

Service of Worship Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, January 17, 2021

This morning's liturgy is similar to Park Street Church's typical morning worship service, though with a reduced amount of music during the pandemic. Instructions are indicated by the traditional symbol ¶, called a "pilcrow." The postures for prayer include kneeling, reflecting the many biblical invitations to kneel before God and even to fall upon our faces in his presence.

When worship was translated into the vernacular during the Reformation, the familiar Latin titles for Psalms and other standard texts were preserved; for instance, we refer to the "Gloria Patri" not the "Glory Be to the Father;" some of these titles are used here.

Scripture lessons are taken from the English Standard Version.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

¶ Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians, preparing us in body and mind to enter into the Lord's worship. At the conclusion of the Voluntary, the People stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 107

	his mercy endures for ever.	
Leader	O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious;	

- People Let those whom the LORD has redeemed give thanks, whom he has delivered from the hand of the enemy.
- *Leader* Oh, that they would therefore praise the LORD for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he does for the children of men!
- People For he satisfies the empty soul and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

INVOCATION

HYMN (spoken)

Te Deum Laudamus, 4th cent.

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come to be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints

to glory everlasting.

CONFESSION OF SIN

 \P Silence is kept. The people kneel or sit. The Leader and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

 \P The Leader alone stands and declares God's forgiveness. The People then stand for the Peace.

THE PEACE

LeaderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd with your spirit.

¶ Greet one another in the peace of Christ, refraining from handshaking and maintaining physical distancing. Following the Peace, the People are seated.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON Exodus 16.1–15

They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

THE PSALM

¶ The People stand to recite the Psalm antiphonally. Those on the LEFT side of the sanctuary read the REGULAR type, and those on the RIGHT side of the sanctuary read the **BOLD** type. **ALL** read the Gloria Patri.

78.19–31 Attendite popule

They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness? ²⁰He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?" ²¹Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of wrath; a fire was kindled against Jacob; his anger rose against Israel, ²²because they did not believe in God and did not trust his saving power. ²³Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven, ²⁴and he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. ²⁵Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. ²⁶He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind; ²⁷he rained meat on them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas; ²⁸he let them fall in the midst of their camp, all around their dwellings. ²⁹And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved. ³⁰But before they had satisfied their craving, while the food was still in their mouths,

³¹the anger of God rose against them, and he killed the strongest of them and laid low the young men of Israel.

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

The Gloria Patri, or "lesser Doxology," is traditionally sung or recited at the end of psalms, in order to place them in an explicitly Trinitarian frame.

¶ The people sit

SECOND LESSON

John 6.22–59

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

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SERMON True Bread, True Drink

Mark Booker

APOSTLES' CREED

¶ The People stand and say together

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

¶ The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in prayer for the world, the church, the sick and suffering, concluding with the Lord's Prayer said by all.

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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 coming day's bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into trial, but deliver us from the Evil One. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

¶ The People sit. Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians.

HYMN

¶ The People stand and sing



5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend! HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Guide me, Ο thou ho - vah, pil - grim through this 1. great Je foun - tain, whence the 2. the heal - ing 0 - pen now crys tal 3. When Ι of Jor - dan, bid anx - ious tread the verge my ren land; Ι am weak, bar but thou art might-y; hold me with thy stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De-struc-tion, land me safe on fears pow'r-ful hand; of heav - en, Bread of heav -Bread feed en, me jour - ney through; strong De - liv' - rer, strong De - liv' - rer, thou be Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will 0 'til Ι want no more, (want no more) feed me 'til I want no more. still my strength and shield, (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield. give to thee, (give to thee) will ev ev - er Ι er give to thee. -

William Williams, 1745 St. 1, tr. Peter Williams, 1771 St. 2-3, tr. William Williams, 1772 CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.rep. John Hughes, 1907

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

¶ The people sit. A joyous work is played upon the organ or by the musicians. The ushers will dismiss the people by rows, following the voluntary.

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister* Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music* Nathaniel Efthimiou, *Assistant Director of Music*

Elder Candidate	Nick Dedeke
Lay Reader	Margaret Diffenderfer
Assisting Minister	Pat Chen, Minister of Pastoral Care and Small Groups
Preacher	Mark Booker

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