

SERVICE *of* HOLY COMMUNION

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, April 6, 2025

The Fifth 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*

THE PRELUDE

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

Lamb of God

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 LEstrange (b. 1974)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 69

Leader Save me, O God, for the waters have come up even to my neck.

People **I have come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.**

Leader But, Lord, I make my prayer to you in an acceptable time.
Hear me, O God, in the multitude of your mercy.

People **Draw near to me and save me; O deliver me because of my enemies.**

Leader I will praise the Name of God with a song,
and magnify it with thanksgiving.

People **Let heaven and earth praise him,
for God will save Zion and build the cities of Judah,
and those who love his Name shall dwell therein.**

HYMN

Nº 257 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

O MEIN JESU

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 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)

Lazarus

Before your own death, O Christ,
you raised from death, Lazarus who was four days dead,
for you have shaken the dominion of Death.

Through this one man whom you loved,
you have foretold the deliverance of all from corruption.

We therefore worship you and cry:
blessed are you O Savior.
Have mercy on us.

Words: Byzantine hymn for Lazarus Saturday

Music: Timothy A. Mills (b. 1990) (former member, sanctuary choir)

Note: Jesus spent the Sabbath before his death with Lazarus (Jn 12), whom he had already raised from the dead. Therefore on that day (Saturday before Palm Sunday) Eastern Churches celebrate Lazarus' resurrection in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 3:8–18

pew Bible p. 739

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.*

N^o 108 Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

WAS GOTTT TUT

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 2:8–11; 3:7–13

pew Bible p. 1028

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn N^o 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 Faithful

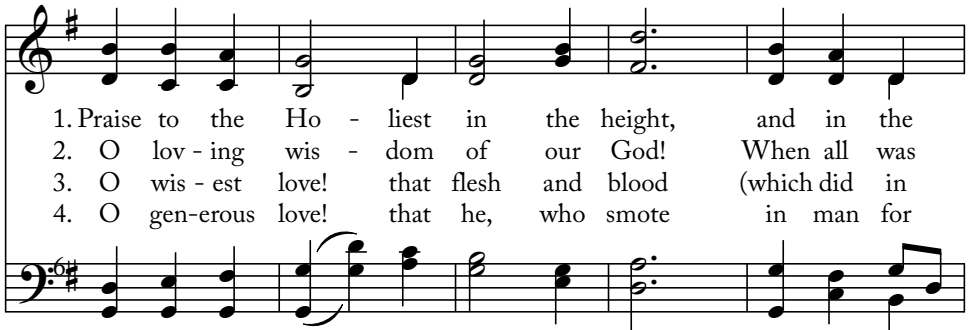
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HYMN

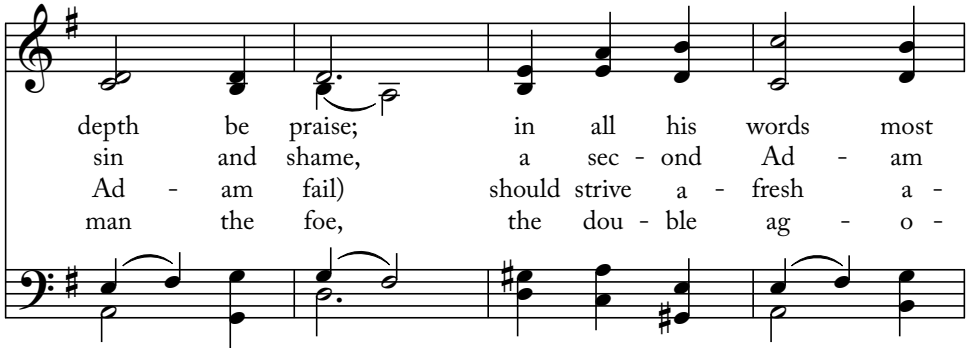
 *The People stand. Children return during the hymn.*

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

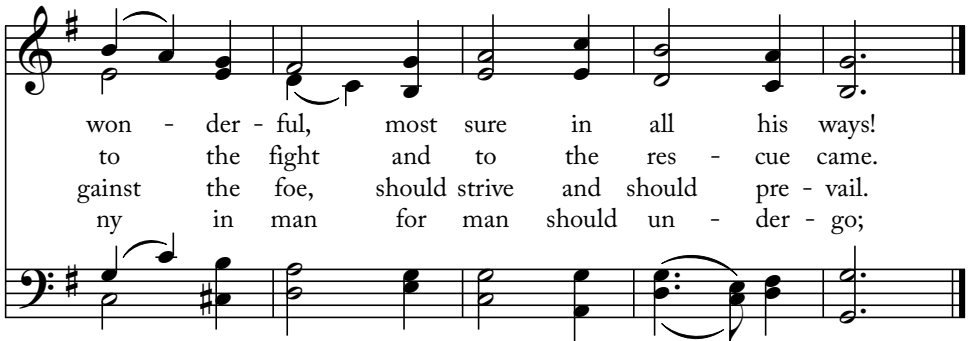
GERONTIUS



1. Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the
 2. O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was
 3. O wis - est love! that flesh and blood (which did in
 4. O gen - erous love! that he, who smote in man for



depth be praise; in all his words most
 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am
 Ad - am fail) should strive a - fresh a -
 man the foe, the dou - ble ag - o -



won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!
 to the fight and to the res - cue came.
 gainst the foe, should strive and should pre - vail.
 ny in man for man should un - der - go;

5. and in the garden secretly,
 and on the Cross on high,
 should teach his brethren, and inspire
 to suffer and to die.

6. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
 and in the depth be praise:
 in all his words most wonderful,
 most sure in all his ways.

Double agony refers to Christ's agony of body and of soul; the latter is particularly connected with his time alone in the Garden of Gethsemane (cf. Matt. 26:38; Luke 22:44).

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Music: *Gerontius* | John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

APOSTLES' CREED

¶ *Standing, the People say together*

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who 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.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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.

THE PRAYERS

¶ *The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in prayer for the world, the church, the sick, and the suffering.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words
 and blameless in your judgment.
 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
 and in sin did my mother conceive me.
 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
 and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
 Let me hear joy and gladness;
 let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
 Hide your face from my sins,
 and blot out all my iniquities.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence,
 and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.

OFFERTORY

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

Watchful's Song, *from The Pilgrim's Progress*

R. V. Williams (1872–1958)

*Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit,
 into thy hands, O Lord.*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
 from whence cometh my help.
 My help cometh even from the Lord,
 who hath made heaven and earth.
 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved.
 He that keepeth thee shall not sleep.
 Behold, he that keepeth thee
 shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is my keeper, he shall preserve thee from all evil:
 yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul
 from this time forth for evermore.

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

¶ *All baptized believers, along with their baptized children, are invited to partake of the Sacrament by proceeding up to the front (as directed by the ushers) to receive the elements, which should be consumed immediately. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

During the distribution of the elements, the People sing the following hymns:

Nº 252 When I Survey

HAMBURG

Nº 522 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ST. PETERSBURG

¶ *After Communion, the People stand.*

HYMN

Nº 155 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

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.*

Chorale and Variation on “O Sacred Head”

F. Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTERS Adam Herndon, *Minister of Discipleship*

Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

ELDERS 8:30 Kirstin Peltz

11:00 Richard Ibekwe

LAY READERS 8:30 Mike Ahearn

11:00 Josephine Ziegler

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

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 peace throughout the world, that those acting in anger and retribution would experience the mercy of God and so be able to have mercy on others.
- For the small groups at Park Street, that they would be places of deepening relationships, encouragement, and growth as disciples of Jesus.
- For our missionaries Greg & Amy, who are supporting the work of Bible translation in the Middle East and North Africa.
- That the Holy Spirit would be working preparing us and the visitors who will be with us during Holy Week and on Easter.

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 | *Various Rooms*
Children's Choir, Sunday School, and Youth | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*
College Students Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Common Room*
Park Street International Fellowship | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*
Missionary Care Team Equipping Seminar | 12:45 pm | *Welcome Center*

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*

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

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

All are encouraged to join.

Easter Day Family Ministry Programming

On Easter, the nursery is open (ages 0–2) but there is no Children's Church. Regular Sunday programming will resume Apr 27.

Holy Week and Easter Volunteering

Help is needed to care for our kids. Apply at parkstreet.org/everything.

Holy Week and Easter Hospitality Volunteering

Help us make our church welcoming during Holy Week and Easter. Fill out the interest form at parkstreet.org/everything.

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.

Couples Retreat | May 17–19 | *Boothbay Harbor, Maine*

Register at parkstreet.org/couplesretreat.

Men's Gospel and Work Morning | May 10, 9:30 am | *Park Street Church*

Join us for a morning of worship and fellowship. Come early to lend a hand with the Home Ministry or stick around afterward for some light building projects.

Parking Garage Update

One Beacon Garage no longer gives discounts for a PSC-stamped ticket. However, we still offer discount coupons (cash only, at the front desk) for the Boston Common Garage.

Wilson House Openings

The Wilson House, our house for serving college ministry, is accepting applications for residents Email Leonard Mosiah at lmosiah@parkstreet.org for information.

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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