



F.M. RINES

SERVICE of WORSHIP  
Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, September 12, 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 at 11:00 the full Sanctuary Choir sings its first Sunday service since March 8, 2020, after eighteen months utilizing smaller groups. Park Street Church’s choral tradition dates back to 1810, when the meetinghouse was completed and the original Park Street Singing Society was founded. Our choirs have generally sung from a loft in the rear balcony, which may be an unfamiliar practice to some. Traditional church architecture places the musicians out of the center of visual attention, often in the rear of a church. A primary reason for this is to allow the music itself to be the focus (most specifically the text and the truth it conveys) for the glory of God and the edification of his people, rather than drawing attention to the musicians as performers. An elevated position nearer the ceiling is acoustically advantageous, especially given that choral music, at its best, evokes the unity of worship between heaven and earth, calling to our imagination the song of angel choirs and of saints who from their labors rest, praising God on high as we join them in raising our song here below.*

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## THE PRELUDE

¶ *Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians, preparing us in body and mind to enter into the Lord’s worship.*

## INTROIT

(11 am)

Cry Out and Shout

Cry out and shout, ye people of God!

The Lord is strength and song!

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation.

Words: adapted from Isaiah 12 by Frank Pooler

Music: Knut Nystedt (1915-2014)

¶ *At the conclusion of the Introit, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 99*

*Leader* The LORD is King; let the peoples tremble;  
he sits between the cherubim; let the earth shake.

*People* The LORD is great in Zion and high above all peoples.  
They shall give thanks unto his Name, which is great and wonderful.

*Leader* O magnify the LORD our God,  
and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

*People* O magnify the LORD our God,  
and worship him upon his holy hill, for the LORD our God is holy.

HYMN

N<sup>o</sup> 100 Holy, Holy, Holy

NICÆA

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 FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

*pew Bible p. 599*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

HYMN

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

Nº 140 O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

*Romans 1:1-7*

*pew Bible p. 939*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn No. 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.

¶ *Following the prayer, the People sit.*

SERMON

The Source of the Gospel

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 455 And Can it Be

SAGINA

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.*

(8:30am) Roger Lowther, *organ*

(11 am) Lord, Thou Alone Art God *from St. Paul*

Lord, thou alone art God, and thine are the heaven,  
the earth, and the mighty waters.

The nations furiously rage, Lord,  
against thee, and against thy Christ.

Now behold, lest our foes prevail,  
and grant to thy servants all strength and joyfulness,  
that they may preach thy word.

Words: Acts 4:24, 26, 29

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

¶ *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.

HYMN

Nº 295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

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.*

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Adam Herndon, *Minister to Families and Youth*

ELDERS 8:30 David Rix, *Moderator*

11:00 Charles Peltz

LAY READERS 8:30 Margaret Diffenderfer

11:00 Emma Verrengia

MUSICIANS Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*

Roger Lowther, *organ*

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