



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, March 23, 2025

The Third Sunday in Lent

***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*

Purple is the traditional color of preparation and penitence, and is used during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Purple was historically the color of kings (the dye was extremely costly) so the color also emphasizes the royalty of Jesus (cf. John 19).

THE PRELUDE

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

Adagio, from Sonata in G minor

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

INTROIT

(II AM)

Lighten Our Darkness

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this life;
for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Words: Gelasian Sacramentary (8th century) | Music: 2007, Alexander L'Estrange (b. 1974)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 73

Leader Truly, God is loving to Israel, even to those who have a clean heart.

People Though my flesh and my heart fail me,
God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

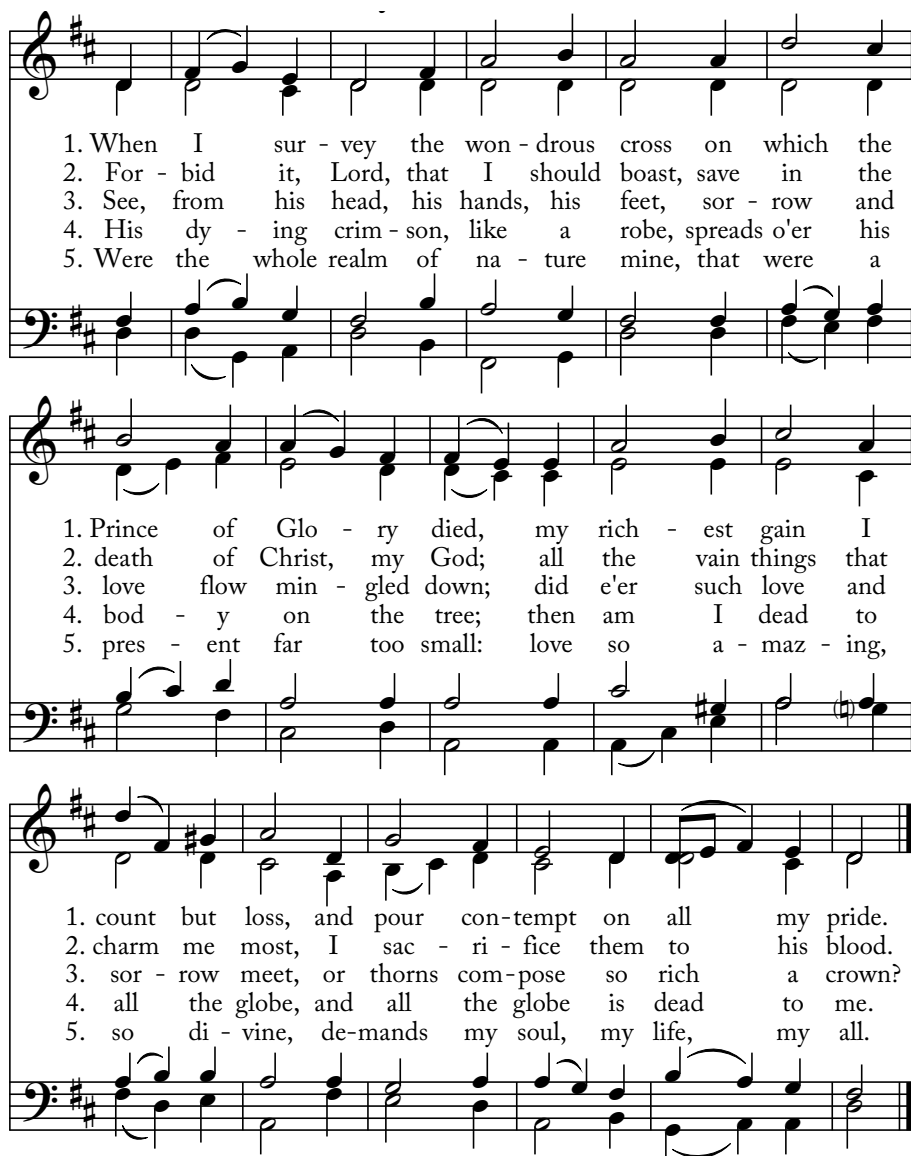
Leader For behold, those who forsake you shall perish.

People But it is good for me to hold fast to God,
and to speak of all your works in the gates of the city of Zion.

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. His dy - ing crim - son, like a robe, spreads o'er his
 5. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

1. Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 2. death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 3. love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 4. bod - y on the tree; then am I dead to
 5. pres - ent far too small: love so a - maz - ing,

1. count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 2. charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 3. sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 4. all the globe, and all the globe is dead to me.
 5. so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: 1707, rev. 1709 | Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: *Rockingham*, 1790 | Edward Miller (1731-1807) LM

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)

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

Words & Music: Traditional Spiritual, arr. Bruce Saylor (b.1946)

THE FIRST LESSON


1 Kings 21:17-26

pew Bible p. 304

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.*

Hymn to God the Father

DONNE



1. Wilt thou for - give that sin where I be - gun,
 2. Wilt thou for - give that sin by which I won
 3. I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun



which was my sin, though it were done be - fore? _____
 o - thers to sin, and made my sin their door? _____
 my last thread, I shall per - ish on the shore; but



Wilt thou for-give that sin, through which I run,
 Wilt thou for-give that sin which I did shun
 swear by thy-self, that at my death thy Son



and do run still, though still I do de - plore?
 a year or two, but wal - lowed in, a score?
 shall shine as he shines now, and here - to - fore;



When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
 When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
 and, hav - ing done that, thou hast done; I fear no more.

Words: John Donne (1573-1631)
 Music: *Donne* | John Hilton (1599-1657)

 *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 2:18–29

pew Bible p. 1029


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

Toleration is Devastation

Mark Booker

HYMN

 *The People stand.*

O Jesus I Have Promised

WOLVERCOTE



1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
2. O let me feel thee near me; the world is ev - er near;
3. O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
4. O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee



be thou for ev - er near me, my Ma - ster and my Friend;
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear;
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self will.
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my Guide.
but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou Guard-ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

Words: J. E. Bode (1816-1874)

Music: *Wolvercote* | W. H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

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.*

Siciliana, from Sonata in G minor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.*

Ah, Holy Jesus (*see hymn 248*)

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

ELDERS 8:30 Juliet Halvorsen

11:00 Andrew Buckler

LAY READERS 8:30 Marty Lindemann

11:00 Alex Ichimura

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

Caroline Smoak, *violin*

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“...according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.” Ephesians 3:11-12

Let us pray together...

- For Park Street’s Woman’s Benevolent Society, that God would encourage them and lead more women to joining.
- For residents of the Van Baay house, for material provision and spiritual growth, that they would learn daily to rely on the Lord and to be his witnesses.
- For those in our congregation and neighborhoods facing economic uncertainty, that the Lord would provide what is needed.
- For our sister churches here in Boston, that they would be strengthened in their commitment to the gospel, and that God would use them in making disciples of Jesus.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More details at parkstreet.org/everything

* Indicates childcare available. Preregistration may be required.

Today

Sunday Worship* | 8:30 am, 11 am, & 4 pm | *Sanctuary*

Lenten Discipleship Initiative* | 9:45 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Children's Choir, Sunday School, and Youth | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*

Women's Ministry - Looking Forward | 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room*

College Students Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Common Room*

Park Street International Fellowship | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*

This Week

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | parkstreet.org/morningprayer

Café Young Adults | Tue & Wed, 7 pm | *Welcome Center*

The Men's Bible Study | Wed, 7:30 am | *Common Room*

Woman's Benevolent Society | Wed, 10 am | *Granary Room*

Life Together Women's Bible Study* | Wed, 10 am | *Terrace Room*

Midweek Lenten Service | Wed, 12:15 pm | *Sanctuary and streaming at parkstreet.org/live*

Home Ministry Outreach Meals | Thu, 5:45 pm & Sat, 8:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Friendship Bible Study | Thu, 7 pm | *Sky Room*

Youth Group | Fri, 7 pm | *Youth Room*

General

Women's Ministry—Looking Forward | Today, 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room*

An open brainstorming session on what's next for women's ministry.

Church Budget Update

We have a cumulative budget deficit of \$104K as of February 23.

Please see parkstreet.org/everything or the eNews for more details.

World Relief Support

Park Streeters have collectively contributed more than \$42,000 for the benefit of World Relief since federal funding was withheld.

Carolyn Cummings Retirement Celebration | Sun, Mar 30, 12:30 pm | *Welcome Center*

Honoring Carolyn who served as a Park Street missionary in Kenya for 36 years. No RSVP required.

Art Reflection @ Life Together Women's Bible Study | Apr 2, 10 am | *Terrace Room*

Continue reflecting on the themes of Revelation as we consider works of art, led by an MFA docent.

Missionary Care Team Equipping Seminar | Apr 6, 12:45 pm | *Welcome Center*

Please note the date change.

Easter Memorial Flowers

If you would like to order flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form at parkstreet.org/everything.

Midweek Lenten Services | Wed, Mar 12 – Apr 16, 12:15 pm |

Sanctuary and streaming at parkstreet.org/live

A meditative 30-minute service.

Family Ministry Easter Egg Hunt | Sat, Apr 19, 10 am | *Arnold Arboretum*

Register by Sun, Apr 13 at parkstreet.org/everything.

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!



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