

Service of Worship Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, February 19, 2023 Sunday Next Before Lent

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 us.

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 bold text with a loud voice. Scripture lessons are 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.

INTROIT (11 am)

Come Ye Servants of the Lord

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name, from early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known; ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

Words: based on Psalm 113:1 & 3 | Music: Christopher Tye (c.1505-c. 1573)

¶ Immediately after the introit, the People stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Deuteronomy 32

Leader I will proclaim the Name of the LORD; O praise the greatness of our God!

People The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice.

Leader A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

People The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants,

Leader Rejoice with him, O heavens; bow down to him, all gods, for he avenges the blood of his children and cleanses his people's land.

HYMN



5. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit ever Three and ever One; One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

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. Following the Peace, the People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM (11 am)

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.

My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

Blest are they that dwell within thy house; they praise thy name evermore.

How lovely is thy dwelling place!

Words: Psalm 84: 1,2, & 4 | Music: Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

THE FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 26:1-26

pew Bible p. 104

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.

In Christ Alone



- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3 There in the ground his body lay,
 light of the world by darkness slain;
 then bursting forth in glorious day,
 up from the grave he rose again!
 And as he stands in victory,
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 for I am his and he is mine—
 bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death—
 this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 from life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
 can ever pluck me from his hand;
 till he returns or calls me home—
 here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Words: 2001, Stuart Townend (b. 1963) alt. Stuart Townend and Keith Getty Music: *In Christ Alone*, 2000 | Keith Getty (b. 1974) LMD Words and music © 2001 Kingsway Thankyou Music. CCLI no. 402487

¶ The People sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 6:46-49

pew Bible p. 863

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ 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.

¶ Following the prayer, the People sit.

SERMON

The Way of Blessing

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ The People stand.

Nº 598 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

¶ The People sit.

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.

II. Adagio, from Sonata in F minor

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.

HYMN



BENEDICTION

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.

IV. Allegro assai vivace, from Sonata in F minor F. Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, Senior Minister Nathan Skinner, Director of Music

Assisting Minister Adam Herndon, Minister to Families & Youth

Elders 8:30 Stephen Adams

11:00 Jason Abraham, moderator

Lay Readers 8:30 Eleanor Peltz

11:00 Emma Verrengia

Musicians The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, Director of Choral Music

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COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

"The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price." Revelation 22:17

Let us earnestly pray for...

- Jesus' second coming, and the wedding feast of the Lamb.
- Generative, Spirit-guided discussions in the church concerning the nature, extent, and proper responses to inequalities in the United States.
- Boston's Mayor Wu, that she lead with wisdom, integrity, and compassion.
- Our marriages to be grounded in mutual respect and growing love, with both sacrifice and increasing joy.
- The Spirit to revive the bride of Christ with a fresh vision of the centrality of the cross, as our lives preach the gospel that Jesus alone saves.

Let us also pray for...

• Those grieving the loss of Peter Baddoo, a beloved member of PSC and a key leader in our Café ministry, who died suddenly Wednesday afternoon of a heart attack while playing a recreational game of basketball at MIT. He was 29 years old and in the prime of life, full of love for Jesus and love for people, deeply loved by many in our community, and a wonderful model of Christlike service and love. Pray for Peter's fiancée (also a member of PSC and Café), for Peter's family, and for the Café community that is deeply impacted by this tragic loss.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Discipleship Initiative: Becoming Like Jesus | Begins Sun, Feb 26 | 9:45 am & 5:30 pm The call of Jesus—and the Christian claim—is that we come to full, overflowing, and abundant life as we follow and become like Jesus. During Lent, both in LDI and in our Sunday sermons, we will explore a framework that informs how we think about growing in Christ. Register now!

New Testament Palestinian Names | Today | after each service | Welcome Center "Data Science Perspective on New Testament Palestinian Names – New Affirmation, New Insights," taught by Dr. Tam, a former Gordon College Bible Professor.

Earthquake Response

In response to the tragic earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Park Street is partnering with World Relief and Kardelen (serving children with disabilities), to provide aid. In addition to your regular support of our missions program, you may further assist in the relief efforts by designating a gift to "World Relief" or "Missions: Kardelen" via check or at parkstreet.org/give. Questions? Contact missions@parkstreet.org.

Ash Wednesday Service | Wed, Feb 22 | 7:30-8:30 pm | Sanctuary

Midday Lenten Service | Wednesdays, Beginning Mar 1 | 12:15 pm | Sanctuary
This Lent consider spending your lunch break with us as we gather for a 30-minute service of prayer, reflection on scripture, and hymns. Also streamed at parkstreet.org/live.

Results of the Annual Meeting on Wed, Feb 15

The M&O and Missions Budgets were approved. The following were elected: Officers – Gabe Ling (Treasurer), Ling Yi Liu (Treasurer of Missions), Gregg Hansen (Assistant Treasurer), Deborah Gallagher (Clerk). Elders – Mary Harvey, Kirstin Peltz, Geoffrey Raux, Andrew Ziegler. Nominating Committee – Marana Avant, Debra Mulley, Greg O'Brien, Bonnie Ziegler.

New Members' Class | Sun, Feb 26, Mar 5 and Mar 12 | 12:30-4:00 pm | *PSC* Join us for lunch and discussions to learn about PSC. Register: parkstreet.org/membership.

Annual Report 2022 Published

Pick up a copy at the back of the sanctuary or visit parkstreet.org/annualreport.

Park Street Couples Retreat | Fri, May 19–Sun, May 21 | *Boothbay Harbor, ME* Spend an amazing weekend enriching your marriage and connecting with other couples.

For more details and announcements, or for registration links, please visit: parkstreet.org/announcements or sign up for regular updates at: parkstreet.org/enews

NEW?

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you are here, and we invite you to become a part of this community of Jesus' disciples. Wherever you're coming from and whatever questions you are asking, we welcome you to join us as we seek to become more like Jesus.

Here are some specific steps you can take to connect:

• Fill out a Connect card (in the pews or at parkstreet.org, or by scanning the QR code below) 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) and pick up a Welcome booklet and an Engage flyer.
- RSVP to the invitation you receive for the Newcomers' Lunch on a third Sunday
 of the month. You can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our
 community and ask questions.

