



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, May 19, 2024

The Day of Pentecost

***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 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.*

On the Day of Pentecost (fifty days after Easter), God sent his Holy Spirit to dwell with his people. Many Christians consider this the birthday of the Church, because it both enabled and inaugurated the apostles' mission to proclaim the Gospel of God to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). The color red is used on Pentecost to signify the fire of the Holy Spirit.

THE PRELUDE

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

Come, Holy Ghost

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

(11 am)

Veni, Creator Spiritus

Come Holy Ghost, the Maker, come;
Take in the souls of thine thy place;
Thou whom our hearts had being from,
Oh, fill them with thy heavenly grace.

Thou art that comfort from above,
The highest doth by gift impart;
Thou spring of life, a fire of love,
And the anointing spirit art.

Words: attr. Rabanus Maurus (776-856), tr. George Wither

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Joel 2 & Acts 2

Leader The LORD will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People and your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Leader Your old men shall dream dreams,

People and your young men shall see visions.

Leader You shall know that the LORD is in the midst of his people,

People that he is the LORD and there is none else.

Leader And it shall come to pass

People that everyone who calls upon the Name of the LORD shall be saved.

HYMN

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

1. Come down, O Love di - vine!† Seek thou this soul of mine
 2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty† my out - ward ves - ture† be,
 4. And so the year - ning strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor† glow - ing,
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness† be - come my in - ner cloth - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - for - ter† draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light - shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part†
 for none can guess its grace, till he be - come the place

and kin - dle† it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

† Love divine: *The Holy Spirit*; cf. Rom. 5:5 | Comforter: *The Holy Spirit*; cf. Jn 14:16 KJV | ardor: *passion, from Latin to burn* | kindle: *stir up; cause to burn* | charity: *love, especially Christian brotherly love* | vesture: *clothing* | lowliness: *humility* | humbler part: *role of a servant*

Words: Bianco di Siena (d. 1434); trans: 1867 | Richard F. Littledale • Music: *Down Ampney*, 1906 | Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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
(II am)

O Spirit All-Embracing

O Spirit all-embracing and counselor all-wise,
unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies:
unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward;
surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford.
Come, stream of endless flowing, and rescue us from death;
Come, wind of springtime blowing, and warm us by your breath.
O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face,
you show yourself amazing in unexpected place.
We see you and remember what once our dreams had been;
you fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within.
Come, fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you;
undying flame tenacious, burn in your church anew.

Come, passion's power holy, your insight here impart,
 and give your servant lowly an understanding heart
 to know your care more clearly when faith and love are tried,
 to seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died:
 for vision we implore you, for wisdom's pure delight;
 in prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.

Words: Delores Dufner (b. 1939) | Music: Joel Martinson (b. 1960)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 44:1-8

per Bible p. 604

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.*

Praise the Spirit in Creation

FINNIAN

1. Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's or - i - gin:
 2. Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets with the word;
 3. Tell of how th'as - cend - ed Je - sus armed a peo - ple for his own;
 4. Pray we then, O Lord the Spi - rit, on our lives des - cend in might;

Spi - rit mov - ing on the wat - ers, quick - ening worlds to life with - in,
 his the truth be - hind those wis - doms which as yet knew not our Lord;
 how a hun - dred men and wo - men turned the known world up - side down,
 let your flame break out with - in us, fire our hearts and clear our sight,

source of breath to all things breath-ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.
 by whose love and power, in Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.
 to its dark and fur-thest cor - ners by the wind of hea-ven blown.
 till, white-hot in your pos - ses - sion, we too set the world a - light.

Words: 1975 | Michael Hewlett (1916–2000), alt.
 Music: 1975 | Christopher Dearnley (1930–2000)
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☪ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1–13

pew Bible p. 909

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

☪ *The People stand. (Hymn N^o 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

Power for Witness

Mark Booker

HYMN

☪ *The People stand.*

N^o 330 Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness

PSALM 42

☪ *The People sit.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00 only; 8:30 am continues on p. 10)

The Exhortation & The Examination of Parents

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 *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

¶ *The Minister then says*

Let us join with *these Candidates* 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 Presentation

THE PRAYERS

¶ *After the candidates have been presented, the Minister leads the People in prayer, the People kneeling or sitting.*

OFFERTORY

¶ *The People sit. The offering plates are passed while music is offered to the Lord.*

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising sons of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit, thee we praise and magnify.
Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ;
thee we praise with endless worship for thy fruit and gifts unpriced.
Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry;
teaching, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age, and soul to soul:
in a fellowship unending thee we worship and extol.

Words: Timothy Reed (1874–1939) | Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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 339 For Your Gift of God the Spirit

BLAENWERN

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Toccatà

John Weaver (1937-2021)

¶ *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 Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ELDERS 8:30 Geoffrey Raux, *moderator-elect*

11:00 Andrew Ziegler

LAY READERS 8:30 Elizabeth Lohnes

11:00 Christine Vasko

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

CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM George Quigley, *son of Scott & Kate Quigley*

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” Romans 8:26-27

Let us pray together...

- That the Holy Spirit would empower us to preach the good news to our neighbors in word and deed, and would draw those around us to faith in Jesus, “that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Acts 2:21b)
- For continued healing of our church body, that we would grow together in the grace and truth of Jesus.
- For the new ESL semester beginning this week, that the program would be life-giving for both students and teachers.
- For Stuart and Sindia Foster and the teams they are working with to produce quality Bible translations for the people of Mozambique.

Submit prayer requests to: parkstreet.org/requestprayer (or call 617-523-3383).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newcomers' Lunch | Today | 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*

If you're new to Park Street and considering making it your home church, welcome! Bring your questions about the church and meet some of our leaders as we enjoy good food together.

Baking and Hospitality Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up, and bake for coffee time after all three services this fall. Contact Randall at rwetzig@parkstreet.org if interested.

Upcoming Wedding | Sat, May 25 | 1:00 pm

We are pleased to announce that Clayton Hancock and Emily Mitchell will be married at the church this Saturday. All are welcome at the marriage service. We also invite your prayers on their behalf as they enter the covenant of marriage.

Women's Brunch—Expressive Dance | Sat, Jun 1 | 2:30 - 4:00 pm | *PSC Gym*

Join us for an afternoon of expressive dance with Mary Harvey, Maria Harmon, and Elizabeth Mosiah. Light finger food will be served. Childcare will be available for children ages 0-3; children must be registered. Sign up for the event and register for childcare at parkstreet.org/events.

Join the PSC Summer Softball Team | Beginning Jun 1

Summer softball is starting again! The co-ed Park Street Softball Team plays other local churches on Saturdays. Please email parkstreetsoftball@gmail.com to sign up or ask any questions.

Job Opportunities at Park Street Church

The following staff positions have been posted: Director of Facilities, Director of Communications, Facilities Technician, Ministries Administrator, as well as the role of Administration, Communications, and Finance Coordinator. See parkstreet.org/jobs for all job descriptions. If interested, please reach out to Mike Ahearn at mahearn@parkstreet.org.

Boston Fellows Program | Sep 2024–May 2025

This nine-month program helps early to mid-career professionals cultivate the insights and spiritual habits necessary for meaningful vocation. For more info and to apply, visit bostonfellows.com. Apply by Jun 15 for \$100 off.

Panel Discussion - What Does Congregational Worship Sound Like Today? | Wed, May 29 | 1:00 pm

The Congregational Library and Archives hosts a virtual panel discussion on music in today's congregational churches; the panel includes our Director of Music, Nathan Skinner. Free registration: congregationallibrary.org/events

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**.
- Join for the **Newcomers' Lunch** today (see announcement) or RSVP to the invitation you will receive for a future 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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