



Lo, the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

Flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come.

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP  
Park Street Church  
The Lord's Day, April 21, 2024  
*The Fourth Sunday of 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 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.*

*We are in the fifty-day season of Eastertide. The colors of the season are white and gold. Here we sing our most joyous music, and "Alleluias" abound as we unite in praise with the Christian family around the globe: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously." (Ex. 15:1) The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ proves unambiguously that God is the final victor in the battle between Light and Darkness. Our greatest enemy is vanquished, and the new life of Jesus has come (in part) and is coming (in full) to all those who trust in him.*

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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.*

Prelude on the Easter Hymn

C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

## INTROIT

(11 am)

I Was Glad

I was glad when they said unto me,  
let us go into the house of the Lord. *Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Words: Psalm 122 | Music: Roy W. Brunner (Park Street Church organist, 1993-2012)

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 118*

*Leader* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Leader* Give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious;  
his mercy endures for ever.

*People* Let Israel now confess that his mercy endures for ever.

*Leader* Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:  
"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

*People* I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

HYMN

Nº 284 This Joyful Eastertide

V RUCHTEN

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, & 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

(II am)

Gloria in Excelsis, *from Mount Saint Alban's Communion Service*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Words: Ancient hymn | Music: Gary Davison (b. 1961)

THE FIRST LESSON

*Deuteronomy 6:1-15*

*pew Bible p. 151*

*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 299 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

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¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

*John 21:15-19*

*pew Bible p. 907*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

¶ *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

The Center

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 600 He Leadeth Me

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. Music is offered to the Lord.*

Recitative & Aria, *from Messiah*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

He was cut off out of the land of the living;  
for the transgressions of Thy people was He stricken. (*Isaiah 53: 8*)

But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell;  
nor didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption. (*Psalms 16: 10*)

## 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 281 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

SHOUT ON

## BENEDICTION

## THE POSTLUDE

Final, *from Symphony No. 1 in D Major*

L. Vierne (1870-1937)

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

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## SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Leonard Mosiah, *Minister to Youth*

ELDERS 8:30 Linda Herman

11:00 Juliet Halvorsen

LAY READERS 8:30 Margaret Diffenderfer

11:00 Emma Verrengia

MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*

Jessica Kelley, *soprano*

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

*“How much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”*

*Matthew 7:11*

Let us come to the Lord together...

- Praying that the Holy Spirit would fill his church around the world with the hope of the resurrection promised to us.
- Giving thanks for God’s work to reconcile and renew all things through Jesus Christ.
- Praying that God would quickly bring peaceful resolution to the many wars around the globe, including in the Middle East and in Ukraine.
- Asking that Park Street Church would be a light to the people of Boston; that those around us would know we are Jesus’ disciples by our love for one another.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**World Relief 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary | Today | 1:00 pm | *Welcome Center***  
Park Streeters are invited to join leaders from World Relief in a celebration of World Relief's first 80 years of service and their vision for the future.

**Recognition of Graduation | See [parkstreet.org/2024grads](https://parkstreet.org/2024grads) by Mon, Apr 22**  
Are you graduating from college, graduate school, or a vocational training program this year? Congratulations! We invite you to submit your name, school, and degree or program by Apr 22 for recognition in the eNews and bulletin.

**Women's Ministry Brunch - From Mourning to Dancing | Sat, Apr 27 | 10:00 am - 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room***  
Tammy McLeod will be speaking on *Ambiguous Loss*. Childcare will be available for children ages 0-3; see [parkstreet.org/events](https://parkstreet.org/events) to sign up for the brunch and register for childcare. Questions? Contact Chris May at [cmay@parkstreet.org](mailto:cmay@parkstreet.org).

**Children's Choir Cantata | Sun, May 5 | 8:30 am & 11:00 am services**  
The Children's Choir (grades 1-6) will be performing *Go, Go Jonah!*, displaying the powerful story of Jonah and the many lessons we can learn from God's word. This is a great service to invite friends and neighbors to. There will be no nursery or Children's church on May 5th. *Please note that because of the cantata, communion service will be on Apr 28 rather than May 5.*

**Short-Term Missions Opportunities | Apply by May 15**  
Applications have reopened for both of our Middle East STMs and for the Revere Beach, MA evangelism project. See the extended announcement at [parkstreet.org/announcements](https://parkstreet.org/announcements) for more details.

**Youth Spring Retreat | May 31 - Jun 2 | *Oceanwood Camp & Conference Center***  
Registration closes May 26; please register at [parkstreet.org/events](https://parkstreet.org/events). Questions? Contact Leonard Mosiah at [lmosiah@parkstreet.org](mailto:lmosiah@parkstreet.org).

**Kidsweek 2024 - Breaker Rock Beach | Jul 15 - 19 | Register by Jun 23**  
Join us for Kidsweek 2024 at Breaker Rock Beach where God's truth never changes! For children entering preschool through 7th grade. Discount available until Apr 28. Register at [parkstreet.org/events](https://parkstreet.org/events). Questions? Contact Stephanie at [sverrengia@parkstreet.org](mailto:sverrengia@parkstreet.org).

**All-Church Camp | Aug 21-25 | *Camp Laurel South***  
Come and join us for All-Church Camp! An Early Bird discount will be available until Apr 28. Registration closes Jul 21; register at [parkstreet.org/events](https://parkstreet.org/events).

*Sign up for regular updates at: [parkstreet.org/enews](https://parkstreet.org/enews)*

*For more details: [parkstreet.org/announcements](https://parkstreet.org/announcements)*

## 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!

