EASTER DAY
Park Street Church | March 31, 2024
Service of Worship and Holy Baptism

We have moved from the 40-day season of Lent into the 50-day season of Eastertide. Today we begin a time of joyful celebration and feasting as we glory in Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. In our sanctuary, the mournful purple and blood-red of Lent and Holy Week have been replaced with white and gold; somber hymns give way to our most joyous anthems and we reintroduce alleluias into worship. Alleluia simply means, “Praise the Lord,” and the Christian family around the globe resounds in praise: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.” (Exodus 15:1)

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 or sing bold text with a loud voice. You do not need to wait for verbal instruction before standing or sitting where indicated. Scripture is taken from the English Standard Version.

THE PRELUDE
¶ Music is played by the musicians, preparing us in body and mind to enter the presence of God.

Sinfonia, from Easter Oratorio

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE INTROIT

Christ has conquered, Christ, our sovereign, Christ reigns for evermore!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.


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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
People  Christ has been raised from the dead,  
        the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.  

Leader  Alleluia! Christ is risen.  

People  He is risen indeed. Alleluia!  

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN  

Christ the Lord is Risen Today  

Easter Hymn

1. “Christ the Lord is risen today,”  
   Alleluia!  
   sons of men and angels say.  
   Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
   Alleluia!  
   sing, ye heavens, and earth reply!  
   Alleluia! (&c)

2. Love’s redeeming work is done,  
   fought the fight, the battle won.  
   Death in vain forbids him rise;  
   Christ has opened paradise.

3. Lives again our glorious King;  
   where, O death, is now thy sting?  
   Dying once, he all doth save;  
   where thy victory, O grave?

4. Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
   unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
   who endured the cross and grave,  
   sinners to redeem and save.

5. Soar we now where Christ has led,  
   following our exalted Head,  
   made like him, like him we rise,  
   ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
THE 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    Alleluia, Alleluia. The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.
People    And with your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Greet one another with “Christ is risen!” Following the Peace, the People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34–43

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both
in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

Most Glorious Lord of Life

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day, didst make thy triumph over death and sin: and having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didst die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live for ever in felicity.

And that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again: and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought, love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.


Words: Sonnet 68 | Edmund Spenser (1552–1599)
Music: 2004 | Gary Davison (b. 1961)
THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 16:1–8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN

The People stand.
The Strife is O’er

Antiphon (sing before stanza 1)

Words: Medieval Latin, tr. 1861 | Francis Pott (1832-1909)
Antiphon (sing after stanza 5)

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Following the prayer, the People sit.

THE SERMON

Resurrection Reactions

Mark Booker

THE HYMN

The People stand.

No 274 Thine Be The Glory

Maccabees

The People sit.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Exhortation

Profession of the One Faith

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer I do.
**Question**  Will you obediently keep God’s holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

**Answer**  I will, with the Lord’s help.

¶

The People stand.

**Minister**  Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

**People**  We will.

¶

The Minister then says

Let us join with this Candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles’ Creed.

**Minister**  Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**People**  I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**Minister**  Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

**People**  I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He 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.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**Minister**  Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**People**  I do. 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.
Prayer for the Candidates

The Minister prays, concluding with

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The People sit.

The Baptism

____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

____, do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The People stand as the Minister leads them in thanksgiving for the newly baptized, and in prayer for the church, the world, the sick, and the suffering.

THE OFFERTORY

The People sit. The offering plates are passed. Music is offered to the Lord.

At the Name of Jesus

Christ Jesus, being in the form of God, emptied himself,
Being in the form of a servant,
in human likeness, Christ has humbled himself,
and become obedient unto death—even death on a cross.

Alleluia.

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
in heaven and earth, and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

God has exalted Christ!

†In him is gladness, gone is all sadness,

Christ who once was dead is raised.
Here where they laid him, death has not stay'd him,  
now and e'er let him be praised!

Alleluia, Amen.

“This Lutheran hymn is superimposed on Clausen’s setting of the Philippians text, making explicit how “God has exalted Christ.”

Words: Phil. 2:5–11 | with In Thee is Gladness 1549 | J. Lindemann (1550–1631)  
Music: René Clausen (b. 1953) | with In Thee is Gladness 1593 | G. Gastoldi

HYMN

The People stand.

No 267 The Day of Resurrection  

Lancashire

THE BENEDICTION

In this Kenyan Benediction, it is customary for the People to sweep a hand toward the cross during the first three responses, and toward the heavens during the final response.

All our problems  
We send to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties  
We send to the cross of Christ.

All the devil’s works  
We send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes  
We set on the risen Christ.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE

The People may sit or leave quietly. Please be respectful of those listening to the music in the sanctuary or via the livestream.

Toccata, from Symphony No. 5  

C. M. Widor (1844–1937)
SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, Senior Minister
Nathan Skinner, Director of Music & Organist

Assisting Ministers
Adam Herndon, Minister to Families
Randall Wetzig, Assistant Minister
Christine May, Minister to Women
Leonard Mosiah, Minister to Youth

Elders
9:00 Geoffrey Raux, moderator-elect
11:00 Jason Abraham, moderator

Lay Readers
9:00 Jill VanderWoude
11:00 Christine Vasko

Musicians
Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, Director of Choral Music
The Park Street Orchestra

Candidates for Baptism
Landon Freytag
Declan Freytag
Cora Murgatroyd
Zachary Williams

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

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EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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Irene Anderson
Austin & O’Mahony Families
Lois’s family
The Larson Family
Julie Deligiannides
Freytag Family
The Adambah Family
Leslie Bodkin
Jill VanderWoude
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The Larson Family
The Sanctuary Choir
Woman’s Benevolent Society
The Bruce Family
The Coram Family
Gayle Crenier
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Phil Norcross
Doris & Ernest Peltz, Dr. Gerald Seitz
Sam & Lucy Porter
Daniel J. Scott
Salvatore “Sam” Spinella & Patricia Silk Spinella

Emilie Stadig
Richard & Carol Steuart
Cecile Testa
James & Anna Thweatt
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Ruth Ellen Winn
Rick Wuori

Donald L. Young
David & Helen Young
John & Rose Zvara
Welcome to Park Street Church! We’re glad you are here, and we invite you to become a part of this community of Jesus’ disciples. Wherever you are 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 the 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!