

*Welcome*

SERVICE *of* HOLY COMMUNION

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, September 7, 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.*

Prelude in G Major

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

## INTROIT

(11 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 99*

*Leader*    The LORD is King; let the peoples tremble;  
He sits between the cherubim; let the earth shake.

*People*    The Lord is great in Zion and high above all peoples.  
They shall give thanks unto his Name, which is great and wonderful.

*Leader*    O magnify the LORD our God,  
and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

*People*    O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy hill,  
for the Lord our God is holy.

## HYMN

Nº 100 Holy, Holy, Holy

NICÆA

## 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

#### THE FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 1:1-14*

*pew Bible p. 45*

These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: <sup>2</sup> Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, <sup>3</sup> Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, <sup>4</sup> Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. <sup>5</sup> All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. <sup>6</sup> Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. <sup>7</sup> But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

<sup>8</sup> Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians

were in dread of the people of Israel. <sup>13</sup> So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

*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 163 At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

¶ *The People sit.*

#### THE SECOND LESSON

*Colossians 1:13–20*

*pew Bible p. 983*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    Thanks be to God.

#### 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

This Is Our Story

Mark Booker

## HYMN

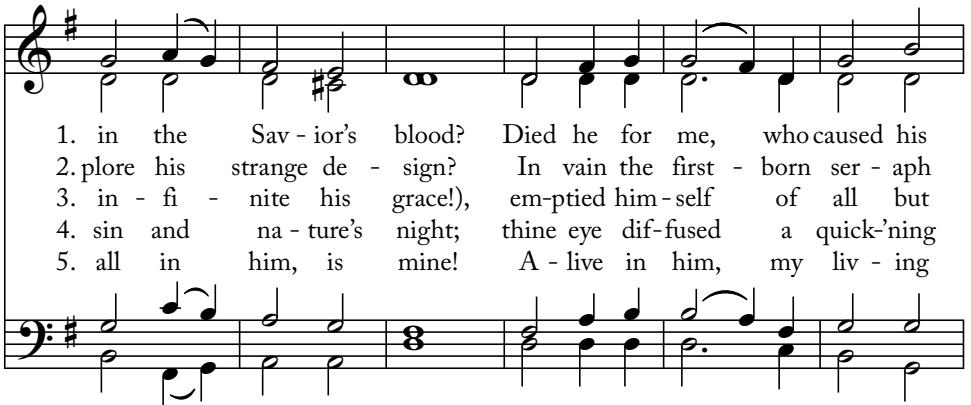
 *The People stand. Children return during the hymn.*

And Can It Be

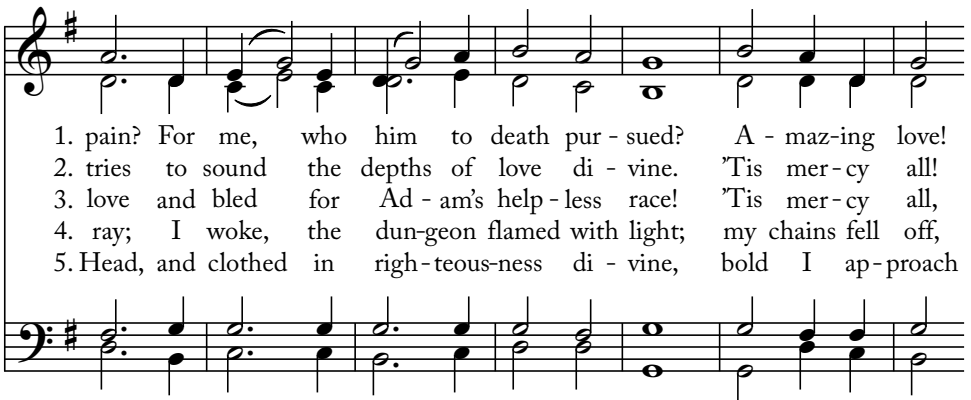
SAGINA



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - terest  
 2. 'Tis mys-t'ry all! Th'Im-mor - tal dies: who can ex -  
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
 5. No con-dem-na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and



1. in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
 2. plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph  
 3. in - fi - nite his grace!), em-ptied him-self of all but  
 4. sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif-fused a quick'-ning  
 5. all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing



1. pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz-ing love!  
 2. tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!  
 3. love and bled for Ad - am's help - less race! 'Tis mer - cy all,  
 4. ray; I woke, the dun-geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,  
 5. Head, and clothed in righ-teous-ness di - vine, bold I ap-proach

1. How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
 2. Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -  
 3. im - mense and free, for, O my God, it  
 4. my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and  
 5. the - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

1. die for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that  
 2. quire no more.  
 3. found out me!  
 4. fol - lowed thee.  
 5. Christ, my own.

thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 that thou, my God,

Words: 1738 | Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Sagina, 1825 | Thomas Campbell (1800-1876)

## 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

(II AM)

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

Lord, Thou Alone Art God, *from St. Paul*

Lord, thou alone art God, and thine are the heaven,  
the earth, and the mighty waters.

The nations furiously rage, Lord,  
against thee, and against thy Christ.

Now behold, lest our foes prevail,  
and grant to thy servants all strength and joyfulness,  
that they may preach thy word.

Words: Acts 4:24, 26, 29 | Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

#### 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 the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

Humbly I Adore Thee

ADORO TE DEVOTE



1. Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2. Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3. O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4. Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



low, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: attr. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274); tr. Hymnal 1940 and Hymnal 1982

Music: French church melody, as found in *Paris Processionale*, 1697

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¶ *After Communion, the People stand.*

## HYMN

Nº 296 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

## 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

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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## LORD'S PRAYER UPDATE

*Beginning next Sunday, September 14, we will return to the version of the Lord's Prayer printed below, in accordance with the email sent last week explaining the change.*

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 daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.

## SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER    Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ELDERS    8:30    Joshua Wang

              11:00    Richard Ibekwe

LAY READERS    8:30    Eleanor Peltz

              11:00    Jill VanderWoude

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

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

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## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“But Moses implored the Lord his God...” Exodus 32:11*

**Let us pray together...**

- For newly arrived students, individuals, and families settling into Boston, that they would meet Jesus here, whether they know him already or have never heard his name.
- For Sheryl Cunningham and her family as they grieve the loss of Sheryl's sister.
- For Park Street's Woman's Benevolent Society, that God would encourage them and support them as they work alongside him to support our missionaries and our 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](https://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 available. Preregistration may be required.

### *Today*

Sunday Worship\* | 8:30 am, 11 am, & 4 pm | *Sanctuary*  
Kickoff Sunday Ministry Fair | All Day | *Welcome Center*  
Hour of Prayer | 9:45 am | *Conference Room 301*  
Sunday School (children and youth) | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*

### *This Week*

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | [parkstreet.org/morningprayer](http://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*  
Home Ministry Outreach Meals | Thu, 5:45 pm & Sat, 8:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*  
Youth Group | Fri, 7 pm | *Youth Room*  
All-Church Prayer | Sat, 8:30-9:30 am | *Zoom*  
Haitian ESL Classes | Sat, 9:30 am | *Granary Room & Common Room*

### *General*

#### **Kickoff Sunday Ministry Fair | Today**

Connect with ministries, missions, and communities as we look toward the fall and upcoming year. Ministry leaders will be available in the Welcome Center throughout the day to share more and answer questions.

#### **College Students Lunch**

**Beginning Sunday, September 14 | 12:45 pm | *Sky Room***

Join our college ministry after the 11:00 am service for lunch and community engagement in life and the Word. All students are welcome! We will meet in the Sky Room every Sunday.

#### **Sunday School in Regions: The Gospel of Matthew**

**Sundays, beginning Sep 14 | 9:45 am | Rooms grouped by region**

Beginning this fall, the whole church is invited to grow in our love and knowledge of God's Word and of each other through adult Sunday School. Groups (organized by geographical regions) will meet throughout the year.

#### **All Church Prayer**

In-person at the church on the first Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. On Zoom the second, third and fourth Saturdays at 8:30 am, with a focus on Missions the fourth Saturday.

### **Joining the Sanctuary Choir**

“I will sing and give praise with the best that I have.” *Ps. 108:1* If you’re interested in being part of the choir, we’d love to hear from you at [choir@parkstreet.org](mailto:choir@parkstreet.org).

### **The Men’s Bible Study | Wednesdays | 7:30–8:30 am | *Common Room***

Come for the Chick-fil-A, the friendship—and to be renewed by the Gospel as we study the Book of Job in September and October.

### **Woman’s Benevolent Society | Wednesdays | 10 am–1:30 pm | *Granary Room***

The Woman’s Benevolent Society has been a ministry since the church’s founding in 1809. We focus on practical projects, missionary care, and fervent prayer.

### **Life Together Women’s Bible Study\***

**Wednesdays, begins Sep 17 | 10–11:30 am | *Terrace Room***

Join a multi-generational, multi-stage women’s community to study the Old Testament Prophets. Childcare available for ages 0–4.

### **Women’s Ministry Luncheon and Worship**

**Sun, Sep 28, 12:45 pm | *Terrace Room***

Join us as we begin our fall connecting with God and other women and lifting our voices together in worship. Register on Church Center.

### **Real-time Translation of Service**

To make our service accessible for non-English speakers, we have a new tool that enables real-time translation of the sermon on Sunday mornings. Do you know people who might benefit from this tool? Invite them to try it out at [parkstreet.org/translate](https://parkstreet.org/translate).

### **Sermon Q&A with Pastor Mark in September**

During the month of September, following the 11:00 am service, Pastor Mark will be at the front of the sanctuary to address questions about the sermon (or the Christian faith/Jesus more generally). This will start 10 minutes after the service ends and last for about 20 minutes.

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*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](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 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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