



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, May 11, 2025

The Fourth 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 PRELUDE

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

Sortie on Ps 68:25

Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)

*"Your procession is seen, O God,
the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary
the singers in front, the musicians last."*

INTROIT

(II AM)

I Was Glad

I was glad when they said unto me,
let us go into the house of the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Words: Psalm 122 | Music: Roy W. Brunner (Park Street Church organist, 1993–2012)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader Give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious;
his mercy endures for ever.

People Let Israel now confess that his mercy endures for ever.

Leader Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

People I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

H Y M N

Nº 284 This Joyful Eastertide

VRUCHTEN

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.

T H E P E A C E

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.*

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

ANTHEM

(II AM)

Most Glorious Lord Of Life

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day,
didst make thy triumph over death and sin:
and having harrowed[†] hell, didst bring away
captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
and grant that we for whom thou diddest die,
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
may live for ever in felicity.[†]

And that thy love we weighing worthily,
may likewise love thee for the same again:
and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,[†]
with love may one another entertain.[†]

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought,
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

[†] **harrow:** *plunder, torment, wreak havoc* | **felicity:** *gladness, joy* | **dear:** (word play) adj. “cherished, valuable”—but also adv. “at a high cost.” The whole line paraphrased: “and for [Jesus’s] sake, who bought all [his cherished] people at similarly great cost” | **entertain:** literally “hold together,” give attention.

Words: Sonnet 68, Edmund Spenser (1552-1599) | Music: William H. Harris (1883-1973)

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

pew Bible p. 238

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.*

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed (*next page*)

ELLACOMBE

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son!
2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;

Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her - ald, go,
The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
his name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is love.

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1821 (Ps. 72)
MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt;
adapt. and harm. by W. H. Monk, 1868

ELLACOMBE
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♩ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 1:1-8

pew Bible p. 909

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

Our Spirit-Empowered Mission

Sandy Willson

HYMN

The People stand.

Praise the Spirit in Creation

FINNIAN

1. Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's or - i - gin:
2. Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets with the word;
3. Tell of how th'as - cend - ed Je - sus armed a peo - ple for his own;
4. Pray we then, O Lord the Spi - rit, on our lives des - cend in might;

Spi - rit mov - ing on the wat - ers, quick - ening worlds to life with - in,
his the truth be - hind those wis - doms which as yet knew not our Lord;
how a hun - dred men and wo - men turned the known world up - side down,
let your flame break out with - in us, fire our hearts and clear our sight,

source of breath to all things breath-ing, life in whom all lives be-gin.
 by whose love and power, in Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.
 to its dark and fur-thest cor - ners by the wind of hea-ven blown.
 till, white-hot in your pos - ses - sion, we too set the world a - light.

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 Music: 1975 | Christopher Dearnley (1930–2000)
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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 *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

¶ *The Minister then says*

Let us join with *these Candidates* 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 kneel or sit as the Minister leads them in thanksgiving for the newly baptized, and in prayer for the church, the world, the sick, and the suffering.*

OFFERTORY

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

Allegro assai, from Sonata in C major

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

N^o 281 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

SHOUT ON

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.*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

C. V. Stanford (1852–1924)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

GUEST PREACHER Sandy Willson

ASSISTING MINISTER Adam Herndon, *Minister of Discipleship*

ELDERS 8:30 Joshua Wang

11:00 Mary Harvey

LAY READERS 8:30 Mike Ahearn

11:00 Josephine Ziegler

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

William Kinney, *violin*

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM 8:30 Landon River Kiemele

son of Kyle and Jill Kiemele

11:00 Brooks Carson Bone and Norah Daniel Bone

son & daughter of Brett and Stephanie Bone

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Let us pray together...

- That the church in Boston would be a witness of Jesus to the city, to our Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the United States, and to the ends of the world.
- For those serving on our Welcome team, that they would be strengthened and that through them, each Sunday, many would feel welcomed into the worshipping family of God.
- For our missionary Carolyn as she looks toward retiring in October and continues in administrative leadership and youth ministry oversight in East Africa.

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*

Join the Directory | 9:30 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*

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*

ESL Registration for Summer Term | Thu, 9:30-11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Nora Englizian Memorial Service | Thu, 1:30 pm | *Welcome Center*

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

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

Couples Retreat | Fri-Sun | *Boothbay Harbor, ME*

Youth Spring Retreat | Fri-Sun | *Grotonwood Camp, MA*

Haitian ESL Classes | Sat, 9:30 am | *Granary Room and Common Room*

All-Church Prayer | Sat, 8:30 am | *Zoom*

General

Nora Englizian Memorial Service

Thu, May 15 | 1:30 pm | *Welcome Center*

The family of Nora Englizian invites you to a memorial service to thank and glorify God for her life and faith. Nora was a dear longtime member of this church.

Adult Christian Formation

“Taste and See that the Lord is Good: The Gospel in the Lord’s Supper”

May 18, 25, Jun 1 | 9:45 am

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

Combined Summer Services & Meals

We will be all together at the 11 am service (only) the first Sundays of June, July, and August, followed by an all-church lunch.

Women’s Eastertide Luncheon: Women of the Resurrection

Sun, Jun 8 | 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room*

Explore what it means for us to be alive in Christ. Register for lunch and childcare.

Financial Update

We have a cumulative budget deficit of \$310K as of April 30. Please see parkstreet.org/everything or the eNews for more details.

Volunteer English Teachers Needed

For our summer session (Thu, May 15 through 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. Training provided. Email freedomtrail@parkstreet.org for the application.

City Engagement

Join us serving and caring for our unhoused neighbors at our Home ministry or help us welcome refugees and other international neighbors through Sanctus Sports Fellowship, our Haitian ESL course, and our regular Afghan gatherings. Visit parkstreet.org/cityengagement to learn more.

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.

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!

