



Lo, the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

Flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come.

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, April 27, 2025

The Second Sunday of Eastertide

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

We are in the fifty-day season of Eastertide. The colors of the season are white and gold. Here we sing our most joyous music, and "Alleluias" abound as we unite in praise with the Christian family around the globe: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously." (Ex. 15:1) The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ proves unambiguously that God is the final victor in the battle between Light and Darkness. Our greatest enemy is vanquished, and the new life of Jesus has come (in part) and is coming (in full) to all those who trust in him. The second Sunday of the season is informally called "Thomas Sunday," following the chronology of John 20:26.

THE PRELUDE

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

Prelude in D major, from *The Well-Tempered Clavier*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

¶ Immediately at the conclusion of the Prelude, the People stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 12

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader I will praise you, O LORD. Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.

People **The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.**

Leader Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his Name is exalted.

People **Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.**

HYMN

Nº 286 Worship Christ, the Risen King

REGENT SQUARE

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

1 John 5:4-12

pew Bible p. 1023

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 272 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (*stanzas 1-8*)

O FILII ET FILIÆ

Stanzas 1-4: all

Stanzas 5-6: solo (all sing the Alleluias)

Stanzas 7-8: all

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

John 20:19–31

pew Bible p. 906

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

We Have Seen the Lord

Randall Wetzig

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

№ 278 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS

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

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

Chorale Prelude on “Christ is Risen”

Karl Karrow (1790–1863)

“*Christ ist erstanden*” is the oldest known hymn in the German language (it is mentioned as early as 1160). Its tune comes from the renowned Latin hymn “*Victimae Paschali Laudes*.” Martin Luther later used it as the basis for his own Easter text “*Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands*” (see hymnal № 279).

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 283 Alleluia, Alleluia

EBENEZER

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.*

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Lynwood Farnham (1885-1930)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHER Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ASSISTING MINISTER Leonard Mosiah, *Minister to Youth*

ELDERS 8:30 Kirstin Peltz

11:00 Andrew Ziegler

LAY READERS 8:30 Mike Ahearn

11:00 Alex Cist

MUSICIAN Dean Blackette, *bass*

TESTIMONY Simon Fowler

Staff directory: parkstreet.org/staff

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’” John 20:21

Let us pray together...

- That the world would know the risen Lord, and that he would bring his peace to fruition in it.
- That we, followers of Jesus around the world, would be true to him as he sends us.
- For our missionaries, Tom & Michelle, that they would overflow with joy and love as they regularly meet new people and have opportunities to shine for Christ.
- That our Café (young adults) ministry would be a place of deep, gospel-centered relationships and conversations.

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*

Library Book Sale (proceeds to our missionaries) | 9:30 am–3 pm | *Library*

Directory Booth | 9:45 am, 12:30 pm | *Welcome Center*

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

Hour of Prayer | 9:45 am | *Conference Room 301*

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

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

Youth Parents Meeting | 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room*

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*

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*
All-Church Prayer | Fri, 7:30 pm | *Welcome Center*

General

Join the Directory | Today | *Welcome Center*

If you're a regular attendee or member, come to the directory booth in the Welcome Center today to find out how you can connect with others.

Adult Christian Education "Come to the Table" | May 18, 25, June 1 | 9:45 am

This three-week class will focus on the sacrament of Communion.

Eastertide Feasts in Regions

Continue celebrating our Lord's resurrection at an Easter feasts in your region. Join your region in Church Center for an invitation.

Short-Term Missions: Is God Calling You?

Sun, May 4 | 9:45 am | *Terrace Room* & Mon, May 5 | 7 pm | *Zoom*

Come hear about summer opportunities for serving alongside our missionaries in South Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia, as well as a chance to join with other churches at an outreach event right here in Massachusetts.

Volunteer English Teachers Needed

For our summer session (Thu, May 15–Thu, Aug 14). Share the gospel and model the love of Jesus by teaching English for a few hours each week. Visit parkstreet.org/esl.

Freedom Trail Guides Needed

We are looking for part-time historical guides to curate our collection and guide tourists for summer 2025. High-schoolers welcome. Email freedomtrail@parkstreet.org for the application.

Kidsweek 2025: True North | July 14–18

A week of learning to trust Jesus as our True North. Kidsweek is for children entering preschool through 7th grade. Register at parkstreet.org/everything.

Church Camp | August 20–24 | *Camp Laurel South, Casco Maine*

Have fun and build relationships within our community. Register 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!

