

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, March 19, 2023

The Fourth Sunday in 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.

Purple is the traditional color of preparation and penitence, and is used during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Purple was historically the color of kings (the dye was extremely costly) so the color also emphasizes the royalty of Jesus (cf. John 19).

The composer of this morning's prelude was a friend of Park Street Church who composed a number of anthems specifically for the Sanctuary Choir as part of his decades-long collaboration with former Park Street Director of Music C. Thomas Brooks.

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.*

Sarabande, *from Suite for Organ*

Hubert Bird (1939–2018)

INTROIT (II am)

Lighten Our Darkness

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this life;
for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Words: Gelasian Sacramentary (8th century) | Music: 2007, Alexander L'Estrange (b. 1974)

¶ *Immediately after the introit, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 86

Leader Bow down your ear, O Lord, and hear me,
for I am poor and in misery.

People Comfort the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Leader I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and will praise your Name for evermore.

People For great is your mercy toward me;
you have delivered me from the realm of the dead.

HYMN

Nº 172 Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

ALL SAINTS OLD

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
(II am)

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace,
No other care nor hope is mine; to heaven I turn my face.
One splendor 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: Robert Bridges (1923–2006) | Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

THE FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 19:9–18

pew Bible p. 97

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.*

Nº 491 Take Me, O My Father

VESPER HYMN

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:4–16

pew Bible p. 977

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

Community: Growing Together

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

№ 347 Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

¶ *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.*

Lord of the Small

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things,
who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing.
who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street
who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid
who girds them with courage and lends them his aid,
he pours out his spirit on vessels so weak,
that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill
who heals their afflictions or carries them till,
they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly
to never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise him all ye who live,
who've been given so much and can so little give;
our frail lisping praise God will never despise—
he sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Words: Johanna Anderson (b. 1962) | 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.**

HYMN

N^o 155 O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

¶ *The People sit as a work is played upon the organ, or may leave quietly.*

Largo, *from Voluntary in A minor*

John Stanley (1712–1786)

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Chris May, *Minister to Women*

ELDER David Murgatroyd

LAY READERS 8:30 Stuart DeLorme

11:00 Alex Ichimura

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

Jennifer Schmunk, *soprano*

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“They ought always to pray and not lose heart...And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” Luke 18:1–8

Let us pray together for...

- Those experiencing illness, for healing and wholeness of body and soul: Mary, Gary, Stuart, Lora, Zach, Ruth, Ava, Alex, Irene, Charlie.
To add a name, please visit the link below.
- Homebound congregants who are mainly confined to their residences, including: Alice, Barbara, Esther, Dorothy, Doug, Charlie, Ernestine, Penny, Peter & Lucille, Phil, Sadie, Scott, Stan, Winston. *Psalm 71:9*
- The one in seven Christians around the world who are currently being persecuted for their faith, especially those in North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, India, and China.

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

- PALM SUNDAY** Worship Services
April 2 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm
- WEDNESDAY** Midweek Lenten Service
April 5 12:15 pm
- MAUNDY THURSDAY** Communion Service
April 6 7:30 pm
Childcare available, ages 0-4, registration required
- GOOD FRIDAY** Worship Service
April 7 Noon & 7:30 pm
Childcare available, ages 0-4, registration required
- EASTER DAY** Worship Services
April 9 9:00 am & 11:00 am | Music by choirs & orchestra
4:00 pm | Music by Sunday Night Band, strings, brass
Childcare available, ages 0-2, no registration required

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newcomers Lunch | Today | 12:30 pm | Terrace Room

If you're new to Park Street, welcome! Bring your questions about the church and meet some of our leaders as we enjoy good food together.

Holy Week & Easter: We Need Nursery & Hospitality Volunteers

Please sign up at: parkstreet.org/announcements.

Short-Term Missions Info Meeting | Wed, Mar 22 | 7:30–8:30 pm | Zoom

Attend an info meeting about serving on a short-term missions project. All are welcome—no commitment required. More info: parkstreet.org/missions or in the Welcome Center.

Pray for the Muslim World | Mar 22–Apr 20

Pray for Muslims during Ramadan with the daily prayer guide *30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World*. Find the guide at parkstreet.org/missions or in the Welcome Center.

Boston Christian Singles Connection Event | Sat, Mar 25 | 10:00 am | Medford Library

For those aged 35–50's interested in friendship, career networking, ministry connections or dating. RSVP: [ChistianSinglesBoston@gmail.com](mailto:ChristianSinglesBoston@gmail.com).

City-Wide Churches Praying Together | Sat, Apr 1 | 7:00 pm | Charles River Church

Easter Memorial Flowers | Order by Sun, Apr 2

Donate sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one: parkstreet.org/easterflowers.

Dr. Carol Kaminski on God's Grace to Noah & Abraham | Wed, Apr 5 | 10:00 am | PSC

Life Together Women's Bible Study invites women to hear from Dr. Carol Kaminski, professor of Old Testament. Childcare provided. Register: parkstreet.org/announcements

Family Ministry 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt | Sat, Apr 8 | 10:00 am | Arnold Arboretum

Register by Sun, Mar 26. Details at parkstreet.org/announcements.

Midday Lenten Service | Wednesdays | 12:15 pm | Sanctuary

City Engagement Lenten Prayer | Thursdays | 12:00–12:30 pm | Zoom

Youth Spring Retreat | Fri, Jun 2–Sun, Jun 4 | Ocean Park, ME

Grades 7–12. Register by Sun, May 21: parkstreet.org/announcements.

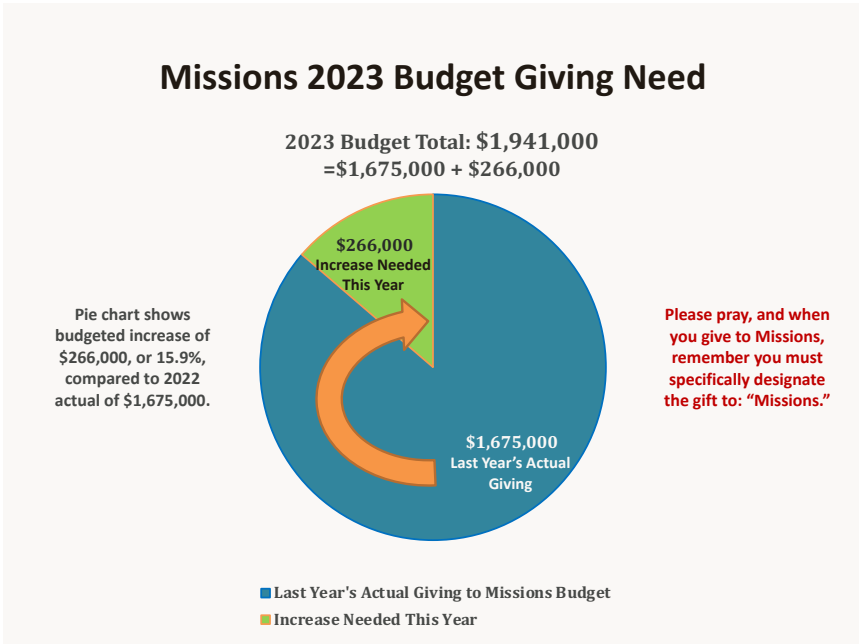
For more details and announcements, or for registration links, please visit:

parkstreet.org/announcements or sign up for regular updates at: parkstreet.org/enews

2023 MISSIONS BUDGET UPDATE

For those of you who missed the Annual Meeting, the approved 2023 Missions Budget anticipates a substantial increase of \$266K, or 15.9%, in congregational giving this year. The increase is due to long-planned, additional funding for PSC missionaries to various parts of Asia and the Middle East, and continuing outreach through City Engagement. The illustration below provides a summary of the need.

The 2023 Ministry & Operations Budget anticipates a more modest increase in congregational giving of \$141K, or 4.6%.



NEW?

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you're 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 and hand it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate. You can also visit parkstreet.org or scan the **QR code** below. 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, **which is today!** Join us in the **terrace room at 12:30 pm** where you can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community and ask questions. We look forward to knowing you better!



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