

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

***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.*

Today is Trinity Sunday, unique in the Christian calendar because it marks a biblical doctrine rather than a historical event. Trinitarian orthodoxy was formally elucidated by the Councils of Nicæa (summer of AD 325, 1700 years ago) and Constantinople (AD 381), resulting in what we call the Nicene Creed. Park Street Church's founding in 1809 was motivated in large part by a desire to proclaim Trinitarian orthodoxy in the face of the Unitarian movement (which rejected the divinity of Christ).

THE PRELUDE

¶ *Music is played upon the organ, preparing us in body and mind to enter into the Lord's worship. Today's prelude is a musical commentary on the doctrine of the Trinity; page 8 contains an explanation of the piece.*

Prelude in E-flat "St. Anne"

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

INTROIT (II AM)

O Trinity, Most Blessed Light

O Trinity, most blessed light, O Unity of sovereign might,
as light the fiery sun imparts, shed thou thy beams within our hearts.

To thee our morning song of praise, to thee our evening prayer we raise;
then may our souls for evermore in lovely reverence adore.

All praise to God the Father be, all praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whom with the Spirit we adore, for ever and for evermore.

Words: St. Ambrose (4th cent.), alt. | Music: C. Kenneth Turner

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Te Deum, Athanasian Creed, & Psalm 100

Leader We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord.

The Holy Church throughout all the world worships you:

People **Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son,
worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

Leader The Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
is all one, the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

People **We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity.**

Leader Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and bless his Name.

People **For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endures from generation to generation.**

HYMN

N^o 100 Holy, Holy, Holy

NICÆA

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 & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

(II AM)

Short Festival Te Deum

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; *(Sabaoth: hosts; armies)*
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.”

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:
the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honorable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin’s womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee: help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Words: attr. Sts. Ambrose & Augustine (4th cent.) | Music: Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:7–12

pew Bible p. 613

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 630 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12–17

pew Bible p. 984

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

The Peace of Christ

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*


Nº 699 Like a River Glorious

WYE VALLEY


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.*

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

Holy God We Praise Thy Name


GROSSER GOTT

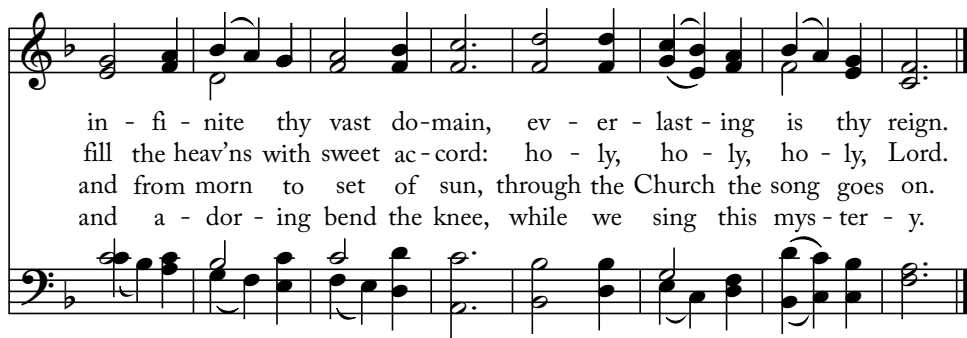


1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee!
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing,
3. Lo! the a - pos - tol - ic train join thy sac - red Name to hal - low;
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name thee;



All on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing;
proph - ets swell the glad re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyr - s fol - low;
while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;





Words: based on Te Deum, 4th century, attr. St. Ambrose; attr. Ignace Franz (1719-1790)

Music: Grosser Gott, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, ca. 1774

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.*

Fugue in E-flat “St. Anne”

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

ELDERS 8:30 Kirstin Peltz

11:00 Andrew Ziegler

LAY READERS 8:30 Carolyn Cummings

11:00 Josephine Ziegler

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

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

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Musical Note

Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E-flat major form a musical essay on the Trinity, evoking various characteristics of the Godhead; patterns of threes permeate the music. Despite the truths in the music, we cannot fully explain the Trinity, and the Church's understanding of the Trinity is best stated in the words of the Athanasian Creed.

Three different musical strains appear in the **prelude**, each from a national style: French, Italian, and German, calling to mind that the Trinity is God of the nations. These strains have shared aspects, as we worship one God in unity. The first strain, majestic and lofty, is called a "French overture," and represents God the Father. The second strain begins in echoes: loud, then quiet, representing the dual nature of Christ: fully man, fully God. After the echoes, a gradually descending pattern evokes Christ's incarnation, and a sudden shift into the minor key hints at his suffering. Proceeding from the first two sections, the third strain evokes the wind of the Holy Spirit.

These aren't typical "sections" of music, as if the Trinity were made up of three parts, which together add up to God (heresy of *partialism*). There aren't clean breaks where the music changes from one mode to another, as if God is sometimes the Son, sometimes the Father (heresy of *modalism*). The music flows organically as one piece, and the sections even overlap.

The **fugue** is a "triple fugue," and has three distinct themes. The principal theme (and anchor for the listener) is a tune called ST. ANNE which we use for "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past." Though the fugues share material, there is no sense that one is created out of the other (heresy of *Arianism*). The first fugue is written in the majestic *stile antico*, which Bach always used to point to God the Father. The second section, representing the Son, is played more quietly, calling to mind Jesus's humanity. It has its own theme, since the Son is not the Father - but the ST. ANNE tune, hidden at first, eventually appears plainly ("at the right time"), illustrating that the Son is God. The music draws down to an unstable moment that lacks finality: "But if I go, I will send [the Holy Spirit] to you." In the third section, the Holy Spirit is appears as a rushing wind, with a new theme. The Spirit is *not* the Father, and the Spirit is *not* the Son. But the ST. ANNE subject appears (in the pedals) - the Spirit *is* God. The St. Anne tune is not transformed into the lively rhythms of the Spirit theme, but appears in the stately fashion of the first fugue: the persons of the Trinity are the *same* God, not three (heresy of *Tritheism*). At the conclusion of the piece, everything comes together as one: the voices distinct, yet musically indivisible. "We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence."

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

Let us pray together...

- That believers around the world would know grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
- Thanking the triune God for inviting us into his community.
- For our Enable Boston ministry, that God would guide us as we seek to integrate people with disabilities in all aspects of our Christian community.
- For Greg & Amy, Park Street Missionaries supporting the work of Bible translation in the Middle East and North Africa, as they build relationships in their neighborhood.

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*

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

Adult Christian Formation: Forgiveness and Reconciliation*

| 9:45-10:45 am | *Fellowship Hall*

This Week

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | *parkstreet.org/morningprayer*

ESL Classes & Activities* | Tue, Wed, & Thu | *Various Rooms*

Café Young Adults | Tue & Wed, 7 pm | *Welcome Center*

The Men's Bible Study | Wed, 7:30 am | *Common Room*

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

Missions Summer Book Study | Thu, 7:30 pm | *Zoom*

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

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

General

Adult Christian Formation: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Today, June 22, and June 29 | 9:45-10:45 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Join Mark Booker for this practical course exploring how to walk in obedience to Jesus when dealing with broken relationships. Based on the June 1 sermon on forgiveness.

All-Church Prayer | Fri, Jun 27 | 7 pm | *Welcome Center*

PSIF and Café will join All-Church Prayer, which will be on June 27 instead of the usual first Friday. Saturday morning prayer on Zoom continues as normal.

Park Street Summer Softball

Come have fun with other Park Streeters on Saturday mornings playing other area churches in a co-ed adult recreational softball league. Contact Sam G or Sam B at parkstreetsoftball@gmail.com with any questions. Registration information available at parkstreet.org/everything

Nursery Team Volunteers Needed

Would you be willing to serve once a month with our youngest congregants? If you are interested in serving during one of the two morning services with children aged 0-2 please email Stephanie Verrengia at sverrengia@parkstreet.org.

Volunteer for Kidsweek

Help guide the kids of Park Street through a fun-filled week, Jul 14–18, as they learn that Jesus is their True North! Learn more and apply at parkstreet.org/everything. We will decorate the Kidsweek spaces on Jul 12, and need assistance for that as well. Email Stephanie Verrengia to help with decorations.

Bilingual? Help with Freedom Trail Translations

If you speak a language other than English and can translate, we need your help! Please email freedomtrail@parkstreet.org.

Boston Fellows 2025-2026

Join the 2025-2026 cohort of professionals studying God's creation of and purpose for work, more deeply forming ourselves to the image of Christ in the process. For more information and to apply, visit bostonfellows.com

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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