

Service of Holy Communion

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, September 3, 2023

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.

INTROIT (II am)

God Is Living, God Is Here!

Wherefore despair? God the Lord is everywhere!
God is good, and with compassion gives to all on earth his aid.
His strong arm, in powerful fashion, all good things for us hath made.
In his mystic ways progressing, turns he every want to blessing.
So my soul, now do not fear: God is living, God is here!

Words: Laurence H. Davies (1911–1983) | Music: J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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¶ Immediately after 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.

NETTLETON

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.

 \P Greet one another in the peace of Christ. Following the Peace, the People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

(11 am)

Let Joyful Anthems Rise from the Oratorio Samson

Let joyful anthems rise, O praise the Lord.

His name we laud, O praise the Lord.

His might is sure, his steadfast love endures for evermore;

Unending praise we sing, his name we laud.

His might and love are sure.

Let joyful anthems rise, O praise the Lord.

Words: Newburgh Hamilton (1691-1761), Judges 16

Music: G. F. Handel (1685-1758), arr. Hal Hopson (b.1933)

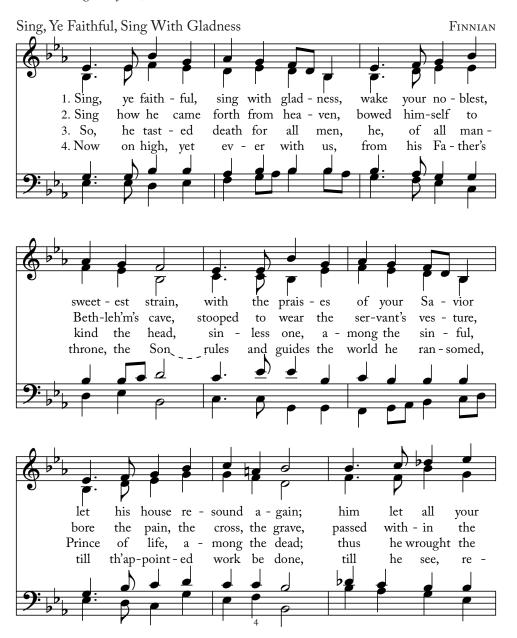
Matthew 21:33-43

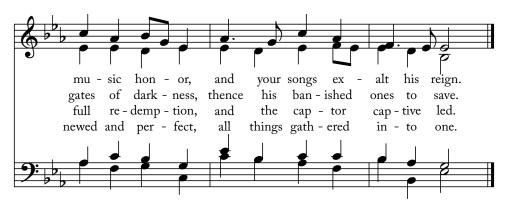
Reader The Word of the Lord.

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.)





Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: Finnian, 1975 | Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000)

¶ The People sit.

THE PSALM

pew Bible p. 511

¶ The People stand, sitting after the prayer. (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.

SERMON

A Song of Deliverance

Adam Herndon

HYMN

 \P The People stand. (Children return from Children's Church during the hymn.)

 $N^{\mbox{\scriptsize o}}$ 281 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

SHOUT ON

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.

Aria from the Oratorio Solomon

What though I trace each herb and flower, that drink the morning dew, did I not own[†] Jehovah's power, how vain were all I knew.

†own: acknowledge

Words: attr. Newburgh Hamilton (1691-1761); see Jer. 9:23-24

Music: 1749 | G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

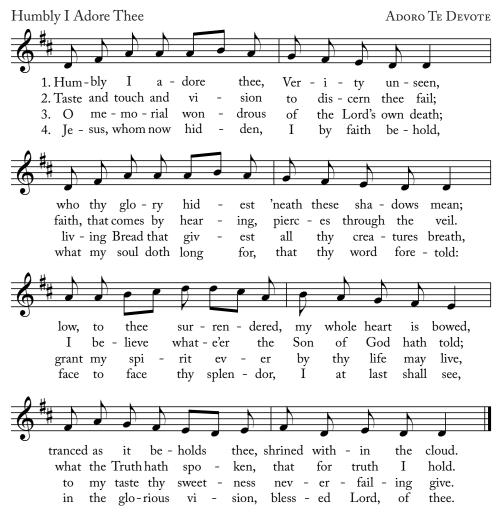
¶ The People stand and sing as the offerings are brought forward by the ushers. A Minister then presents them to the Lord in prayer.

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:



Words: attr. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274); tr. Hymnal 1940 and Hymnal 1982 Music: French church melody, as found in *Paris Processionale*, 1697

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Nº 501 Just As I Am

Woodworth

HYMN

Nº 295 Crown Him With Many Crowns

Diademata

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, Senior Minister Nathan Skinner, Director of Music

PREACHING MINISTER Adam Herndon, Minister of Families & Youth

Assisting Minister Damian Long, Minister of Small Groups & Young Adults

Elders 8:30 Kirstin Peltz
11:00 Jason Abraham

Lay Readers 8:30 Randall Wetzig

11:00 Linda Hemphill

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

Jennifer Schmunk, soprano

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

"Let those who fear the Lord say 'His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 118:4

Let us pray together with fervor for....

- Those around the world who are in distress: that the Lord would answer them and set them free.
- Those around the world that feel they are secure: that any foundation other than Jesus would be revealed to be insufficient, and that they (we all) would recognize him as the foundation of reality.
- Elementary, middle, and high school students and teachers of Massachusetts as they begin the school year: that the truth of God would be seen and taught.
- Those moving to Boston for school, work, family, or other reasons this month, that Christians in Boston would be a light to them and that they would find a church home.
- Those in our church who are in distress: that the Lord would answer them and set them free.
- Our church: that we would together see that the Lord is good and rightly give thanks to him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Fall Kickoff | Sun, Sep 10 | After each service

Join us for a meal after each service and opportunities to connect with ministries of the church this fall as we welcome newcomers to Boston and to Park Street.

All-Church Prayer September Schedule

Fri, Sep 1 | 7:30-9:00 pm | Welcome Center
Sat, Sep 9 | 8:30-9:30 am | Virtual Only (via Zoom)
Fri, Sep 15 | 7:30-9:00 pm | Special Prayer Night Event (more info TBA)
Sat, Sep 23 | 8:30-9:30 am | Virtual Only (via Zoom)

Learn More About Pathways Mission Experience Today | Welcome Center

Discern a clearer sense of missional calling while growing together in community. This new initiative led by Ministers Damian and Julian includes 9 months of listening, discerning, processing and traveling on mission (to Greece and cross-culturally in Boston). Watch a testimonial video at parkstreet.org/pathways. Check out the Pathways table in the Welcome Center today or email dlong@parkstreet.org.

All-Church Camp Photo Contest

Do you have a great photo from All-Church Camp? Send us your candids to Caitlin (clubinski@parkstreet.org) and we'll display the winner.

DivorceCare Begins | Thu, Sep 7 | 6:30 pm | Online

Are you separated or divorced? Find hope and healing with DivorceCare this fall. Register by emailing divorcecare@parkstreet.org.

Reception for Frenchie and Ana Gamero | Sun, Sep 17 | 12:30 pm

Ana Parada Gamero (daughter of Park Street missionaries Alberto & Joanna Parada) and her husband Frenchie will be with us in Boston from Sep 9-23. Join us as we welcome them and hear about their ministry with YWAM.

Artists' Fellowship Meeting | Sun, Oct 1 | 11:00 am | Sky Room

Are you passionate about visual art? Join for a time of fellowship with the purpose of encouraging visual artists in their work. Discussion will be based on readings and viewing works of art together. Email: loistandersen@gmail.com.

More at: parkstreet.org/announcements Regular 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, where you can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community and ask
 questions. We look forward to knowing you better!