gift online, please visit <https://parkslopechurch.com/giving/> to arrange one-time or recurring donations.*



**GOD STRENGTHENS US**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & CONSECRATION**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho ly, Lord, God of pow'r and might

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sanah in the High - est

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - nah in the

High - est. Ho - san - nah in the High - est.

*The minister continues this prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison (found on the following page).*



## ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOUR BLEED

Words by Isaac Watts  
alt. by Greg Thompson  
Music by Greg Thompson

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Dadd9 Em9 G A Dadd9 Em9 G A

1. A - las! And did my Sa - vior bleed, And did my Sov - ereign die? Would  
2. Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned up - on the tree? A -  
3. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The debt of love I owe: Here,

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:  
*People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*

G/B A7sus G FMaj7add9 Em A

He de - vote that sa - cred Head For sin - ners such as I? **Chorus:** The  
ma - zing pi - ty! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!  
Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'Tis all that I can do.

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD & THE CUP

Park Slope Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians—those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel—to receive the Holy Communion with us.

We will be coming forward to receive the Holy Communion. Those unable to receive Communion (including children who do not yet receive) may cross their hands over their chest and will receive a blessing from the minister (or you may simply stay in your seat). If you cannot receive wine, non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the outer ring of the trays.

Dadd9 Em9 G A Dadd9 Em9 G A

strange - ness of love My life in Your death In your bro - ken - ness My whole - ness re - vealed Your

G/B A7sus G FMaj7add9 Em A

bonds are my free - dom Your sor - row my song And by Your wounds I am healed

### COMMUNION MUSIC *(found on the following pages)*

*Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*  
*Sands of Time*

### SILENT PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION *(found on page 19)*



# THE SANDS OF TIME

Words by Anne Cousin  
Based on Samuel Rutherford's Letters  
Traditional Folk Tune  
Arranged by Philip Palmertree

9 G C G C G C G C G C

1. The sands of time are sink - ing The  
 2. The king of there time His beaut - y With-  
 3. O Christ, He is the Foun - tain The

dawn out of hea - ven is breaks, The  
 deep a sweet veil well seen It  
 love

13 C C/B C/A G C

sum - mer morn I've sighed for The  
 were a on well - spent jour - ney Though  
 streams on earth I've tast - ed More

17 G C

fair, sev'n sweet morn a-wakes Dark,  
 deep a deaths I'll lay drink between The  
 There

21 D C

dark had been the mid - night But  
 Lamb with His o - cean ar - my Doth  
 to an o - cean full - ness His

25 D C

day - spring is at hand And  
 on Mount Zi - on ex - pand And  
 mer - cy doth ex - pand And

29 D G C

glor - y, glor - y dwell - eth In Emman - uel's land  
 glor - y, glor - y dwell - eth In Emman - uel's land  
 glor - y, glor - y dwell - eth In Emman - uel's land

4. The bride eyes not her garment  
But her dear bride-groom's face  
I will not gaze at glory  
But on my King of grace  
Not at the crown He giveth  
But on His pierced hand  
The Lamb is all the glory  
Of Emmanuel's land

5. Oh! I am my beloved's  
And my beloved is mine!  
He brings a poor vile sinner  
Into His house of wine  
I stand upon His merit  
I know no other stand  
Not e'en where glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land



## SILENT PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. *Amen.*

### PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. *Amen.*

### PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life. *Amen.*

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT TO GOD'S PEOPLE

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. *Amen.*



# O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

Words by George Matheson  
Music by Christopher Miner

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(unison)*

Almighty God, our merciful Father, we thank you that you feed us in these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ and assure us thereby of your favor and goodness to us. In thankful response to your goodness, we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and our bodies, to be reasonable, holy, and living sacrifices to you, asking that you fill us with your heavenly grace that we might serve you in every sphere of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GOD COMMISSIONS US

### CLOSING HYMN *(found on the following page)*

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

### BENEDICTION

Minister: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

### POSTLUDE

The pastoral staff and other church leaders are available following the service to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith or Park Slope Presbyterian Church.

1. O Love that will not let me go, I  
 2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I  
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I  
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

rest my wear - y soul in thee; I  
 yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My  
 can - not close my heart to thee; I  
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I

give thee back the li - fe I owe, That  
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That  
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, And  
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And

in thine o - cean depths its flow May  
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May  
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, That  
 from the ground there bless - oms red Life

ri - cher, full er be.  
 brigh - ter, fair er be.  
 morn shall tear - less be.  
 that shall end - less be.



## **PSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **EASTER SEASON SACRIFICIAL OFFERING**

Throughout the Easter Season, the congregations of Brooklyn Presbyterian Church will be collecting a special offering to support our diaconal ministries. The current economic climate has caused a significant increase in the need for financial care for the members and friends of our various congregations. Therefore we are asking you, the members and regular attenders of Park Slope Presbyterian Church, to prayerfully consider giving over and above your regular contribution for those who most vulnerable. Please designate your checks to: "Diaconal Fund" and place them in the regular offering or make a donation on our website: <http://www.parkslopechurch.com/give/>

### **VOICES OF ADOPTION--MAY 30TH**

*Stories from the Lives of People Who Have Experienced the Grace of Adoption*

Brooklyn Presbyterian Church's Adoption Committee was formed to promote a community culture that values adoption by facilitating supportive relationships and financial assistance for birth families, adoptive families and adoptees. On May 30, we invite you to hear several people tell their stories of adoption. Potential adoptive families and individuals, adoptees and others who wish to learn more about adoption are warmly invited to this informal presentation.

Wine, cheese and other light snacks will be served. There will be no financial solicitations or expectations of commitment.

Children are welcome to attend, but no child care will be provided.

Time and Place: 5pm-7pm, May 30, 2009. St. Paul's Episcopal Church

### **NEWCOMERS' DESSERT ON JUNE 5TH**

If you are a new visitor or are quickly becoming a regular attender of Park Slope Presbyterian Church, please join us for dessert at 7:30 pm on Friday, June 5th. We are looking forward to this opportunity to get to know you better and you us. To RSVP, or if you have any questions, contact the church office at [admin@parkslopechurch.com](mailto:admin@parkslopechurch.com).

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 4/28/09**

Income To Date --\$185,076

Budgeted Expenditures to Date--\$174,005



### **GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY TOUR: JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**

Park Slope Church has arranged a special tour of Green-Wood Cemetery by Jeff Richman, the official Green-Wood Preservation Society Historian and author of *Brooklyn's Green-Wood Cemetery: New York's Buried Treasure*. We've planned a narrated trolley and walking tour on Saturday June 20th at 10AM. The cost is \$10/person, \$5 for kids. Please RSVP to Ben Tyszka at [tyszka@gmail.com](mailto:tyszka@gmail.com). Green-Wood, founded in 1838, is a historic and picturesque place, a 478-acre oasis of trees, ponds, gardens, and sculpture. It is the final resting place of many famous permanent residents, including Leonard Bernstein, Boss Tweed, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Horace Greeley, and Samuel Morse. The tour will include a narrated trolley drive through the cemetery's spectacular romantic landscape as well as several easy walks, in which you will enjoy the great De Witt Clinton heroic bronze, Battle Hill (site of the Revolutionary War's Battle of Brooklyn and now affording a wonderful view of the Manhattan skyline), a Tiffany stained glass window, the Catacombs, the Beard Bear, and the restored Historic Chapel. Don't miss this special event.

### **EVENING SERVICE, SUNDAYS AT 5:30 PM**

Coinciding with our fifth anniversary, Park Slope Presbyterian Church began an evening service on March 15th. We hope this service will attract many new people who don't attend the morning service and we anticipate cooperating in new ministry projects with our host church, Living Hope Free Methodist Church (16th St b/w 4&5). While the sermon will be the same at both services, the music at our evening service will initially be led by various groups from our congregation. Please note, a volunteer nursery will be available, but Sunday School and Children's Ministry will only be offered at the morning service.

### **FLATBUSH NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH PLANT**

Vision and prayer meetings, as well as community group gatherings are currently underway for our sister congregation in Flatbush. If you or someone you know living in the area are interested in being part of a church that desires to love and serve its neighborhood and neighbors well, please contact John Sweet, the planting pastor and check out the website: 718.772.8998. [john@flatbushchurchproject.com](mailto:john@flatbushchurchproject.com). [www.flatbushchurchproject.com](http://www.flatbushchurchproject.com).

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Community Groups are small gatherings designed to foster Christian community and spiritual growth through regular fellowship, prayer, Bible study, and service. They are a principal way we as a church care for one another and our neighbors. If you would like to visit any of our groups, please email the respective leader and request more specific directions and information.

*Our groups meet on the second and fourth weeks of each month, unless otherwise noted.*

### PARK SLOPE GROUPS:

#### South Slope

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30, weekly  
16th St. between 6th and 7th Aves.  
Steve Pilgrim, spilgrim@nyc.rr.com

#### Union St.

Thursdays, 7:30-9:00, weekly  
Union St. @ 6th Ave.  
Doug Hamilton, rdhamilton\_ra@msn.com

#### First St.

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30, weekly  
6th Ave. @ 1st St.  
Kris Larsen, kl29@nyu.edu

#### 10th St.

Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00, weekly  
10th St. b/w 8th Ave. and PPW  
Christy Hayner, christyrae37@hotmail.com  
Janice Liao, jliao1210@gmail.com

#### Center Slope

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30, weekly  
3rd Street b/w 6th and 7th  
Ryan Simms, rlsimms@gmail.com

### OUTLYING NEIGHBORHOODS GROUPS:

#### Prospect Heights

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30  
Dean St. and Carlton Ave.  
Ping Moy, themoys@aol.com

#### Windsor Terrace

Sundays, 3:30-5:00  
Seeley St. & 20th St.  
Frank Sills, francissills@juno.com

#### Kensington

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00  
Ocean Pkwy & Caton Pl.  
John Adamek, adamek@rawlingsarchitects.com

#### Ft. Greene

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00, weekly  
South Oxford b/w Greene and Lafayette  
Richard Vernon, richard.vernon@gmail.com

#### Carroll Gardens/Red Hook

Sundays, 4:30-6:30  
Columbia St. & Carroll St.  
Cindy Cage, CageFamily@aol.com

#### Cobble Hill

Thursdays, 8:00-9:30  
President St. & Henry St.  
Mike Masters, masters8@earthlink.net  
Brian Steadman, briansteadman@parkslopechurch.com

#### Dumbo

Sundays, 4:00-6:00  
Water St. & Adams St.  
Tim Kline, TKline@cravath.com

#### Bay Ridge

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30  
Madeleine Ct. off 68th St.  
b/w 3rd Ave. and Ridge Blvd.  
Amy Bowser, amyann106@yahoo.com



## COMMUNITY MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHT

### Helping Hands Food Pantry

Contact: Eileen McHugh, (718) 783-3132

St. Augustine's Helping Hands Food Pantry needs volunteers to distribute groceries to five hundred needy Park Slope residents on Saturday mornings and volunteers to pack grocery bags on Thursday evenings.



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**ELDERS**

Park Slope Presbyterian Church is a mission church of the Metro New York Presbytery and is granted oversight by a temporary session of the Presbytery. The members of the session are the Rev. Craig Higgins, the Rev. David Bisgrove, Kirk Balzer and Phil Petronis.

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**THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP OPERATIONS & CHILDREN’S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

\* Faith Evans-Sills  
*Easter Day*



**SERMON SERIES:**

**HE IS RISEN INDEED: Stories of the Resurrection Life**

**Easter**

24      7 Easter/Ascension      Acts 1:1-11 “The Ascension”

**COMMUNITY GROUP SERVING NEXT SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 31st:**

Prospect Heights & Dumbo

*Month of June*

June 7- Union St

June 14- South Slope & Kensington

June 21- Bay Ridge & Carroll Gardens

June 28- First Street & Windsor Terrace

**PRAYER TEAM VOLUNTEERS**

Steve Pilgrim and Debbie Wells

**SOUND VOLUNTEER**

Jeff Newell

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13 “LOVE” :**

1. Read Galatians 5:22 along with the sermon text. What is important about the concept that these certain character traits and practices are described as fruit? Of the Holy Spirit? Why is love a fruit of the Spirit?
2. What do we learn about love from 1 Corinthians 13? What challenges are there to love being brought to fruition? How does the Spirit produce love in God’s people?
3. How does our congregation display the fruit of the spirit in love? How could we grow? What challenges do you face the most in growing in love? How have others benefited from this fruit in your life?



**DAILY WORSHIP RESOURCES**

Please use your bulletin as a personal, family or group worship resource for prayers, hymns and readings this week. The scripture readings below are part of a two-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice and the Psalms frequently.

**WEEK 7 OF EASTER**

**SUNDAY**

Evening: Psalm 19, 46 Matthew 10:24-33, 40-42

**MONDAY**

Morning: Psalm 89:1-18 Luke 9:51-62  
Evening: Psalm 89:19-52 Ezekiel 4:1-17 Hebrews 6:1-12

**TUESDAY**

Morning: Psalm 97, 99 Luke 10:1-17  
Evening: Psalm 94, 95 Ezekiel 7:10-27 Hebrews 6:13-20

**WEDNESDAY**

Morning: Psalm 101, 109 Luke 10:17-24  
Evening: Psalm 119:121-144 Ezekiel 11:14-25 Hebrews 7:1-17

**THURSDAY**

Morning: Psalm 105:1-22 Luke 10:25-37  
Evening: Psalm 105:23-45 Ezekiel 18:1-32 Hebrews 7:18-28

**FRIDAY**

Morning: Psalm 102 Luke 10:38-42  
Evening: Psalm 107:1-32 Ezekiel 34:17-31 Hebrews 8:1-13

**SATURDAY**

Morning: Psalm 107:33-43; 108 Luke 11:14-23  
Evening: Psalm 33 Exodus 19:3-20 I Peter 2:4-10

**SUNDAY**

Morning: Psalm 118 John 14:21-29

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Saviour Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

Ray Cannata [Kathy]; Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New Orleans



**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please use this page to indicate your presence with us or to make us aware of any changes in your contact information.

- Visitor
- Second Time Visitor
- Regular Attendee
- Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Ages):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have concerns for which you'd like us to pray, please write them in the space below and submit them in the offering collection.

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*Morning Worship Location:*  
 John Jay High School  
 237 7th Avenue, b/w 4th and 5th Sts.  
 Brooklyn, NY 11215  
 Sundays, 10:30 am

*Evening Worship Location:*  
 Living Hope Methodist Church  
 120 16th Street, b/w 4th and 5th Aves.  
 Brooklyn, NY 11215  
 Sundays, 5:30 pm

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