Welcome

Service of Holy Communion
Park Street Church | The Lord’s Day, September 4, 2022
Welcome to Park Street Church! We’re glad you’re worshiping with us today. If you’re new, please take a look at the “NEW?” section on the back cover for some ways to connect with our church.

This service booklet contains instructions (usually under the traditional symbol ¶, called a pilcrow) and explanations to aid the full participation of God’s people in his worship. The People read or sing all bold text with a loud voice. Where hymns are listed, the name of the tune appears right-flush in small caps. Scripture lessons are taken from the English Standard Version.

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.

Choral Song

S. S. Wesley (1810-1876)

INTROIT

(11 am)

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Sing to the Lord a new song,

sing his praise from the ends of the earth!

Words: Psalm 96 | Music: Theron Kirk (1919-1999)

¶ Immediately 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

№ 457 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

INVOCATION & 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. Following the Peace, the People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

(11 am)

O Lord, Increase Our Faith

O Lord, increase our faith,
    strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
    endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience,
in all our adversity.
    Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

Music: Henry Loosemore (1607–1670)
THE LESSON

Romans 3:21-31 pew Bible p.941

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.

№ 521 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less Solid Rock

¶ The People sit.

THE PSALM

24 pew Bible p. 458

¶ The People stand. (Hymn № 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.

¶ Following the prayer, the People sit.

SERMON

“Who is Worthy?” Adam Herndon

HYMN

¶ The People stand.

Christ Triumphant Guiting Power

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Savior, Master, King!
2. Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!
3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!
4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!
5. So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
OFFERTORY

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

Lift Thine Eyes from Elijah

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, 
whence cometh help. 
Thy help cometh from the Lord, 
the maker of heaven and earth. 
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. 
Thy keeper will never slumber.

Words: Psalm 121 | Music: F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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 by proceeding up to the front (as directed by the ushers) to receive the elements, which should be consumed immediately. Gluten-free wafers are available.

During the distribution of the elements, the People sing the following hymns:

№ 292 Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord

№ 424 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

HYMN

The People stand.

№ 295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Engelberg

St. Agnes

Diademata
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.

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)
SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, Senior Minister
Nathan Skinner, Director of Music

Preacher  Adam Herndon, Minister to Families and Youth
Assisting Ministers  Chris May, Minister to Women
                  Tim Leary, Director of Graduate Student Ministries
Elders  8:30 Cindy Cutlip
            11:00 Doug May
Musicians  The Chamber Choir; Daniel Schmunk, Director of Choral Music
             Jessica Kelley & Jennifer Schmunk, sopranos
             Marana Avant, mezzo-soprano

A complete staff directory can be found at www.parkstreet.org/about-us/staff/
C O L L E C T I V E  P R A Y E R S

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word...

(Colossians 4:2–3)

Let us pray together ...

For those who have recently lost a loved one, that the God of all comfort would give peace in this time of grief.

For our children who are growing up or who have grown up at Park Street, that they would have open hearts to Christ, remembering and knowing the gospel of Christ’s great love.

For new friendships and for strengthening of the bonds of fellowship as we come back together after the summer and welcome newcomers into our church family.

For everyone in our congregation to find deep rest and rejuvenation in the Lord so that we are all ready to do ministry for Jesus as the academic year begins.

For our children and teachers as they begin school: for strong Christian friendships, deepening identity formation in Jesus, harmonious relationships with parents; and that teachers would demonstrate energy, wisdom, and the love of Christ.

Submit prayer requests to www.parkstreet.org/requestprayer (or call 617-523-3383).
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Kickoff | SUN, SEP 11 | after all services
Join us for conversation, a meal (provided) and lawn games on the Boston Common. This will be a great time to re-engage with our church family as we head into the fall. Accessible seating available indoors. Volunteer to help: rwetzig@parkstreet.org.

University Sunday | SUN, SEP 18 | after all services
If you are a college student, graduate student, or faculty member, join us for a meal after any of the services. Questions? college@parkstreet.org.

International Fellowship (PSIF) | SUNDAYS | 12:45 - 3:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Students, visiting scholars, and immigrants from more than 60 nations have made Park Street Church their spiritual home, many through PSIF. Join us SEP-MAY for lunch, singing, prayer, and small group Bible discussion in English. Email psif@parkstreet.org.

Morning Prayer | WEEKDAYS | 8:30 - 9:00 AM | Virtual
Join us MON through FRI for Morning Prayer: a historic form rendered in contemporary language. We read scripture, recite psalms together, and offer our own prayers. parkstreet.org/morningprayerlive

Woman’s Benevolent Society (WBS) | WENDSDAYS | 10:00 AM–1:30 PM
WBS will resume on WED, SEP 7. We are meeting in the Granary Room each WED through the end of MAY. See parkstreet.org/events for more details.

Alpha | SUNDAYS | 12:45 PM | lunch provided
Explore life and ask questions about the Christian faith in an open and informal environment from SUN SEP 18-DEC 11. Each week includes a short talk on an element of Christian faith. To learn more or to register e-mail Roselle Heckendorn at rheckendorn@parkstreet.org.

DivorceCare | THURSDAYS | 6:30 pm | virtual
Find hope and healing at Biblically based DivorceCare class, starting THU, SEP 8. Meets online. To register, email divorcercare@parkstreet.org.

ESL Workshop | SAT, SEP 24 | 9:30 AM–12:00 PM
Join an informational workshop and teacher training for all who are interested in learning about this ministry. Please register by THU, SEP 22. For more information or to register, e-mail Karen Patschke, our ESL Coordinator, at kpatschke@parkstreet.org.

Thanks to Luke Zvara
Park Street Church extends hearty thanks to Luke Zvara who led our livestreaming of Sunday services as well as weddings and other events over the last two years. His last Sunday here was August 28. We are blessed to have the livestreaming team continuing the work, and are looking for additional people to join that team. Interested? Email Mike Ahearn: mahearn@parkstreet.org.

Sign up for regular updates at: parkstreet.org/enews
For more in-depth announcements, or for registration links, please visit:
www.parkstreet.org/announcements
We’re glad you’re here and warmly invite you to become a part of our community as we seek to follow Jesus together in word and deed. Here are some specific steps you can take to connect:

- Fill out a **Connect card** (in the pews or at parkstreet.org) and drop it in the offering plate or hand to an usher or minister. We’ll be in touch.

- Meet an elder or minister at the **Info Desk** in the Welcome Center (one floor below the sanctuary).

- Pick up a **Welcome booklet** and an **Engage flyer** to take with you.

- RSVP to the invitation you receive from **new@parkstreet.org** for the **Newcomers’ Lunch** on a third Sunday of the month. You’ll be able to meet other new-comers and church leaders, hear about our community, and ask questions.

- If you’d really like get to know us, consider joining a **New Members’ Class** (taking the class does not mean you’re required to become a member!), where you’ll learn more about what we believe and how we live out the Christian life together.