



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, October 20, 2024

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 pилcrow 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 to prepare us in body and mind to enter the presence of God.*

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

INTROIT

(11 AM)

Cry Out and Shout

Cry out and shout, ye people of God!

The Lord is strength and song!

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation.

Words: adapted from Isaiah 12 by Frank Pooler | Music: Knut Nystedt (1915–2014)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

Leader O LORD, your word endures for ever; it stands fast in the heavens.

People **Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another;
you have laid the foundation of the earth, and it abides.**

Leader I am yours; O save me! For I have sought your commandments.

People **My lips shall pour forth your praise.**

Leader Surely my tongue shall sing of your word.

HYMN

Nº 76 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

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

ANTHEM

(II AM)

Prayer for the Captive

Dark is the cloud that rests over the nations,
wild is the war cry that pierces the air.
God's heavy judgments spread wide desolation,
strong hearts are bowed in the depths of despair.
Lord, may the bonds of the captive be broken,
O may this struggle bring sweet liberty.
Teach us that love is a heavenborn token,
and that the Truth can alone make us free.

Guide Zion's children in this trying hour,
keep us dependent on thy love and care.
Down in the valley we find thy true power,
Lord, in thy mercy, O still guide us there.

Words and Music: Traditional Shaker | arr. 1998, Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)

THE FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 6:1-8

pew Bible p. 795

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 38 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 6

pew Bible p. 1031

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

The Seven Seals

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 49 O Lord, Thou Judge of All the Earth

THE KING'S MAJESTY

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.*

Aria from Messiah

Why do the nations so furiously rage together:
why do the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together:
against the Lord, and his anointed.

Words: from Psalm 2 | Music: G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

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 81 O Love of God, How Strong and True

JERUSALEM

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.*

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

ELDERS 8:30 Steven James Weibley

11:00 Juliet Halvorsen

LAY READERS 8:30 Margaret Diffenderfer

11:00 Josephine Ziegler

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

Jonathan VanderWoude, *baritone*

Sarah M. Skinner & Aidan Montmeny, *violin*

Kirstin Peltz, *cello*

Staff directory: parkstreet.org/about-us/staff

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2

Let us pray together...

- For Kathy Weld, who has received a serious cancer diagnosis, that God would heal her and be close to her, her husband Wally, and their family. Please pray particularly for peace, rest, and that her kidney would begin to function again.
- For the Solemn Assembly this Friday, that God would meet us in power and that his Spirit would move among us.
- For Park Street’s Mission Conference in early November, that God would work in it to show us ways that we can proclaim Him in word and deed.
- For those without homes, living around our church and in Boston, as we head into the fall, that God would provide shelter and warmth, and would bring healing to those in need of it.

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

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Save the Date: Mission Conference 2024, Nov 1-10

Mark your calendar for our 2024 Mission Conference. This year's theme is "Proclaiming Jesus." Throughout the week we will explore ways that we can proclaim him through our words and our deeds. Visit parkstreet.org/mc24 for more information. Questions? Contact missions@parkstreet.org.

Membership Reaffirmation 2024

All members should have received a letter announcing our 2024 Membership Reaffirmation process. Please fill out the reaffirmation form at the link below by November 17. If you are unable to access the link or complete the form, please write to info@parkstreet.org.

Solemn Assembly

Fri, Oct 25 | 7-9 pm | Sanctuary

We will gather, as recommended by the Vicinage Council, for a time of confession, lament, and prayer for healing. Leading up to the Assembly, all are encouraged to reflect (see parkstreet.org/events for scripture suggestions and more details), to pray, and to fast on Friday. Register for childcare (ages infant-6th grade) for the Assembly by October 23 at parkstreet.org/childcare.

Reality Unveiled: "He who has an ear, let him hear"

Friday, Nov 15, 7 pm | Sanctuary

Experience John's dramatic apocalypse in its originally-intended format: the whole book of Revelation read aloud. Hymns will be sung to punctuate the evening. This would be a great occasion to invite friends from the broader church throughout Boston.

More information: parkstreet.org/announcements

Jesus Above All

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 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 **Newcomers Lunch**, where you can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community and ask questions. We look forward to knowing you better!

