



SERVICE *of* HOLY COMMUNION  
Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, January 7, 2024  
*Sunday after the Epiphany*

***Welcome** to Park Street Church! We're glad you're worshipping 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 picrow 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 Church celebrates the feast of Epiphany on January 6, directly after the season of Christmas-tide. Epiphany means "manifestation" or "revelation." In Christ, God has made himself known, not only to the Jews but to all peoples of the world. On Epiphany, the Western church points to the visit of the Magi, who were the first Gentiles to recognize Jesus as King, bowing down to worship him. In the Eastern church, the focus is on Christ's baptism, when all three persons of the Trinity testified that Jesus was the Son of God. Major themes of Epiphany are light, dawn, and Christ as the Morning Star.*

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## THE PRELUDE

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

Fantasy in C, "I Saw Three Ships," I. Vivace

D. Faris (b. 1992)

☪ *Immediately after the prelude, the People stand.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader* Blessed be the LORD God,  
and blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever.

*People* **Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

*Leader* From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your Name will be great among the nations,  
and in every place incense will be offered in your name.  
The Lord has shown forth his glory.

*People* **O come, let us adore him.**

## HYMN

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

MORGENSTERN



1. How bright-ly shines the Morn-ing Star; the na - tions see and  
 2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
 3. Re - joice, ye heav'ns; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,



hail a - far the light in Ju - dah glo - rious.  
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right-eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy pow'r, ride on, ride on, great



Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words & Music: 1597 | Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

para. William Mercer (1811-1873); harmony ca. 1730 | J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## INVOCATION & 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

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 12:1-9*

*pew Bible p. 8*

*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 206 Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

MORNING STAR

¶ *The People sit.*

### THE SECOND LESSON

*Hebrews 12:1-4*

*pew Bible p.1008*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn N<sup>o</sup> 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

Encouraged by the Faithful

Mark Booker

### HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

N<sup>o</sup> 570 Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE

### 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. Music is offered to the Lord.*

We Three Kings

arr. D. Faris (b. 1992)

## 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.*

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

Nº 230 Thou Who Wast Rich

I Want to Walk as a Child of Light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2. I want to see \_\_\_ the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3. I'm look-ing for \_\_\_ the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
Je - sus. When we have run \_\_\_ with pa-tience the race, we



star of my life \_\_\_ is Je - sus. In him there is no  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy \_\_\_ of Je - sus.





dark-ness at all. The night and the day— are both a-like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

This hymn contains sixteen lines of poetry; each one is a direct reference to scripture.

<b>Stanza 1</b>	<b>Refrain</b>	<b>Stanza 2</b>	<b>Stanza 3</b>
1 Th 5:5; 1 Jn 1:7	1 Jn 1:5	Heb 1:3	Php 3:20; Rev 1:7
Mt 16:24	Ps 139:12	Rev 22:4	Rev 21:3-4
Jb 9:9	Rev 21:23	Mal 4:2; Jb 22:28	Heb 12:1(2)
Rev 22:16	2 Cor 4:6	Jn 14: 5-14	Jn 16:22-24

Words and Music: 1966, Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 (tune name: Houston)

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## H Y M N

☪ *The People stand*

Nº 226 As With Gladness Men of Old

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## B E N E D I C T I O N

## T H E P O S T L U D E

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

Epilogue on “As with Gladness”

W. H. Harris (1883-1973)

## SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

		Mark Booker, <i>Senior Minister</i>
		Nathan Skinner, <i>Director of Music</i>
ASSISTING MINISTERS		Randall Wetzig, <i>Assistant Minister</i>
		Leonard Mosiah, <i>Minister to Youth</i>
ELDERS/CANDIDATES	8:30	Daniel Vogelzang, <i>elder-candidate</i>
	11:00	Richard Ibekwe, <i>elder-candidate</i>
LAY READERS	8:30	Elizabeth Lohnes
	11:00	Jill VanderWoude
MUSICIANS		Daniel Faris, <i>violin</i>
		Gabriel Ling, <i>piano</i>

A complete staff directory can be found at [parkstreet.org/about-us/staff](http://parkstreet.org/about-us/staff)

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## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.”*  
– *Psalm 5:2*

### Let us pray together...

- To the Lord who formed each person, that we would see his image in all people, and that we at Park Street Church would be a blessing to those around us.
- To Jesus our shepherd, that as his sheep we would hear and heed his voice.
- That the Lord who humbled himself and took on human flesh would humble us and show us where we can come alongside each other in peace humility.
- That the Lord of peace would bring about deescalation of the conflict in Israel and Gaza, and that he would be glorified through peace in that region and around the globe.

Send your prayer requests to [pastoralcare@parkstreet.org](mailto:pastoralcare@parkstreet.org) or call 617-523-3383

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Family Ministries Programming

Nursery is available today during all services. Children's Church and Sunday School will resume on Sun, Jan 14.

### New Members Class | Sundays Jan 21, 28, & Feb 4 | 12:30-4:00 pm

Join us three Sundays in a row for lunch and an exploration of the community life, theological convictions, and unique priorities of Park Street Church. There is no pressure to become a member upon completion. Register by Tue, Jan 16, at [parkstreet.org/events](http://parkstreet.org/events).

### Upcoming Adult Christian Formation Classes

#### The Book of Amos | Jan 21, Jan 28, Feb 4 & Feb 11 | 9:45 am

Come explore key themes of the book of Amos in this informal, interactive, four-week Christian Formation series led by Pastor Julian L.

#### Shepherding a Small Group | Jan 21, Jan 28 & Feb 4 | 9:45 am & 5:30 pm

Led by Pastor Damian Long. If you are interested in launching a small group, or if you want to learn strategies for growing your small group in depth, this class is for you. There is no commitment to lead a new group afterwards.

### Mark Your Calendar for the 2024 Annual Meeting | Sun, Feb 25 | PSC

#### Candidate Slate for 2024 Annual Meeting

The slate of nominees was sent via email to the congregation. It includes short bios of all candidates and notes from the Nominating Committee. You can view it on the Church Center app or at [parkstreet.org/candidates](http://parkstreet.org/candidates). There are also paper copies available in the back of the sanctuary.

#### Nursery Team Members Needed | [sverrengia@parkstreet.org](mailto:sverrengia@parkstreet.org)

Serve children ages 0-3 once a month during one of the services.

#### Park Street's College Ministry House (Wilson House) Has a Room Opening

Twenty-somethings with a heart for undergraduate ministry are encouraged to apply! Six volunteer hours per week are required. Email Tammy at [tmcleod@parkstreet.org](mailto:tmcleod@parkstreet.org) for an application.

#### Please Save Your Used Stamps and Christmas Cards

The Woman's Benevolent Society (WBS) will "upcycle" your canceled stamps and Christmas cards to support ministries. Please drop them in the Ockenga Lobby.

#### Artists' Fellowship | Today | 1:00 pm | *Upper Sky Room*

Visual artists, join us! Discussion will be based on readings and viewing artworks. For info, please email: [loistandersen@gmail.com](mailto:loistandersen@gmail.com)

## 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](http://parkstreet.org) or scan the **QR code** to 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**.
- 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!



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