

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“A Taste of Cana’s Wine”

Dale Evan Thomas

INTROIT

“Christ the Wedding Guest”

Douglas Kostner

*Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
And at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
Further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
Bringing life and light to all who would listen to God’s call.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: A time set apart and a time to come together;

All: A space filled with silence and a space filled with song;

One: Hearts seeking solace and hearts overflowing with joy;

All: There is light and there is grace.

One: There are people and there is life.

All: There is hope and there is God.

***OPENING HYMN #391**

“This Is the Day”

Verse 1 – All sing

Verse 2 – All sing

Verse 3 – Choir

Verse 4 – All sing

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Holy God, Lord of love:

For not singing when we are joyful;

For not shouting to the world the good that you do;

For not trusting the love that surrounds us;

For not enacting the justice you call us to;

For not believing the Good News is meant for all:

Forgive us. Encourage us and change us. Help us and inspire us.

Mend us and mold us into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA (#581)**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 36:5-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 2:1-11

Rev. Claunch

SERMON "Finding Joy"

Rev. Claunch

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #292

*Choir: As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown bringing life,
bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Bynum

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN (*congregation singing*)

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Bynum

Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

“Come, Join in Cana’s Feast”

Sally Ann Morris

*Come, join in Cana’s feast where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste the wine his hands have blessed.
The old wine now is gone from jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy the yearning, thirsting heart.
But Christ, the Word made flesh, bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again with grace and truth divine.
Come, friends, and share the feast; here drink the wine supplied
By him who is both guest and host; for us, the crucified.
For now he lives and reigns through all eternity
With Father, Spirit, three in one, the glorious Trinity.*

***DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE CORPORATION

***CLOSING HYMN #539** “We Will Go Out with Joy”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Douglas Wagner

Notice of Congregational Meeting

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** of the Larchmont Avenue Church, as well as the Larchmont Avenue Church Corporation, has been called for **today (Sunday, January 19, 2025)**. The agenda for the meeting will include, among other things, receipt of the 2024 Annual Report and the 2025 budget, as well as reviewing the updated pastoral terms of call.

You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude, but there is no expectation that you remain seated. Feel free to greet your neighbors!

** Please stand if you are able.*

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share? Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are a gift from our deacons in memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in observance of his holiday weekend.

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at broodal@lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Join the Women's Bible Study! Email broodal@lacny.org.
- Men's Bible Study. Contact Arthur Washington, ajwash@optonline.net.
- There is no Sunday School today due to the long weekend.

FELLOWSHIP

- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.
- Annual Congregational Meeting today.
- Sunday Jan. 26th is Ordination/Installation Sunday
- Mission Trip Fundraiser at Coffee Hour on 1/26

MUSIC

Looking for ways to get involved? Joining the choir is a great way to make a joyful noise (and some great friends as well). Call the church office or email dkostner@lacny.org for more details.

SERVICE

- LAC Food Connection. Contact: lacoffice@lacny.org to volunteer.
- Midnight Run Jan. 25 in Russell Hall

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:00 am Annual Meetings

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY JANUARY 20

Offices closed

7:00 pm Buildings and Grounds Comm.

Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY JANUARY 21

6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 am Men's Bible Study

4:30 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell

Hall, Carhart, Chapel)

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

1:00 pm Larch. Music Academy Recital

4:00 pm Midnight Run

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As an Earth Care Congregation, we ask you to please recycle your bulletin. Thank you!

This Is the Day

Este es el día

(Psalm 118)

Refrain / Estribillo

Capo 3: (D) (Em7) (D) (Em7)
F Gm7 F Gm7

This is the day; this is the day;
¡Es - te es el dí - a, es - te es el dí - a,

(D) (Em7) (A) (D)
F Gm7 C F *Fine*

this is the day that God has made!
es - te es el dí - a que hi - zo Dios!

(D) (A7) (D)
F C7 F

1 O - pen, now, o - pen the door - ways of jus - tice!
2 I will sing prais - es be - cause you have heard me,
3 It is the Lord who has done all these won - ders.
4 Praise the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, and the Spir - it,

(D) (A7) (D)
F C7 F

Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.
of - fering sal - va - tion with grace up - on grace,
I have seen mar - vel - ous, mar - vel - ous things.
from the be - gin - ning through worlds with - out end:

(D) (A7) (D)
F C7 F

This is the place where the righ - teous may en - ter,
turn - ing the stone that the build - ers re - ject - ed
This is the day that the Lord has cre - at - ed.
God who is now and who ev - er - more shall be,

The author/composer has incorporated elements of his Argentinian culture in this dynamic paraphrase of Psalm 118. In particular, the melodic patterns of the refrain are intended to suggest the way cowboys (*gauchos*) greet each other when they ride out to their work in the morning.

This Is the Day

Este es el día
(Psalm 118)

Refrain / Estribillo

GATHERING

(D) (A7) (D) to Refrain
F C7 F al Estribillo

sing - ing to God with thanks - giv - ing and praise.
in - to the cor - ner - stone, rock of our faith.
Join the re - joic - ing as ev - ery heart sings:
glo - ry for - ev - er, a - men and a - men!

SPANISH

- 1 *Ábrame las puertas de la justicia,
y entraré alabando a mi Dios.
Esta es la puerta que Dios nos ha dado,
todos los justos por ella entrarán.*
- 2 *Voy a alabarte porque me has oído
y porque fuiste mi gran salvación.
Esa piedra que todos despreciaron
resulta ahora ser fundamental.*
- 3 *Es el Señor quien ha hecho todo esto;
¡Qué maravilla poder verlo hoy!
Este es el día que el Señor ha hecho,
con alegría gocemos en Él.*
- 4 *Al Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo
demostramos la gloria por la eternidad;
como al principio, tal cual es ahora
y lo será para siempre jamás.*

As the Wind Song (Cont'd on next page)
風之頌



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the
1 風之頌, 林中吹送, 輕風
2 彩之虹, 雨後高懸, 生之



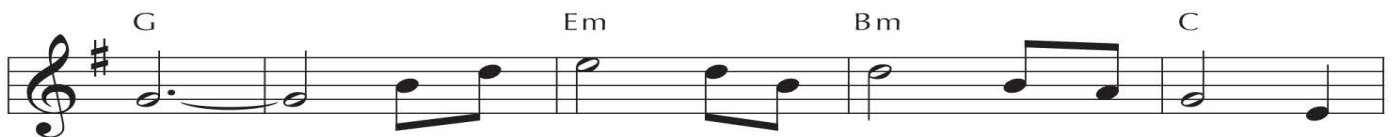
stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of
送, 心中振動, 上主的靈如風吹
盼, 人間再現, 上主的靈如風吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
God, as the green in the spring, as a
送; 心溫暖, 奇異難明, 風浪
送; 春天裡, 青山綠水, 線上



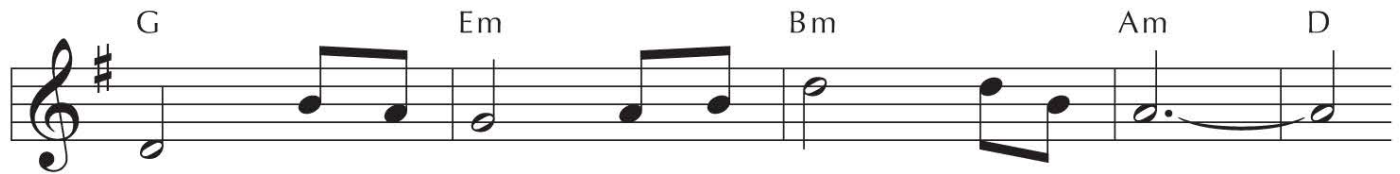
voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of
中, 靜聽主聲, 上主的靈如風吹
繫飛揚風箏, 上主的靈如風吹



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come
送; 眼不見, 心未明, 風來去何
送; 大地萬象更新, 和平終實

Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

As the Wind Song (cont'd)



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,
 蹤, 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;
 現, 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the
 火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮
 麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 想, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。
 酒, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。