



SERVICE *of* HOLY COMMUNION
Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, May 7, 2023
The Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

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 to prepare us in body and mind to enter the presence of God.*

INTROIT (II am)

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal victim offer your thankful praises!
A lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless,
reconcileth sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:
the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest, wayfaring:

“The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus’ resurrection;
bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he will go before you.”

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining;
have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia!

Words & Music: Wipo of Burgandy (c.1050) | translation The Antiphoner and Grail, 1880

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 22

Leader Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

People Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Leader You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

People Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

HYMN

N^o 284 This Joyful Eastertide

VRUCHTEN

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)

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away.
Souls have cross'd before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the lamb!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

Words: F. R. Warren | Music: Alice Parker (b. 1925)

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:10-15

pew Bible p. 926

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 278 That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

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☞ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:36-49

pew Bible p. 885

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

The Word in the Synagogue: Scrutiny and Belief Julian L.

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

N^o 140 O Word of God Incarnate MUNICH

APOSTLES' CREED

¶ *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 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.

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. Gluten-free wafers are available at the center station.*

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth *from Messiah* G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

I know that my redeemer liveth and that he shall stand
at the latter day, upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

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

N^o 268 Welcome, Happy Morning

NOEL NOUVELET

HYMN

At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing

SALZBURG



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic -
 2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel
 3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, hell's fierce powers be -
 4. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a - lone can



to - rious King, who hath washed us in the tide
 sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 neath thee lie. Thou hast con - quered in the fight;
 sin de - stroy. From sin's power do thou set free,



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side; praise we him, whose
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose
 thou hast brought us life and light: now no more can
 souls re - born, dear Lord, in thee. Hymns of glo - ry,



love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine, gives his
 blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread; with sin -
 death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall; thou hast
 songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise; ris - en



Bod - y for the feast— Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin Breviary Hymn, c. 6th century; trans: 1849 | Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

Music: *Salzburg*, 1678 | Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm: J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

This Resurrection hymn is filled with typological and theological images. Stanza one calls to mind the rich biblical tradition of water (both cleansing and destructive), including the water that flowed from Jesus' side (see Jn. 19:34). John 7:38 says, "...out of his belly shall flow streams of living water." Stanza two refers to Passover, deliverance through the Red Sea, and the vanquishing of Pharaoh's army— by water. Stanza three takes its cues from St. Paul's rhetoric and theology, and stanza four draws on John 3:1-21 and 1 Peter 1:23, ending with a trinitarian doxology.

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BENEDICTION
THE POSTLUDE

☪ *The People sit or may leave quietly as a work is played upon the organ. Please be respectful of those listening to the postlude in the sanctuary or via the livestream.*

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*
Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHING MINISTER Julian L., *Minister of Missions*

ASSISTING MINISTER Tammy McLeod, *Director of College Student Ministries*

ELDER David Murgatroyd

LAY READERS 8:30 Mike Ahearn
11:00 Josephine Ziegler

MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*
Jennifer Schmunk, *soprano*
Caroline Smoak, *violin*

SERMON RESOURCES

Is the Bible reliable? Below are some resources to consider while investigating this question.

- *On the reliability of the Old Testament* by K.A. Kitchen (Eerdmans Publishing, 2006)
- *The New Testament Documents: Are they reliable?* by F.F. Bruce (Eerdmens Publishing, 2003)

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“John answered them all, saying, ‘I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’” Luke 3:16

Let us earnestly pray for...

- The Holy Spirit’s work of conviction of sin in churches in Boston, and in America; through our missionaries, and through congregants at work in our neighborhoods.
- The Holy Spirit’s sanctifying work of fruit, purity and virtue to make us like Christ.
- The Holy Spirit’s empowerment of manifold spiritual gifts to advance the name of Jesus, as spiritual strongholds are torn down.
- The Holy Spirit’s comfort and strength among those depressed, downtrodden, anxious, or afraid.
- The Holy Spirit’s fires of revival, awakening, and abundance of joy to increase at Park Street Church.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All-Church Prayer May Schedule

Sat, May 13, 8:30–9:30 am: *Virtual Only via Zoom* (parkstreet.org/prayer)

Fri, May 19, 7:30–9:00 pm: *5th Floor Sky Room*

Sat, May 27, 8:30–9:30 am: *Virtual Only via Zoom*

Seminar on Marriage | Sun, May 7, 14 & 21 | 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.

An Informal Conversation About Reaching Our Youth for Jesus | Today | 9:45 am Common Room

Nearly two-thirds of 18–29 year-olds who grew up in church have withdrawn from church involvement. Does your heart long to reach them? Please join us to pray and brainstorm about how as a community we can reach our youth for Jesus. All are welcome!

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

Children (ages 3–entering 7th grade) are welcome! Invite a friend and have an amazing week experiencing God through singing, tasting, hearing, acting and seeing. Scholarships are available. Find more details and register by Mon, Jun 12 at parkstreet.org/kidsweek.

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

Join us for our annual rhythm of getting away as a church family. This is a wonderful time for building relationships while enjoying the outdoor setting and fun activities of Camp Laurel South: soccer, kayaking, crafts, swimming, tubing, fishing, and so much more. Register at parkstreet.org/allchurchcamp by Sun, Jul 26.

*For more information and registration details: parkstreet.org/announcements
Sign up for regular updates at: parkstreet.org/enews*

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

College

Gabriel Avilés, *Boston University - Finance & Economics*

Grace Bo-Youn Hwang, *Emerson College - Creative Writing, BFA*

Jason Evers, *Tufts University - English & Education co-majors*

Jasmine Fu, *Simmons University - Nursing (December 2022)*

Maegan Hoogerhyde, *New England Conservatory - Master of Music in Vocal Pedagogy*

Alex Ichimura, *Northeastern University - Business Administration - Supply Chain Management*

Ana Martinez, *University of New Hampshire - Occupational Therapy*

Penelope van der Meer, *University College Utrecht - Bachelor of Arts*

Beverly Vo, *Tufts University - Environmental Engineering*

Esther Xiang, *Harvard - Psychology*

Graduate School

Julie Boyd, *Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary - Master's in Counseling (October graduate)*

María José Guerrero, *Harvard Graduate School of Education - Master's in Education*

Erik Hendrix, *Longy School of Music - Master's*

Clement Li, *MIT - PhD in AeroAstro*

Andrew May, *University of Cape Town - PhD in Criminal Justice*

Matheus Oliveira de Souza, *MIT & Harvard - PhD in Pharmaceutical Chemistry*

Swaroop Pidakala, *Northeastern University - Master's in Project Management*

Abigail Smith, *Northeastern - Master's*

Ebenezer Williams, *Northeastern - Master's in Engineering*

CJ Yang, *Boston University School of Law*

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!

