

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, May 21, 2023

Sunday After the Ascension

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 bulletin contains instructions (usually next to the pilcrow symbol ¶) and explanations meant to help us fully participate in our worship of God. The People read **bold text** with a loud voice. Scripture lessons are from the English Standard Version.*

THE PRELUDE

¶ *Music is played by the musicians to prepare us in body and mind to enter the presence of God.*

Flourish for an Occasion

W. H. Harris (1883-1973)

INTROIT

(11 am)

God is Ascended

God is ascended up on high, *Alleluya, Alleluya.*

With merry noise of trumpet's sound, *Alleluya, Alleluya.*

and princely seated in the sky,
rules over all the world around.

In human shape and flesh he went,
adorned with his passion's scars,

which in heaven's sight he did present
more glorious than the glittering stars.

Lord, raise our sinking minds therefore
up to our proper country dear,

and purify us evermore,
to fit for those regions clear.

Words: Henry More (1614-1687) | Music: 16th century German

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 47

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader O clap your hands together, all you peoples;
O cry aloud unto God with shouts of joy.

People For the LORD Most High is to be feared,
he is the great King over all the earth.

Leader God has gone up with a triumphant shout,
the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.

People O sing praises, sing praises unto our God;
O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

Leader For God is the King of all the earth;
think upon his mighty acts and praise him with a song.

H Y M N

Nº 295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

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.

T H E P E A C E

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

Presentation of New Members to the Congregation

ANTHEM (II am)

God is Gone Up

God is gone up with a triumphant shout,
the Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praises out,
unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise:
lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing,
and let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly
in flakes of glory down, him to attend,
and hear heart-cramping notes of melody
surround his chariot as it did ascend,
mixing their music, making every string
more to enravish, as they this tune sing.

Words: Edward Taylor (c.1642–1729) | Music: Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1–11

pew Bible p. 909

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

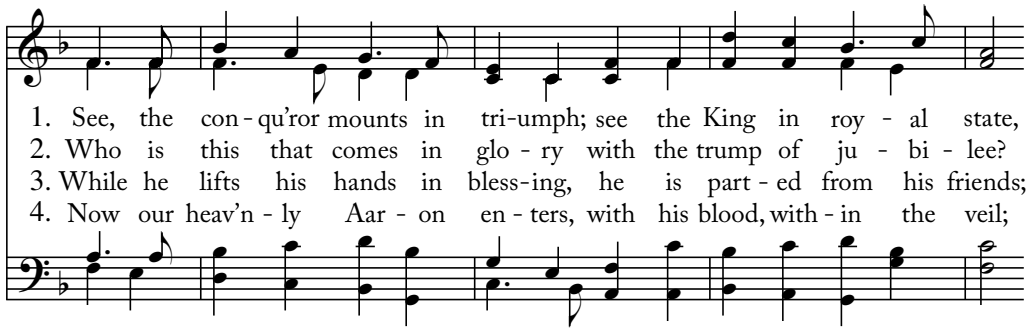
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

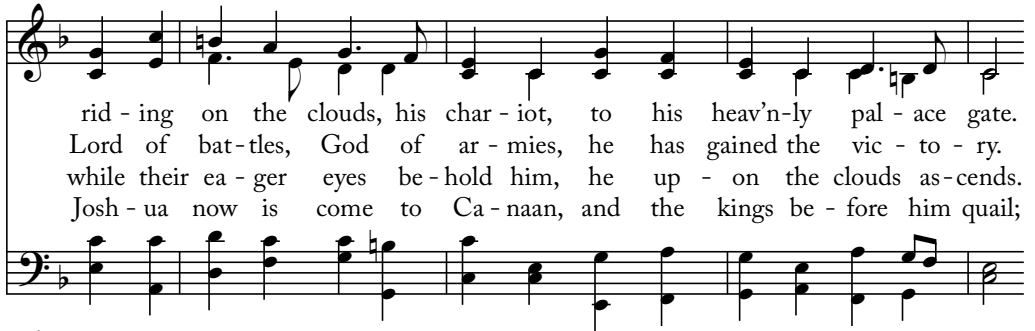
¶ *A Minister prays for the Children. The People stand; Children are dismissed to Children's Church during the hymn.*

See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

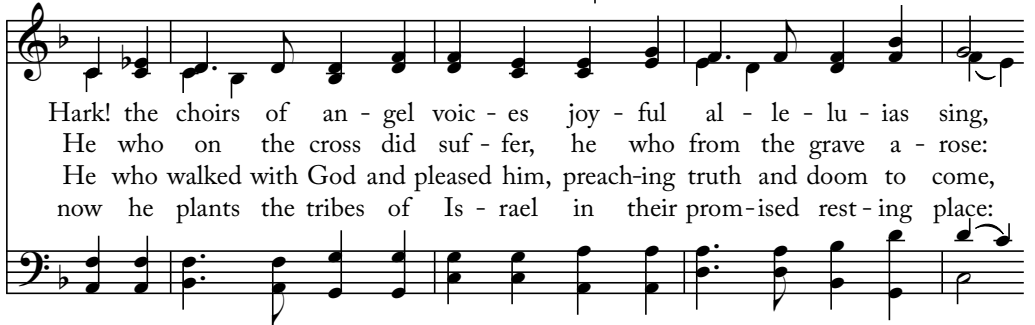
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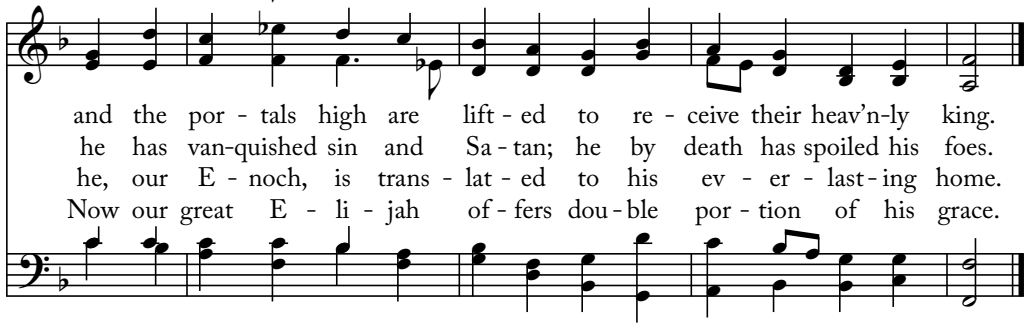
1. See, the con - qu'ror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in roy - al state,
 2. Who is this that comes in glo - ry with the trump of ju - bi - lee?
 3. While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is part - ed from his friends;
 4. Now our heav'n - ly Aar - on en - ters, with his blood, with - in the veil;



rid - ing on the clouds, his char - iot, to his heav'n - ly pal - ace gate.
 Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, he has gained the vic - to - ry.
 while their ea - ger eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds as - cends.
 Josh - ua now is come to Ca - naan, and the kings be - fore him quail;



Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing,
 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the grave a - rose:
 He who walked with God and pleased him, preach - ing truth and doom to come,
 now he plants the tribes of Is - rael in their prom - ised rest - ing place:



and the por - tals high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heav'n - ly king.
 he has van - quished sin and Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.
 he, our E - noch, is trans - lat - ed to his ev - er - last - ing home.
 Now our great E - li - jah of - fers dou - ble por - tion of his grace.

5. You have raised our human nature in the clouds to God's right hand;
 there we sit in heav'nly places, there with you in glory stand:
 Jesus reigns, adored by angels, man with God is on the throne;
 mighty Lord, in your ascension we by faith behold our own.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)
 Music: Rustington | C. Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 18:1-17

perw Bible p. 927

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn N^o 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

Divine Backing

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

N^o 299 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious

CORONÆ

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 while music is offered to the Lord.*

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 310 Rejoice, the Lord is King

DARWALL

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

¶ *The People may sit or leave quietly. Please be respectful of those listening to the music.*

Coronation March: "Orb and Sceptre" (1953)

William Walton (1902-1983)

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Damian Long, *Minister to Small Groups & Young Adults*

ELDERS 8:30 Kirstin Peltz

11:00 Mary Harvey

LAY READERS 8:30 Margaret Diffenderfer

11:00 Emma Verrengia

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

NEW MEMBERS

Each of these candidates has been elected to membership at a meeting of the Membership Committee, and is today presented to the Congregation in accordance with our Bylaws.

8:30 am

Carl Grass
Diana Grass
Nancy E. Hill

Rendall A. Howell
Sophie Wan

11:00 am

Gayle Crenier
Elise Ann DeFlaminis
Matthew Hampton Foushée
Katherine Bringsjord Foushée
Jacques N. Gordon
Bénédicte Gnanngnon
David E. Hussey
Sarah Redden Hussey
Matthew Krushinsky
Alex Lee-Papastavros
Sarah-Catherine Moen

Tytus Moen
Kristen Joy Nelson
Esther Nimbalkar
Eleanor Margaret Peltz
Scott Needham Quigley
Tarn Charles Stephanos
Chloe Frances Verrengia
Sonya Wang
Grace West
Marty West
Elizabeth H. Wiltshire

The Membership Committee is delighted to welcome back to membership several former members who have returned to Park Street recently. We welcome Dean and Nancy Falb, Stephen and Sue Kim, Vivian Lee and Nick Papastavros, Jennifer and Paul Oakley, Karolyn and Raymond Park, and John and Mia Chung Yee.

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“But you, Beloved, be praying in the Holy Spirit.” Jude 20

Let us pray for...

- A great awakening of the gospel throughout Massachusetts.
- Adult children of the church who are not following Jesus to hear the gospel anew and believe.
- Teachers in public schools, that the Spirit would sustain, protect and guide.
- Those experiencing illness, for healing and wholeness of body and soul: Pamela, Mary, Gary, Stuart, Lora, Zach, Ruth, Ava, Fred, Alex, Irene, Charlie, Yuna, Doris, Ernestine, Elizabeth, Karen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newcomers' Meal | Today | 12:30 pm | *Common Room*

Are you new to Park Street? Welcome! Bring your questions about the church and meet some of our leaders as we enjoy good food together.

Seminar on Marriage | Today | 9:45 am & 5:30 pm | *Granary Room*

This three-week seminar is for those who are married or interested in the marriage relationship, but all are welcome. We will consider the challenge of commitment in our current cultural context, how growing spiritually manifests within marriage, and the joys and difficulties of intimacy. Led by Dr. Raymond Kam.

God's Heart of Care: Become a part of a PSC prayer, support and visitation team

Is it on your heart to care for homebound congregants, visit nursing homes or support those grieving a loved one? Email Michael Balboni: mbalboni@parkstreet.org.

Summer College Ministry | Tuesdays | 7:30 pm | *Wilson House*

Please join the college ministry for dessert, worship, and Bible study at the Wilson House in Harvard Square. Email Evangeline (evahollykennedy@gmail.com).

Join the Park Street Softball Team | Saturdays | June–August

Come be a part of the PSC softball team as we play against other churches in the metro area. If you're interested, please contact parkstreetsoftball@gmail.com.

Missionary Reception | Sun, May 28 | 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*

Join us to encourage and hear updates from the Fosters, PSC Bible translators serving in Mozambique. Light refreshments will be served. Catch them while they are here for one day only! Contact: missions@parkstreet.org.

Kidsweek 2023 - Stellar | Mon, Jul 10–Fri, Jul 14 | *Park Street Church*

Vacation Bible School: To register by Mon, Jun 12, visit parkstreet.org/kidsweek.

All-Church Camp 2023 | Wed, Aug 23–Sun, Aug 27 | *Casco, Maine*

Join us as we get away as a church family. This is a wonderful time for building relationships. Register by Sun, Jul 26: parkstreet.org/allchurchcamp.

Job Opening for Director of Human Resources at Gordon–Conwell Theological Seminary

To see details and apply, visit gordonconwell.edu/employment.

Open Positions at Park Street School

For job descriptions and to apply, email: employment@parkstreetschool.org.

For more details visit: parkstreet.org/announcements. Sign up for updates at: parkstreet.org/enews

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 at the right. 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 (there is one today! See the "Announcements section for more details), where you can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community and ask questions. We look forward to knowing you better!



PARK STREET CHURCH