



# EASTER DAY

Park Street Church | April 20, 2025

## SERVICE of WORSHIP and HOLY BAPTISM

**W**e have moved from the 40-day season of Lent into the 50-day season of Eastertide. Today we begin a time of joyful celebration and feasting as we glory in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. In our sanctuary, the mournful purple and blood-red of Lent and Holy Week have been replaced with white and gold; somber hymns give way to our most joyous anthems and we reintroduce *alleluias* into worship. Alleluia simply means, "Praise the Lord," and the Christian family around the globe resounds in praise: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously." (Exodus 15:1)

Eastertide is a season that focuses on new life. In the resurrection, new life springs forth from the grave by the power of God. We celebrate the historical, bodily resurrection of our Lord as evidence of the fact that life has indeed conquered death. The resurrection proves unambiguously that God is the final victor in the battle between light and darkness. Our greatest enemy is vanquished and the new life we see in Jesus on Easter morning has come (in part) and is coming (in full) to all those who trust in him. There is a reason to shout *alleluia!* Jesus is alive!

*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 pincrow symbol ☞) and explanations meant to help us fully participate in our worship of God. The People read or sing **bold text** with a loud voice. You do not need to wait for verbal instruction before standing or sitting where indicated. Scripture is taken from the English Standard Version.*

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### THE PRELUDE

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

Mæstoso & Allegro, from *Overture to the Occasional Oratorio*

G. F. Handel  
(1685–1759)

### THE INTROIT

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead: trampling down Death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Words: Traditional (cf. Hebrews 2:14, Matthew 27:51ff)

Music: Wesley Newcomb (b. 1990) former member, Sanctuary Choir

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

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Leader* Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him.

*People* Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*Leader* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The music is in common time (C) and features a mix of chords and melodic lines. The first system begins with a treble staff containing a series of chords and a melodic line, and a bass staff with a similar accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system introduces some chromaticism with sharps and naturals. The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

1. "Christ the Lord is risen today," *Alleluia!*  
sons of men and angels say. *Alleluia!*  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; *Alleluia!*  
sing, ye heavens, and earth reply! *Alleluia!* (&c)

2. Love's redeeming work is done,  
fought the fight, the battle won.  
Death in vain forbids him rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

3. Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

4. Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
who endured the cross and grave,  
sinners to redeem and save.

5. Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head,  
made like him, like him we rise,  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

## THE INVOCATION & 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* Alleluia, Alleluia. The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

¶ *Greet one another with "Christ is risen!" Following the Peace, the People sit.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 10:34-43*

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.<sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),<sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.<sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both

in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear,<sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.<sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.<sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE ANTHEM

### Spring Bursts Today, *An Easter Carol*

*The new life of springtime has always been associated with Christ's victorious resurrection (see Sng 2:11-13), which is the true New Life; the poem explores the joy of this new life using the metaphorical language of springtime. Apostrophe (addressing an absent person, or an object, or an animal - cf. Ps 148) is used to call on various orders of the created world to praise God for his most marvelous work: bringing the dead to life.*

Spring bursts today, for Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.  
Flash forth, thou Sun, the rain is over and gone, its work is done.  
Winter is past, Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.

Bud, Fig and Vine, Bud, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine. (*Deut 8:8*)  
Break forth this morn in roses, thou but yesterday a Thorn.<sup>†</sup>  
Uplift thy head, O pure white Lily<sup>‡</sup> through the Winter dead.

<sup>†</sup> *allusion to Jesus' crown of thorns. Also see Isa. 35:1-2*

<sup>‡</sup> *lilies traditionally connote new birth. God promises Israel "shall blossom like the lily," (Hos 14:5)*

Beside your dams<sup>†</sup> leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs.  
All Herds and Flocks Rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of rocks.  
Sing, Creatures, sing: Angels and Men and Birds and everything.

<sup>†</sup> *dam is a traditional agricultural term for a lamb's mother.*

All notes of Doves fill all our world: this is the time of loves.

*The dove represents purity (Matt 10:16), new life (Gen 8) and the Holy Spirit who enables us to sing (Eph 5:18-19). Easter as a "time of loves" points to the Father's love for the Son (Jn. 10:16), to God's great love for us (Eph 2:4ff), and to our response of love for God, shown in lives of praise.*

Words: Christina G. Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: 2012 | Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Luke 24:1-12*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.<sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,<sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.<sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.<sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,<sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”<sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words,<sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.<sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,<sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.<sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

The Strife is O'er

VICTORY

*Antiphon (sing before stanza 1)*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Medieval Latin, tr. 1861 | Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Music: *Victory*, 1591 | G. P. Palestrina (1525-1594) adapt: 1861 | William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst;  
 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped;  
 4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell;  
 5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee,

1. the vic - to - ry of life is won;  
 2. but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed;  
 3. he ris - es glo - rious from the dead;  
 4. the bars from heaven's high por - tals fell;  
 5. from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,

1. the song of tri - umph has be - gun: *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
 2. let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
 3. all glo - ry to our ris - en Head! *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
 4. let hymns of praise His tri - umphs tell! *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
 5. that we may live and sing to thee. *Al - le - lu - ia!*

Antiphon (sing after stanza 5)

*Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

¶ *Following the prayer, the People sit.*

## THE SERMON

The Living Among the Dead

Mark Booker

## THE HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 267 The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

¶ *The People sit.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*The Exhortation*

*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 *this person* in *their* life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

¶ *The Minister then says*

Let us join with *this Candidate* 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 PRAYERS

¶ *The People stand as the Minister leads them in thanksgiving for the newly baptized, and in prayer for the church, the world, the sick, and the suffering.*

THE OFFERTORY

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

Surrexit a Mortuis

*Today Christ has conquered death,  
Christ the blessed Son of God, Lord and Shepherd,  
Shepherd who laid down his life, who for his flock was crucified.  
Arise, Alleluia!*

Christ the Paschal victim, Lamb of God,  
Lamb of God who died for us all  
Christ, the Paschal lamb, was slain.

Lord and Shepherd, now he has conquered death,  
Lord and Shepherd, *Alleluia!*

Our Paschal Lamb: Christ arisen, our Paschal Lamb.  
Today Christ has conquered death,  
Christ, who was crucified for the sins of all. *Alleluia!*

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Music: Charles-Marie Widor (1834–1947)

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## HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 274 Thine Be The Glory

MACCABEUS

## THE BENEDICTION

¶ *In this Kenyan Benediction, it is customary for the People to sweep a hand toward the cross during the first three responses, and toward the heavens during the final response.*

All our problems

**We send to the cross of Christ.**

All our difficulties

**We send to the cross of Christ.**

All the devil's works

**We send to the cross of Christ.**

All our hopes

**We set on the risen Christ.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE POSTLUDE

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

Toccata, from *Symphony No. 5*

C. M. Widor (1844–1937)

## SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music & Organist*

ASSISTING MINISTERS Adam Herndon, *Minister of Discipleship*  
Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*  
Leonard Mosiah, *Minister to Youth*  
Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ELDERS 9:00 David Murgatroyd  
11:00 Geoffrey Raux, *Moderator*

LAY READERS 9:00 Roselle Heckendorn  
11:00 Jill VanderWoude

MUSICIANS Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*  
The Park Street Orchestra  
Jennifer Velázquez, *organ*

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM 9:00 Maggie Annette Paschal Herndon  
*daughter of Adam and Jessica Herndon*  
11:00 William Drake Richey  
*son of Drake and Sarah Richey*

*A complete staff directory can be found at [parkstreet.org/staff](http://parkstreet.org/staff)*

*Cover art: Photograph of the Porter-Adams Memorial Window, Park Street Church*

## EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

<i>Given by</i>	<i>In memory of</i>	<i>Given by</i>	<i>In memory of</i>
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Carol Scott	<i>Jacqueline Mason</i>		
Anne Montague	<i>Fred McCormick</i>		
Lauren Cleckley	<i>Louise McCullough</i>		
The van der Meer Family	<i>Aant B. D. van der Meer</i>		
Barbara & John Carlson	<i>Harold Merritt &amp; Nancy Carlson Merritt</i>		
Woman's Ben. Soc.	<i>Ira Mills</i>		



## NEW?

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you are here, and we invite you to become a part of this community of Jesus' disciples. Wherever you are 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 **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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*Jesus Above All*

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