



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, January 16, 2022

*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.*

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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 (II am)

My Eyes For Beauty Pine

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:  
Tis named when God’s name is said, ‘tis Love, ‘tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871) | Music: Lloyd Pfautsch (1921-2003)

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 92*

*Leader* It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,  
and to sing praises unto your Name, O Most High.

*People* To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning,  
and of your faithfulness in the night season,

*Leader* Upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the lute,  
with the sound of melody upon the harp.

*People* For you, LORD, have made me glad by your deeds,  
and I will shout for joy because of your handiwork.

## HYMN

Nº 457 Come, Thou Fount

NETTLETON

## 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

*Romans 5:1-5*

*pew Bible p. 942*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

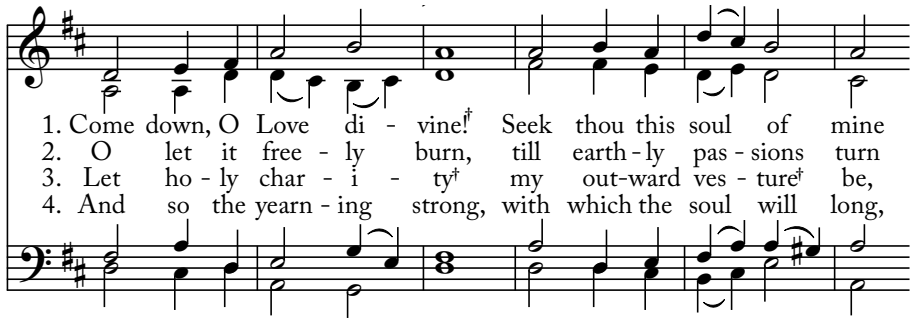
*People* Thanks be to God.

# HYMN

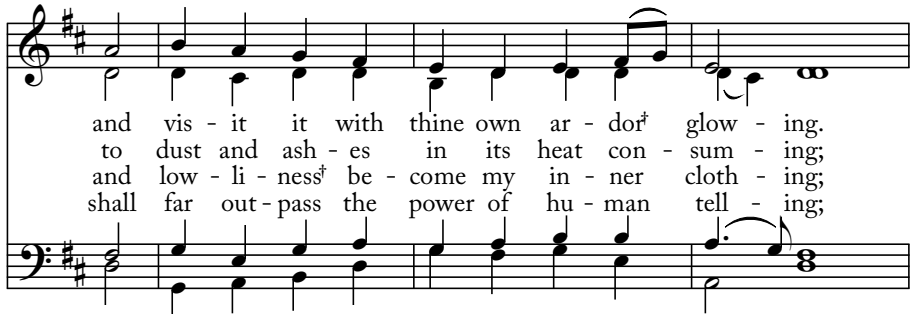
¶ *A Minister prays for the Children. The People stand; Children are dismissed to Children's Church during the hymn.*

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY



1. Come down, O Love di - vine! Seek thou this soul of mine  
 2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty! my out - ward ves - ture be,  
 4. And so the year - ning strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor! glow - ing.  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 and low - li - ness! be - come my in - ner cloth - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - for - ter! draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light - shine ev - er on my sight,  
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
 for none can guess its grace, till he be - come the place



and kin - dle! it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

¶ *The People sit.*

## THE PSALM

42

*pew Bible p.469*

## 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.

*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.*

## SERMON

Hope Through Suffering

Michael Balboni

## HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

No. 94 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

¶ *The People sit.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*The Exhortation*

Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that these candidates, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as living members of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to these Candidates that which by nature they cannot have.

### *The Presentation of the Candidate*

*Leader* The candidates for baptism will now be presented.

*Sponsor* I present (*name*) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Leader* Have you already been baptized

*Candidate* No.

*Leader* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

¶ *The testimony of the candidate is now given.*

### *Profession of the One Faith*

*Question* Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

¶ *The Leader invites God's blessing on the candidates saying*

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments,  
and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Answer* I will, with the Lord's help.

¶ *The People stand*

*Leader* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to  
support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

¶ *The Leader then says*

Let us join with these Candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

*Leader* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*People* **I do. I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Leader* Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He 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.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Leader* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I do. 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.**



### *Prayer for the Candidates*

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¶ *The People sit*

### *The Baptism*

\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\_\_\_\_, do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. **Amen.**

### THE PRAYERS

¶ *After all of the candidates have been baptized, the Leader leads the People in prayer, the People kneeling or sitting.*



## OFFERTORY

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

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise;  
On thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.  
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal;  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel.

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine;  
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust,  
And still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace attends the mourner's prayer;  
O may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

While hope revives, though pressed with fears, and I can say, my God,  
Beneath thy feet I spread my cares, and pour my woes abroad.  
Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat,  
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.

Words: Anne Steele (1717-1778)

Music: Timothy A. Mills (b.1990), *former member, Sanctuary Choir*

## 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.

# HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you send,  
but hid-den from all na-ture th'e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at— bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end.  
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word;  
for Christ, the Man from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
to mar-vel at your beau-ty, and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise!

Words: sts. 1 & 3, 1982; st. 2, 1987 | Michael Perry (1942-1996) stanza 2 based on 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Music: Thaxted, 1916 | Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

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## THE 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 Michael Balboni, *Associate Minister*

ASSISTING MINISTER    Julian L., *Minister of Missions*

ELDER CANDIDATES 8:30 Yannick Assogba

11:00 Geoffrey Raux

LAY READERS 8:30 Sophie Wetzig

II:00 Eleanor Peltz

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

*A complete staff directory can be found at [www.parkstreet.org/about-us/staff/](http://www.parkstreet.org/about-us/staff/)*

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## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer together...(Acts 1:14)*

Let us pray together...

That those who are or will experience COVID-19 would be healed, and that the pandemic ends soon.

That our congregation grow in deep discernment of the Lord's will for election of leaders at the Annual Meeting.

Pray for Andrew S, serving in Asia, and his family as they grieve the loss of his father.

Pray for a peaceful resolution to the discontent, riots and violence in the country of Kazakhstan and for safety of our workers and friends there.

Pray for our Missionary Kids (birth to college-age): Joshua B. (24), Leo B. (21), Ali Aslan B. (1 mo.), Levi C. (12), Lilly C. (10), Emilio K. (23), Caroline K. (21), Natalie K. (20), Zuri L. (7), Evelyn M. (8), Jonah M. (6), Nathan M. (4), Ana P. (24), Isaac P. (22), Margaret P. (18), Phoebe P. (14), Kara S. (12), Karisa S. (7), Josiah S. (5), Isaiah T. (8), Aaron T. (5).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday Christian Formation for January 2022

**Ezekiel** | 9:45 am, *resuming Jan 16* (Granary Room/Virtual)

**Acts** | 9:45 am, *resumed Jan. 9* (Common Room/Virtual)

**Xplore: Global Purposes for Missions** | 9:45 am, *Jan 16, 6 weeks* (Terrace Room/Virtual)

**Witness in Relationships** | 9:45 am & 5:30 pm, *Jan 16, 23 & 30* (Fellowship Hall/Virtual)

**Searching Questions** | postponed

*Virtual classes require registration. Register online: [parkstreet.org/formation](https://parkstreet.org/formation)*

### Perspectives Course | Jan 18–May 10, Tuesdays, 6:00–9:00 pm

Learn about missions through Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, a 15-week course held at Park Street Church, looking at the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic aspects of God's global plan to reconcile every nation, tribe, and people to himself. Hybrid; Scholarships available; Register at [parkstreet.org/announcements](https://parkstreet.org/announcements)

### Housing Needed for New Afghan Neighbors

We are searching for housing options for our new Afghan neighbors. If you know of any one, two, or three bedroom housing availability in neighborhoods in Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Lynn, Lynnfield, Peabody, Quincy, Reading, Roslindale, or Roxbury, please fill out our Housing Form at [parkstreet.org/announcements](https://parkstreet.org/announcements). Please consider sharing the form with your social media network and other contacts. Contact: [kmorrison@parkstreet.org](mailto:kmorrison@parkstreet.org)

### Greeters Needed

Due to the recent COVID surge, we are in need of additional assistance with greeting at our 8:30 am, 11:00 am and 4:00 pm services. Contact: [rwetzig@parkstreet.org](mailto:rwetzig@parkstreet.org)

### Boston Fellows Arts Cohort | Feb 17–Apr 7, Thursdays, 7:00–9:00 pm

Arts Cohort starting Feb 2022 for those in the creative arts (painting, film, music, writing, etc.). An 8-week curated curriculum and discussions will address the integration of faith and art. Tuition: \$50. Apply by Feb. 3: [bostonfellows.com/industry-cohorts](https://bostonfellows.com/industry-cohorts)

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