



F. M. RINES

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP
Park Street Church
The Lord's Day, February 11, 2024
Sunday Next Before 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 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

(11 am)

A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

Words: John 13: 34–35 | Music: Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

¶ *Immediately at the conclusion of the Introit, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 33

Leader Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous;
it is fitting for the just to be thankful.

People **By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.**

Leader Praise the Lord with the harp;
sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed lute.

People **Let all the earth fear the Lord;
stand in awe of him, all you that dwell in the world.**

Leader Sing unto him a new song;
make skillful melody and cry aloud with joy.

People **For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast.**

HYMN

N^o 115 All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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)

O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be

O what their joy and their glory must be,
those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see!

crown for the valiant, to weary ones, rest;

God shall be all, and in all ever blessed.

What are the Monarch, his court, and his throne?

What are the peace and the joy that they own?

Tell us, ye blest ones, that in it have share,

if what ye feel ye can fully declare!

Truly, "Jerusalem" name we that shore,

"Vision of peace," that brings joy evermore;

wish and fulfillment can severed be never,

nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.

We, where no trouble distraction can bring,
safely the anthems of Zion shall sing;
while for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise
thy blessed people shall evermore raise.

There dawns no Sabbath, no Sabbath is over;
those Sabbath keepers have one, and no more;
one and unending is that triumph song,
which to the angels and us shall belong.

Now, in the meanwhile, with hearts raised on high,
we for that country must yearn and must sigh;
seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,
through our long exile on Babylon's strand.

Low before him with our praises we fall,
of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;
of whom, the Father; and in whom, the Son,
through whom, the Spirit, with these ever One. *Amen.*

Words: Peter Abelad (1079–1142) | Music: William Harris (1883–1973)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35

perw Bible p. 595

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

H Y M N

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

Come We That Love the Lord

MARCHING TO ZION

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be
2. Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our
3. Ye pil - grims on the road to Zi - on's ci - ty,
4. There shall each joy - ful tongue his end - less praise pro -

known; join in a song with sweet ac-cord, join in a song with
 God; but chil - dren of the heav-en-ly King, but chil - dren of the
 sing; re-joyce ye in the Lamb of God, re-joyce ye in the
 claim, and sing in sweet - er notes the song, and sing in sweet - er

sweet ac-cord, and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the
 heav-en - ly King may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a -
 Lamb of God, in Christ thè - ter - nal King, in Christ thè - ter - nal
 notes the song of Mo - ses and the Lamb: of Mo - ses and the

2. may speak their joys a - broad.
 3. in Christ thè - ter - nal King:

throne.
 broad.
 King:
 Lamb: (We're march - ing to)

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful

We're marching to Zi - on, we're march - ing to

Zi - on. We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau-ti-ful ci - ty of God.

 *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON


Hebrews 12:12-17

perw Bible p. 1009


Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

 *The People stand. (Hymn No 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

Take Heart

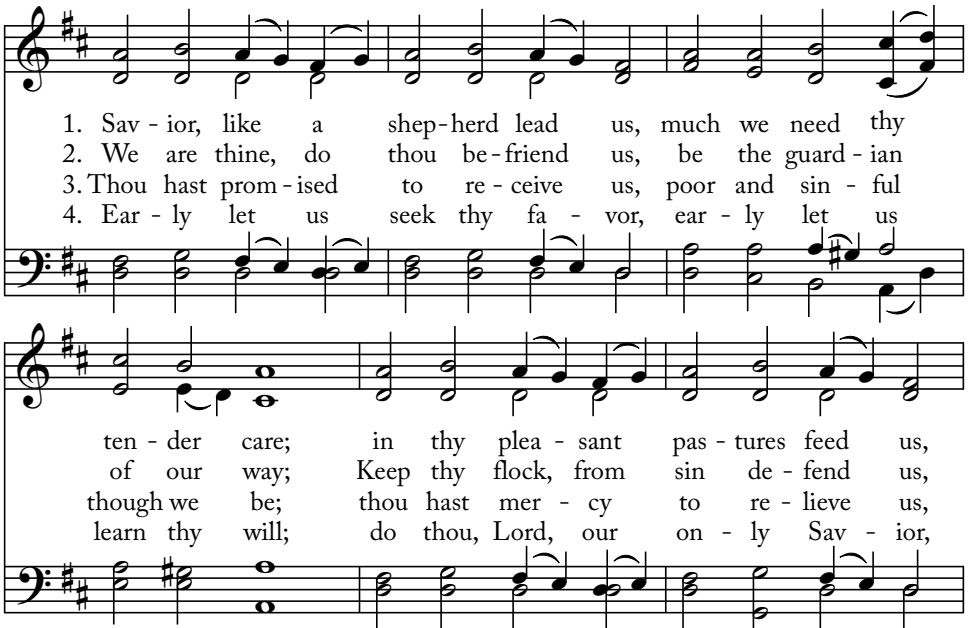
Mark Booker

HYMN

 *The People stand.*

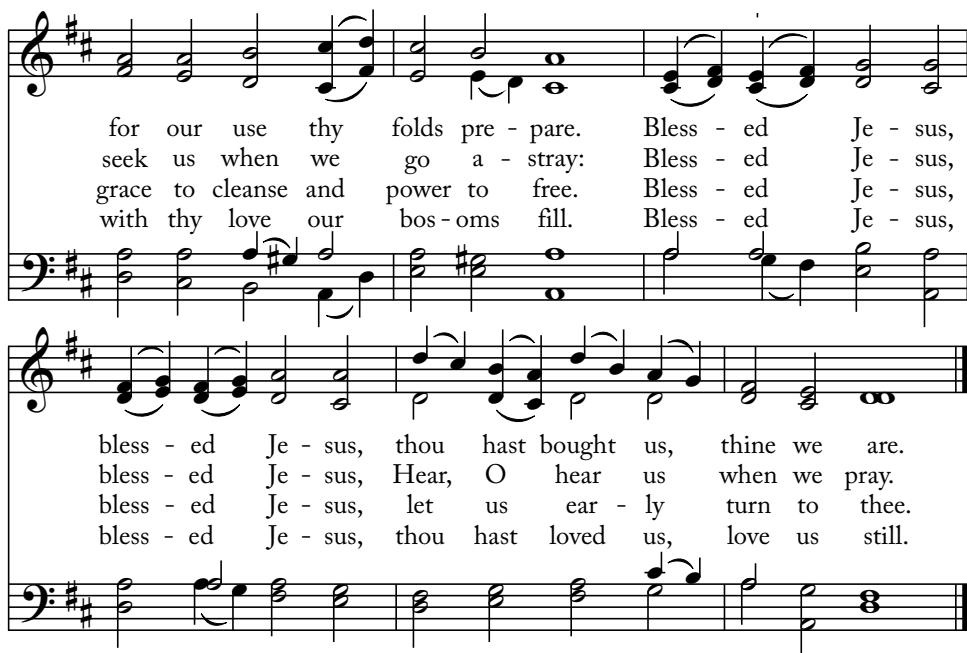
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

SICILIAN MARINERS



1. Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us, much we need thy
2. We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian
3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful
4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us,
of our way; Keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us,
though we be; thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us,
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sav - ior,



for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 seek us when we go a - stray: Bless - ed Je - sus,
 grace to cleanse and power to free. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee.
 bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

Words: Hymns for the Young, 1836 | Dorothy Ann Thrupp (1779-1847)

Music: *Sicilian Mariners* | from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

TESTIMONY

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.*

O Rest in the Lord, *from Elijah*

F. Mendelssohn (1809–1849)

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him,
 And he shall give thee thy heart's desires.
 Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him,
 And fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

Words: Psalm 37:1, 4, 7 | Music: F. Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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

Nº 604 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Allegro assai vivace, from Sonata in F minor

F. Mendelssohn (1809–1849)

¶ *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*

ASSISTING MINISTER Damian Long, *Minister of Community*

ELDERS/CANDIDATE Geoffrey Raux, *Elder (candidate for Moderator Elect)*

LAY READERS 8:30 Elizabeth Lohnes
11:00 Emma Verrengia

TESTIMONY 8:30 Michaela Noronha
11:00 Cameron Yee-Jones

MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*
Marana Avant, mezzo-soprano

A complete staff directory can be found at parkstreet.org/about-us/staff

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” John 17:20-21

Let us pray together for our upcoming Annual Meeting, that God would have mercy on Park Street Church. That he would guide us. That he would help us to approach each other with an open spirit, willing to genuinely listen to each other. That we would be able to discern what is true and right. That we would see first the log in our own eye before we point out the speck in others.’ That we would be united in our love for God and love for each other. That this church would be on the forefront of God’s work to renew the world and reconcile all things. That the light of God’s goodness would shine through this church to Boston and the world. And let us pray together that above all, Jesus would be glorified in our words and actions, both individually and as a body.

Send your prayer requests to pastoralcare@parkstreet.org or call 617-523-338

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Service | Today | 1:30 pm | *Sanctuary*

All are invited to a memorial service for longtime member Michael Brescia.

No Second Sunday Meals Today

Please note that there will be no Second Sunday Meals today. Our monthly time to fellowship and eat together will instead take place on Sun, Feb 25 at 11:45 am in advance of the Annual Meeting.

2024 Annual Meeting Time and Modified Sunday Service Schedule | Sun, Feb 25

Due to the Annual Meeting, there will be a single worship service at 10:30 am on Sun, Feb 25, followed by a light lunch and fellowship from 11:45 am to 12:30 pm. The Annual Meeting will begin at 12:45 pm in the Sanctuary.

Updated Candidate Slate for 2024 Annual Meeting

The slate of nominees for the upcoming Annual Meeting has been updated and can be viewed on the Church Center app or at parkstreet.org/candidates. Hard copies are also available at the back of the Sanctuary.

Pathways Athens Team Reception | Today | 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*

Join us after the 11:00 am service to hear reports from the Pathways short-term mission team, which recently traveled to Athens to work with refugees. Note the location change to the Granary Room.

Short-Term Missions Info Meeting | Mon, Feb 12 | 7:00 pm | *Zoom*

Attend our Short-Term Mission (STM) information meeting to learn about our 2024 STMs. Consider serving alongside our missionaries and partners locally or globally to support their long-term work. All are welcome to attend, with no commitment required. See parkstreet.org/announcements for the Zoom link.

Ash Wednesday Service | Wed, Feb 14 | 7:30 pm | *Sanctuary*

Join us as we begin the season of Lent together. This service will include readings, a sermon, music sung by the sanctuary choir, as well as an opportunity to receive ashes. Childcare will be available for children ages 0 – 4 years (registration required, see parkstreet.org/events).

Lenten Discipleship Initiative/World Relief 80th Anniversary

For this year's Lenten Discipleship Initiative (Sun, Feb 18 - Sun, Mar 24), we will be using a devotional prepared by World Relief entitled "He Was There," which considers how believers can walk in the footsteps of Jesus. See parkstreet.org/ldi to register. There will also be a table in the Ockenga Lobby with information and hard copies of the devotional booklet beginning today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midday Lenten Services | Wednesdays, beginning Feb 21 | 12:15 pm | Sanctuary

This Lent, consider spending your lunch break with us. We will gather for a 30-minute service of prayer, reflection on scripture, and hymns. The services will also be streamed at parkstreet.org/live.

Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices Baby Bottle Drive | By Sun, Feb 18

If you picked up a baby bottle to support Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices, please turn it in at the Ockenga Lobby reception desk by Sun, Feb 18. Every coin helps! Questions? Contact missions@parkstreet.org.

Missionary Housing and Vehicles Needed

We are in need of temporary housing and vehicles to borrow for three missionary families that will be with us later this year. Please contact missions@parkstreet.org if you or someone you know might be able to help.

*For more details and for registration links, please visit: parkstreet.org/announcements
Sign up for 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 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.

