



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, August 17, 2025

***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 pilcrow 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.*

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## THE PRELUDE

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

Liturgical Improvisation Nº 1: *Psalm 84:2*

George Oldroyd (1886–1951)

*My soul hath a desire and longing  
to enter into the courts of the LORD.*

## INTROIT

(11 AM)

Not Unto Us, O Lord

Not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy Name give the praise,  
for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Words: Psalm 115:1 | Music: T. A. Walmisley (1814–1856)

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 108*

*Leader* O God, my heart is fixed, my heart is firmly fixed;  
I will sing and give praise with the best that I have.

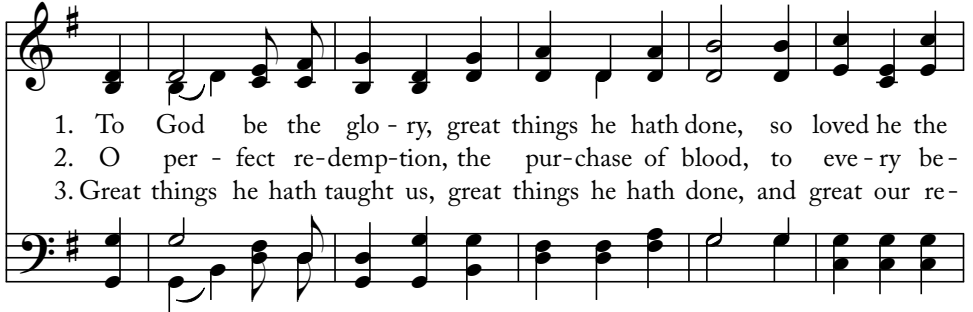
*People* I will give thanks unto you, O LORD, among the peoples;  
and I will sing praises unto you among the nations.

*Leader* For the greatness of your mercy reaches to the heavens;  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

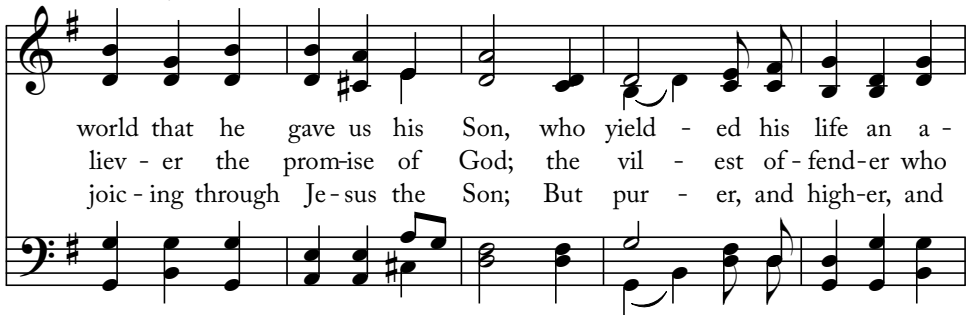
*People* Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.

# HYMN

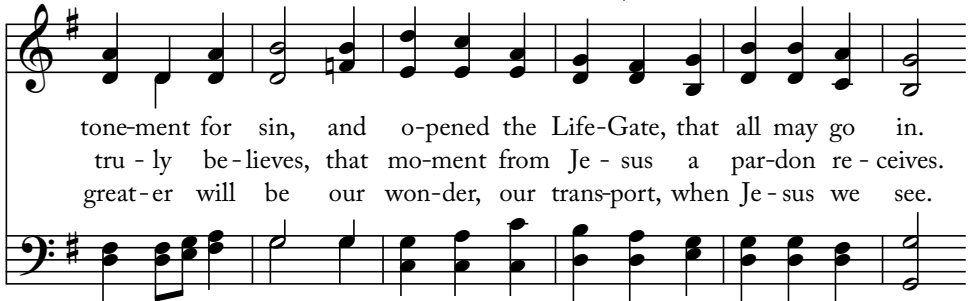
## To God Be the Glory




1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done, so loved he the  
 2. O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to eve - ry be -  
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -



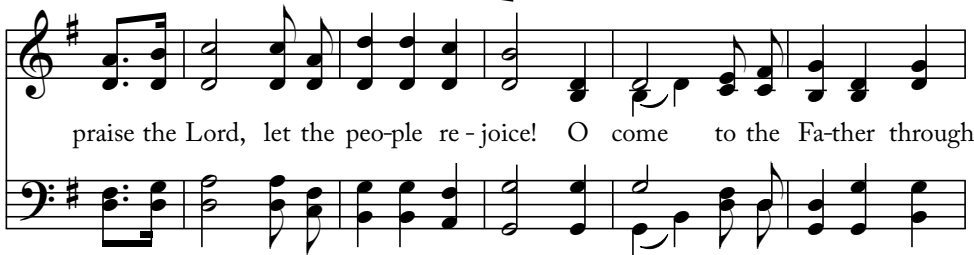
world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
 liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of-fend-er who  
 joic - ing through Je-sus the Son; But pur - er, and high-er, and



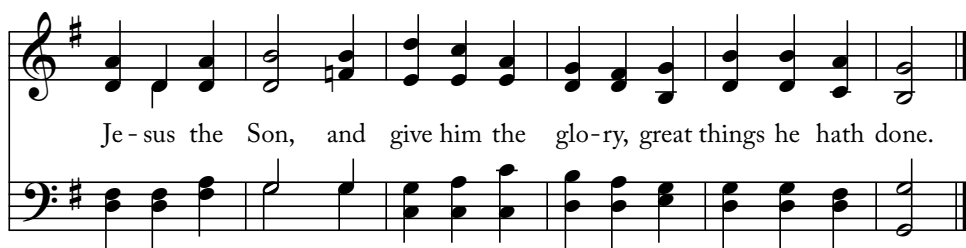
tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the Life-Gate, that all may go in.  
 tru - ly be-lieves, that mo-ment from Je - sus a par-don re - ceives.  
 great-er will be our won-der, our trans-port, when Je - sus we see.



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,




praise the Lord, let the peo-ple re-joice! O come to the Fa-ther through



Words: 1875 | Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)  
 Music: 1875 | William H. Doane (1799-1859)

## 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

### ANTHEM

(II AM)

Comfort, O Lord, The Soul of Thy Servant

Comfort, O Lord, the soul of thy servant.

For unto thee do I lift up my soul.

Words: Psalm 86:4 | Music: William Crotch (1775-1847)

## THE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

*pew Bible p. 965*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

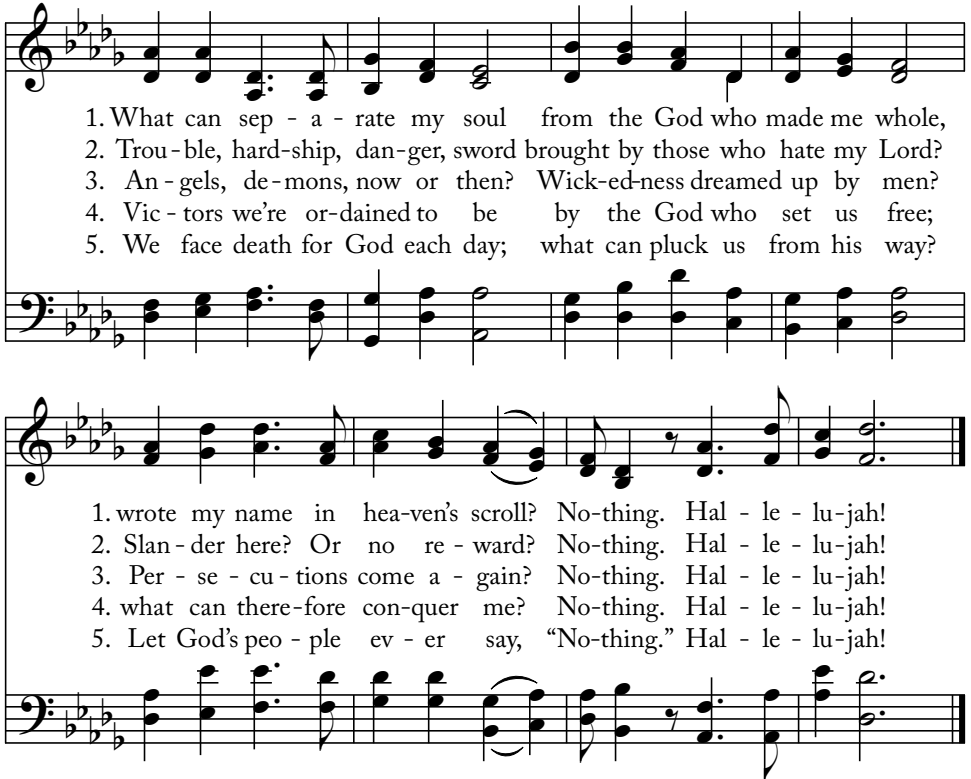
*People* Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

¶ *A Minister prays for the Children. The People stand; Children are dismissed to Children's Church during the hymn.*

### What Can Separate My Soul

PERSEVERANCE



1. What can sep - a - rate my soul from the God who made me whole,  
 2. Trou - ble, hard - ship, dan - ger, sword brought by those who hate my Lord?  
 3. An - gels, de - mons, now or then? Wick - ed - ness dreamed up by men?  
 4. Vic - tors we're or - dained to be by the God who set us free;  
 5. We face death for God each day; what can pluck us from his way?

1. wrote my name in hea - ven's scroll? No - thing. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 2. Slan - der here? Or no re - ward? No - thing. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 3. Per - se - cu - tions come a - gain? No - thing. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 4. what can there - fore con - quer me? No - thing. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 5. Let God's peo - ple ev - er say, "No - thing." Hal - le - lu - jah!

Words: 1999 | James Montgomery Boice (1938-2000) *based on Romans 8:35-39*

Music: *Perseverance*, 1999 | Paul S. Jones (b. 1969)

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¶ *The People sit.*

## THE PSALM

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*perw Bible p. 510*

¶ *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.**

*The Gloria Patri, or "lesser Doxology," is traditionally sung or recited at the end of psalms, in order to place them in an explicitly Trinitarian frame.*

¶ *Following the prayer, the People sit.*

## SERMON

God's Mercy, Our Response

Mark Booker

## HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 76 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

## 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.*

Lord of the Small

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things,  
who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,  
who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street,  
who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,  
who girds them with courage and lends them his aid.  
He pours out his Spirit on vessels so weak,  
that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill  
who heals their afflictions or carries them till  
they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly  
to never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise him all ye who live,  
who've been given so much and can so little give;  
our frail lisping praise God will never despise-  
he sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Words: Johanna Anderson (b. 1962) | Music: Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

## 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 604 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

## 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 G Major “Gigue”

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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## SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Adam Herndon, *Minister of Discipleship*

ELDERS 8:30 Jacob Lubinski

11:00 Andrew Ziegler

LAY READERS 8:30 Marty Lindemann

11:00 Alex Cist

MUSICIANS The Chamber Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*  
Jennifer Schmunk, *soprano*

*Staff directory:* [parkstreet.org/about-us/staff](http://parkstreet.org/about-us/staff)

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## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*"I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord."*

*Psalms 116:17*

### Let us pray together...

- For our visitation ministry that, as Park Streeters visit those sick and home-bound, both visitor and those visited would see Jesus in each other.
- For Alberto and Joanna Parada, our missionaries serving in South Africa, that God would give them wisdom, strength, and refreshment as they continue their work while here in the USA.
- For those arriving in Boston this fall, that God would guide believers as they look for a church home and that those who aren't believers would encounter Jesus through his people in this city.
- For our church camp this week.

*Submit prayer requests to:* [parkstreet.org/requestprayer](http://parkstreet.org/requestprayer) (or call 617-523-3383)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

More details at [parkstreet.org/everything](http://parkstreet.org/everything).

\* Indicates childcare is available. Preregistration may be required.

### *Today*

Sunday Worship\* | 8:30 am, 11 am, & 4 pm | *Sanctuary*

Ministry Plans for the Fall and Beyond | 9:45 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Hour of Prayer | 9:45am | *Bldg. 3 Room 301*

Park Street International Fellowship | 12:30 pm | *Common Room*

Reception for the Paradas | 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room*

### *This Week*

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | [parkstreet.org/morningprayer](http://parkstreet.org/morningprayer)

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

Church Camp | Wed-Sun | *Camp Laurel South in Casco, ME*

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

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

College Summer Bible Study | Fri, 7 pm | *Wilson House*

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

Friendship Bible Study Lunch | Sat, 12 pm | *The Flaming Grill & Buffet, Roslindale*

## *General*

### **Ministry Plans for the Fall and Beyond | Today, 9:45 am | *Fellowship Hall***

Join Mark and other ministers and leaders for a look at our coming year together.

### **Missionary Receptions | Sun, Aug 17 & 24 | 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room***

Hear updates from Joanna and Alberto Parada (prison ministry in South Africa) today and from Tom & Michelle B. (family life and young professionals ministry in Central Asia) and Jim Z. (Bible translation in Central Asia) on Aug 24.

### **Friendship Bible Study Lunch | Sat, Aug 23 | 12 pm**

Lunch at The Flaming Grill & Buffet in Roslindale, MA, for adults who appreciate a slower pace. Email [fbsfriends@parkstreet.org](mailto:fbsfriends@parkstreet.org) to RSVP and for more information.

### **No Family Ministry Programming Sun, Aug 24**

Due to Church Camp, there will be no Family Ministry programming on Sun, Aug 24 (i.e. no nursery or children's church). Regular programming will resume Sun, Aug 31.

### **Elder and Officer Nominations**

Please pray for the future leaders of our church and for those tasked with searching for them. If you have suggestions for the Nominating Committee (for either Elder or Officer), write to [nominatingcommittee@parkstreet.org](mailto:nominatingcommittee@parkstreet.org).

### **Financial Update**

We're thankful for your faithful generosity, which has shown encouraging signs of growth in recent months. Even so, we remain behind where we need to be for the year. See more at [parkstreet.org/everything](http://parkstreet.org/everything).

### **Urbana 25 Missions Conference | Dec 28 – Jan 1 | Phoenix, AZ**

Experience this transformative, triennial missions conference with other Park Streeters. Learn more at [parkstreet.org/everything](http://parkstreet.org/everything) or talk to David Heckendorn (Director of International Ministry House), Polo Kim (Minister to Internationals), or Leonard Mosiah (Minister to Youth).

## 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](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 an upcoming **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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