



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, March 30, 2025

The Fourth 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 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*

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 *Overture to An Occasional Oratorio*

G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

INTROIT

(II AM)

Help me, O Lord

Help me, O Lord, thy way to keep, in truth and in sincerity.

For what I sow, that I must reap, through time and in eternity.

Words & Music: New Lebanon, NY, ca. 1838 | arr. Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 86

Leader Bow down your ear, O Lord, and hear me,
for I am poor and in misery.

People **Comfort the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

Leader I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and will praise your Name for evermore.

People **For great is your mercy toward me;
you have delivered me from the realm of the dead.**

HYMN

Nº 172 Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

ALL SAINTS OLD

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)

Like as the Hart

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God,
yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night
while they daily say unto me,
Where is now thy God?

Words: Psalm 42:1-3 | Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 3:16-21

pew Bible p. 693

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 472 Come, Ye Sinners

BRYN CALFARIA

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 3:1-6

pew Bible p. 1029

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

Be Watchful

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand, sitting after the hymn.*

Nº 567 Rise, My Soul, To Watch and Pray

STRAF MICH NICHT


TESTIMONY

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

(II AM)

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

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

We shall walk through the valley of the shadow of death.


We shall walk through the valley in peace.

*And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.*

There will be no sorrowing there.

Words: Traditional Spiritual | Music: adapted by William Appling (1932–2008)

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;

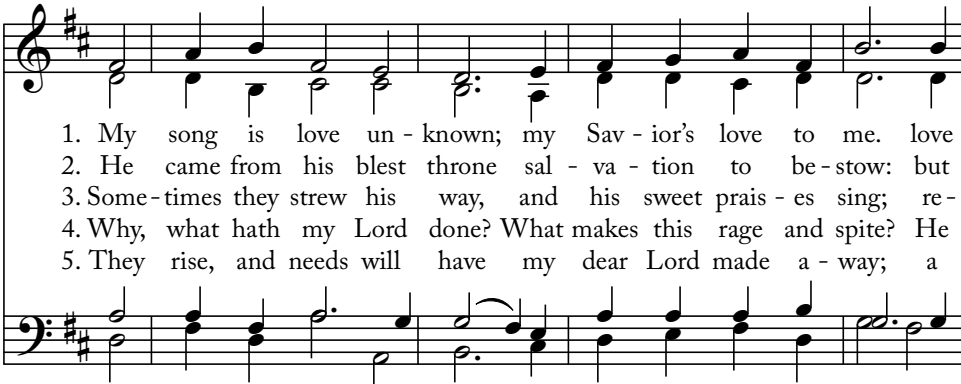
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN

My Song is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN



1. My song is love un-known; my Sav-ior's love to me. love
2. He came from his blest throne sal-va-tion to be-stow: but
3. Some-times they strew his way, and his sweet prais-es sing; re-
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a-way; a

1. to the love - less shown, That they might love - ly be. O
 2. men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know: But
 3. sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4. made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5. mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay, yet

1. who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2. O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3. "Cru-ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4. in - ju - ries! Yet they at these themselves dis-please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5. cheer-ful he to suf-fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

6. Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine;
 never was love, dear King!
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my Friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

but men made strange: *but men scorned him.*

Words: 1664 | Samuel Crossman (1623-1683)

Music: *Love Unknown*, 1918 | John Ireland (1879-1962) 66. 66. 44. 44

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.*

Out of the Deep (*psalm 130*)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Leonard Mosiah, *Minister to Youth*

ELDERS 8:30 Steven James Weibley

11:00 John Yee

LAY READERS 8:30 Elizabeth Lohnes

11:00 Jill VanderWoude

TESTIMONY Carolyn Cummings, *staff missionary*

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

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." 2 Corinthians 4:7

Let us pray together...

- For those in Boston struggling to find affordable housing, that God would provide for them and would give wisdom to our leaders for making life sustainable in our city.
- That God would encourage those serving in our Wings ministry, and that through it we would demonstrate love for one another in acts of service and care.
- For our City Engagement Haitian refugee ministry, that the Holy Spirit will enable consistent and deepening relationships between our PSC volunteers and the refugees with whom they partner.
- For residents of the Wilson house, for the Lord's peace and for endurance as they continue witnessing to college students, and that God would give wisdom in the search for a new House Director.

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*
Carolyn Cummings Retirement Celebration | 12:30 pm | *Welcome Center*
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*
Art Reflection @ 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*
Friday Family Night | Fri, 7 pm | *Various Rooms*
All-Church Prayer | Fri, 7:30 pm | *Welcome Center*
Oasis: International Student Ministry (ISM) Coalition | Sat, 9 am | *Welcome Center*

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday Services* | Sun, Apr 13 | 8:30 am, 11 am, and 4 pm
Midweek Lenten Service | Wed, Apr 16 | 12:15 pm
Maundy Thursday Communion Service* | Thu, Apr 17 | 7:30 pm
Good Friday Services* | Fri, Apr 18 | 12 pm & 7:30 pm
Easter Day Services* | Sun, Apr 20 | 9 am, 11 am & 4 pm

More details about each service, childcare, volunteering opportunities,
and potluck receptions at parkstreet.org/easter

General

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

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

Oasis: International Student Ministry (ISM) Coalition | Apr 5, 9 am | *Welcome Center*

Explore ISM, a coalition of international student ministries in the Boston area. Learn more and register at parkstreet.org/everything.

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*

All are encouraged to join. Register for lunch by Tue, Apr 1, at parkstreet.org/everything.

World Relief Support

Park Streeters have collectively contributed more than \$42,000 for the benefit of World Relief since federal funding was withheld, and World Relief has reached its \$8 million goal.

Easter Memorial Flowers

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

Holy Week and Easter Nursery Volunteering

Help is needed to care for our kids. Apply 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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