

Service of Holy Communion
Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, August 1, 2021

Instructions in this service booklet 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. Where hymns are listed, the name of the tune appears right-flush in small caps. Scripture lessons are taken from the English Standard Version.

Today, we resume use of our traditional Communion elements. For the time being, trays will not yet be passed in pews; the People on the floor will continue to come forward. Our shortbread recipe has been in use at Park Street since the 1930s, having been brought by Harold John Ockenga from his previous church.

THE PRELUDE

 \P 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 Prelude, the People stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 34

- Leader O magnify the LORD with me; and let us exalt his name together.
- People O taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.
- Leader Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- People The LORD will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

HYMN

Nº 167 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

INVOCATION, CONFESSION OF SIN, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ Led by the Elder

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.

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

¶ Greet one another in the peace of Christ, remaining mindful of those who prefer to refrain from handshaking or prefer to maintain physical distance. Following the Peace, the People sit.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LESSON

2 Cor. 4:7-18

pew Bible p. 965

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN

¶ The People stand. Children are dismissed to Children's Church.

Nº 676 Day by Day

BLOTT EN DAG

¶ The People sit.

THE PSALM

129

Sæpe expugnaverunt

pew Bible p. 518

- "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth" let Israel now say—
- ² "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me.
- ³ The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows."
- ⁴ The Lord is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.
- ⁵ May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward!
- ⁶ Let them be like the grass on the housetops, which withers before it grows up,
- ⁷ with which the reaper does not fill his hand nor the binder of sheaves his arms,
- 8 nor do those who pass by say,

"The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

We bless you in the name of the Lord!"

\P The People stand. (Hymn $\mathcal{N}_{ heta}$ 734)

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.

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.

 \P Following the prayer, the People sit.

SERMON

Afflicted, Yet Hopeful

Julian L.

¶ The People stand.

Nº 92 A Mighty Fortress

Ein' Feste Burg

APOSTLES' CREED

¶ Standing, the People 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 the suffering.

OFFERTORY

¶ The People sit. The offering plates are passed. Music is offered to the Lord.

Arise, My Soul

Arise, my soul, arise! Shake off thy guilty fears; The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears. Before the throne my Surety[†] stands; my name is written on his hands.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly speak for me.
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry, nor let that ransomed sinner die!

My God is reconciled,
his pardoning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
and Father, Abba, Father, cry.

†surety: certainty or assurance, but more specifically: a pledge or guarantee for someone else's debt or obligation; or the person who offers such a pledge.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

¶ The People stand and sing as the offerings are brought forward by the ushers. A Minister then presents them to the Lord in prayer.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

¶ All baptized believers, along with their baptized children, are invited to partake of the Sacrament. Those on the floor proceed to the front (as directed by the ushers) to receive the elements, which should be consumed immediately, returning the cup to the tray. Those in the balcony remain seated, and ushers will bring elements to you.

HYMN

 N° 26 Tell Out, My Soul

WOODLANDS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

¶ The People sit or may leave quietly as a joyous work is played upon the organ. Please be respectful of those listening to the postlude in the sanctuary or via the livestream.

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, Senior Minister

Nathan Skinner, Director of Music

PREACHER Julian L., Minister of Missions

Assisting Minister Chris May, Minister to Women

Elders 8:30 Doug May

11:00 Stephen Adams

Lay Reader 11:00 Linda Hemphill

Musicians Nathaniel Efthimiou, guest organist

Jonathan VanderWoude, baritone

A complete staff directory can be found at www.parkstreet.org/about-us/staff/

