



*Park Street Church Boston Mass.*

*J. O. Robinson*

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, May 26, 2024

*Trinity Sunday*

***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.*

*Today is Trinity Sunday, unique in the Christian calendar because it marks a biblical doctrine rather than a historical event. Trinitarian orthodoxy was formally defined by the Councils of Nicæa (AD 325) and Constantinople (AD 381), resulting in what we call the Nicene Creed. Park Street Church's founding in 1809 was motivated in large part by a desire to proclaim Trinitarian orthodoxy in the face of the Unitarian movement (which rejected the divinity of Christ).*

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## THE PRELUDE

¶ *Music is played to prepare us in body and mind to enter the presence of God. Today's prelude is a musical commentary on the doctrine of the Trinity; page 9 contains an explanation of the piece.*

Prelude in E-flat "Trinity"

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Te Deum, Athanasian Creed, & Psalm 100*

*Leader* We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord.

The Holy Church throughout all the world worships you:

*People* **Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son,  
worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

*Leader* The Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit  
is all one, the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

*People* **We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity.**

*Leader* Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:  
be thankful to him, and bless his name.

*People* **For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,  
and his truth endures from generation to generation.**

## HYMN

Nº 100 Holy, Holy, Holy

NICÆA

## 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

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Ezekiel 36:22-28*

*pew Bible p. 724*

*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 630 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

¶ *The People sit.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Acts 2:12-21*

*pew Bible p. 910*

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    Thanks be to God.

## THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn № 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

A Promise Fulfilled

Mark Booker

## HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down:  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit,  
into every troubled breast!  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest:  
take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: 1747 | Charles Wesley (1707-1788), *alt.*

Music: *Hyfrydol*, 1855 | Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887) 87. 87. D

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(8:30 only; 11:00 am continues on p. 7)

*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 deceptions 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 and then brought forward while music is offered to the Lord.*

*Aria from Elijah*

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed;  
but thy kindness shall not depart from me;  
neither shall the covenant of thy peace be removed.

Words: Isaiah 54:10

Music: F. Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

## PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

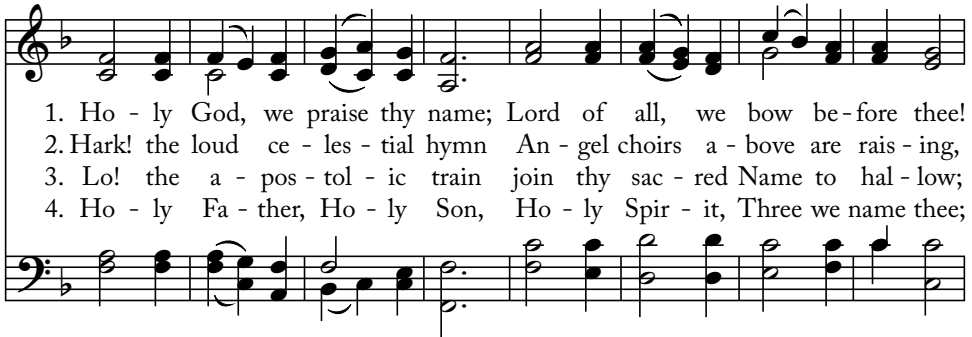
¶ *The People stand and sing as the offerings are brought forward by the ushers. A Minister then presents them to the Lord in prayer.*

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.**

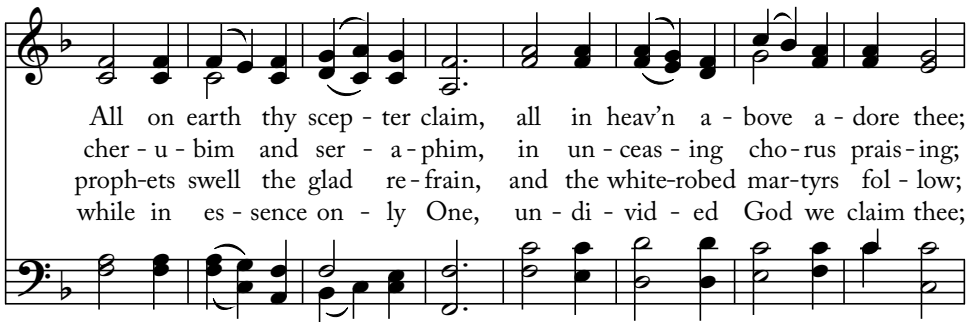
## HYMN

### Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

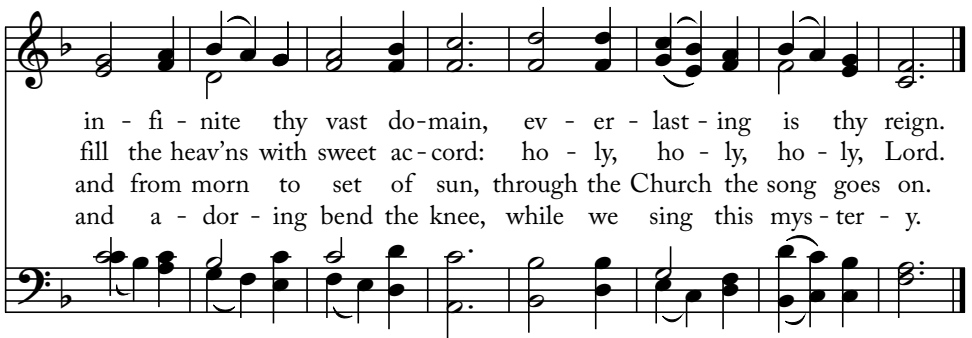
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1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow be-fore thee!  
 2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing,  
 3. Lo! the a - pos - tol - ic train join thy sac - red Name to hal - low;  
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name thee;



All on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing;  
 proph-ets swell the glad re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;



in - fi - nite thy vast do-main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
 fill the heav'n's with sweet ac-cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord.  
 and from morn to set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.  
 and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

Words: based on Te Deum, 4th century, attr. St. Ambrose; attr. Ignace Franz (1719-1790)

Music: Grosser Gott, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, ca. 1774

## BENEDICTION

### THE POSTLUDE

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

Fugue in E-flat "St. Anne"

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)



## *Musical Note*

Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E-flat major form a musical essay on the Trinity, evoking various characteristics of the Godhead; patterns of threes permeate the music. Despite the truths in the music, we cannot fully explain the Trinity, and the Church's understanding of the Trinity is best stated in the words of the Athanasian Creed.

Three different musical strains appear in the **prelude**, each from a national style: French, Italian, and German, calling to mind that the Trinity is God of the nations. These strains have shared aspects, as we worship one God in unity. The first strain, majestic and lofty, is called a "French overture," and represents God the Father. The second strain begins in echoes: loud, then quiet, representing the dual nature of Christ: fully man, fully God. After the echoes, a gradually descending pattern evokes Christ's incarnation, and a sudden shift into the minor key hints at his suffering. Proceeding from the first two sections, the third strain evokes the wind of the Holy Spirit.

These aren't typical "sections" of music, as if the Trinity were made up of three parts, which together add up to God (heresy of *partialism*). There aren't clean breaks where the music changes from one mode to another, as if God is sometimes the Son, sometimes the Father (heresy of *modalism*). The music flows organically as one piece, and the sections even overlap.

The **fugue** is a "triple fugue," and has three distinct themes. The principal theme (and anchor for the listener) is a tune called ST. ANNE which we sing to "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past." Though the fugues share material, there is no sense that one is created out of the other (heresy of *Arianism*). The first fugue is written in the majestic *stile antico*, which Bach always used to point to God the Father. The second section, representing the Son, is played more quietly, calling to mind Jesus's humanity. It has its own theme, since the Son is not the Father - but the ST. ANNE tune, hidden at first, eventually appears plainly ("at the right time"), illustrating that the Son is God. The music draws down to an unstable moment that lacks finality: "But if I go, I will send [the Holy Spirit] to you." In the third section, the Holy Spirit is appears as a rushing wind, with a new theme. The Spirit is *not* the Father, and the Spirit is *not* the Son. But the ST. ANNE subject appears (in the pedals) - the Spirit *is* God! The St. Anne tune is not transformed into the lively rhythms of the Spirit theme, but appears in the stately fashion of the first fugue: the persons of the Trinity are the *same* God, not three (heresy of *Tritheism*). At the conclusion of the piece, everything comes together as one: the voices distinct, yet musically indivisible. "We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence."

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## SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Chris May, *Minister to Women*

ELDER 8:30 Richard Ibekwe  
11:00 Steven James Weibley

LAY READERS 8:30 Alex Ichimura  
11:00 Linda Hemphill

MUSICIAN Jonathan Vanderwoude, *baritone*

CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM Claire Ann Crawford, *daughter of Brett and Lisa Crawford*

## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28.19–20*

**Let us pray together...**

- That the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit would be with all believers around the world.
- Thanking the triune God for inviting us into his community.
- That as world continues to develop technology, we would be wise in its use and wary of diminishing our sense of being God’s image-bearers.
- For the family of Mark Miller, former Park Street medical missionary to India, who recently passed away.
- Giving thanks for the life of Berta Rix, mother of Manuela Rix, mother-in-law to Simon Fowler, and "Nonna" to Celeste, Madeleine and the community of friends and neighbors who knew and loved her.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING: A Special Meeting of Park Street Church will be held on June 2, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary.**

The sole purpose of this Special Meeting shall be to review and possibly modify the July 30, 2023 decision of the Board of Elders that “there is no evidence of disqualifying sins, as described in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, of such severity that they call for the Senior Minister to be disqualified from pastoral ministry.” Given the nature of the Board of Elders’ decision being reviewed, this will be a closed meeting, meaning only members of Park Street Church in good standing can attend. If you are uncertain of your membership status, please reach out to the Clerk or another member of the Membership Committee.

A light lunch will be served at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Childcare for June 2 Special Meeting**

Childcare for ages 0 through 6th grade. Children must be registered by May 31. We are asking for non-members to assist with childcare during the meeting. If you would be willing to help care for the youngest congregants of our church, please email Stephanie at [sverrengia@parkstreet.org](mailto:sverrengia@parkstreet.org).

### **Stuart and Sindia Foster Visit | Today | 9:45 am | *Missions Conference Room***

Our missionaries in Mozambique, Stuart and Sindia, are here today for a visit with their Missionary Care Team (MCT). All are welcome!

### **College Ministry House Room Openings**

Park Street's college ministry house ("Wilson House"), located in Harvard Square, currently has residential openings for two males and two females for the summer and also for the school year. Twenty-somethings with a heart for undergrad ministry are encouraged to apply! Six volunteer hours per week are required with college ministry. Contact [Catrice.Conover@cru.org](mailto:Catrice.Conover@cru.org) for an application.

### **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](mailto:rwetzig@parkstreet.org) if interested.

### **Women's Tea—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 at [parkstreet.org/events](https://parkstreet.org/events).

### **Café Ministry Update!**

Our young adults ministry known as Café is still meeting over the summer on Tuesday (for 30s) and Wednesday (for 20s) evenings from 7:00–9:00 pm in the Welcome Center! There is the Word (Bible Study), Worship, Fellowship and Food! We highly encourage you to come join us as we grow together and support each other in being more like Christ.

### **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](mailto:parkstreetsoftball@gmail.com)

### **Job Opportunities at Park Street**

The following staff positions have been posted: Director of Facilities, Director of Communications, Facilities Technician, and Ministries Administrator. See [parkstreet.org/jobs](https://parkstreet.org/jobs) for all job descriptions. If interested, reach out to [mahearn@parkstreet.org](mailto: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](https://bostonfellows.com). Apply by Jun 15 for \$100 off.

### **Panel Discussion on Music in Congregationalism | Wed, May 29 | 1:00 pm**

The Congregational Library and Archives hosts "What does Congregational Worship Sound Like Today," a virtual panel discussion; the panel includes our Director of Music, Nathan Skinner. Free registration: [congregationallibrary.org/events](https://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](http://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**.
- RSVP to the invitation you receive for the **Newcomer's Lunch** on a third Sunday of the month (there is one today! See the "Announcements section for more details), 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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