



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, March 1, 2026

*The Second 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 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.*

*Lent is the period of forty days (Sundays are excluded) leading up to Easter. Historically, this was a period of preparation for those planning to be baptized at Easter. It later became a time of penitence and self-examination for all Christians. The word Lent means "springtime" and much like the new life that comes after a cold winter, Lent is rooted in repentance and conversion, putting off the old self and putting on the new. This is not simply a one-time event or something exclusive to the Lenten season (though it is highlighted in Lent). Rather, it is a continuous action as the Christian way of discipleship entails a constant turning away from sin and a reorientation to God. All of this is aimed at the renewal of our life in Christ.*

*The forty days of Lent symbolize the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. By observing Lent, we follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, pray, and proceed "on the way" to Jerusalem and to the cross of Good Friday. Throughout the history of the church, many Christians have used the forty days of Lent to restore vibrancy, life, passion, and vision in their walks with God, primarily through a renewed focus on various spiritual disciplines, including prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.*

*Cover art: Tetiana Lynnyk. This abstract painting doesn't represent any concrete subject, but the use of deep red is evocative of our Lord's Passion.*

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THE PRELUDE

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

Out of the Deep

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

INTROIT

No. 7 *from Eight Orisons*

Give fellowship, we pray,  
In love and joy and peace,  
That we in counsel, knowledge, might,  
And wisdom, may increase.

Words: Traditional | Music: Harold W. Friedell (1905–1958)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 86*

*Leader* Bow down your ear, O Lord, and hear me,  
for I am poor and in misery.

*People* Comfort the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

*Leader* I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and will praise your Name for evermore.

*People* For great is your mercy toward me;  
you have delivered me from the realm of the dead.

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4. His dy - ing crim - son, like a robe, spreads o'er his  
 5. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

1. Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 2. death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 3. love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
 4. bod - y on the tree; then am I dead to  
 5. pres - ent far too small: love so a - maz - ing,

1. count but loss, and pour con-tempt on all my pride.  
 2. charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 3. sor - row meet, or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?  
 4. all the globe, and all the globe is dead to me.  
 5. so di - vine, de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: 1707, rev. 1709 | Isaac Watts (1674-1748)  
 Music: *Rockingham*, 1790 | Edward Miller (1731-1807) LM

INVOCATION

## DECALOGUE

*Leader* God spoke these words and said:  
I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me.  
You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.  
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and give us grace to love you  
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

*Leader* Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder,  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and give us grace to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ *At the Minister's invitation, the People kneel or sit and pray*

**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.

¶ *The Minister declares God's forgiveness to the People and reminds them of the comforting words of Holy Scripture, after which the People stand.*

#### 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

*The Presentation of New Members*

#### ANTHEM

(8:30 AM)

¶ *The People stand and may sing the bold text.*

By Thy Mercy

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,  
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore thee,  
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:  
From the depth of nature's blindness,  
From the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness,  
From the pride that lurks within,

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses,  
In the day of Satan's power,  
In our times of deep distresses,  
In each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling,  
In the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,  
In the day of health and peace.

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

In the weary hours of sickness,  
In the times of grief and pain,  
When we feel our mortal weakness,  
When all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying,  
In the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on thee relying,  
Find thee still our rock and stay.

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

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Words: James John Cummins (1795–1867) | Music: Greg Thompson

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¶ *The People sit.*

(II AM)

Wash Me Thoroughly

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,  
and forgive me all my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults,  
and my sin is ever before me.

Words: Psalm 51:2–3 | Music: S.S. Wesley (1810–1876)

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Zechariah 13:7-9*

*pew Bible p. 799*

*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<sup>o</sup> 251 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

¶ *The People sit.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75*

*pew Bible p. 832*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn N<sup>o</sup> 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

Denial

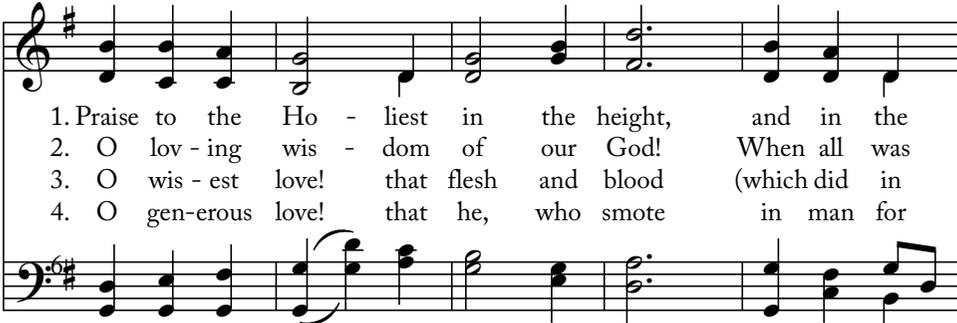
Mark Booker

## HYMN

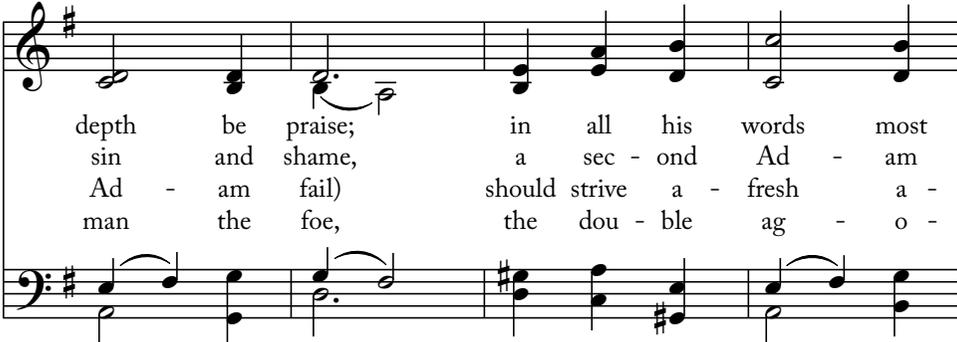
 *The People stand.*

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

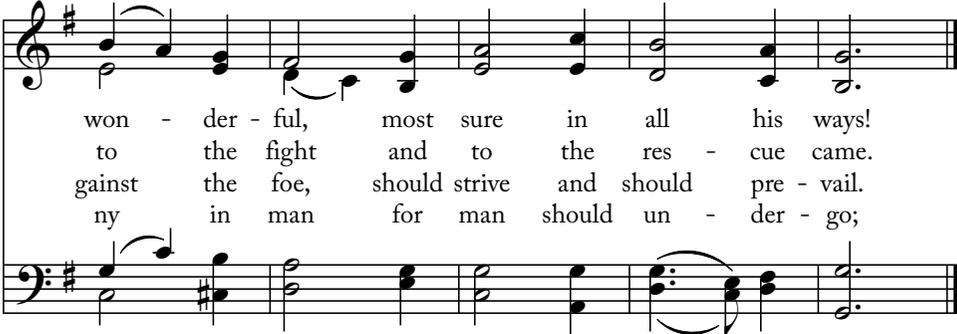
GERONTIUS



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 LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

## 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.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

¶ *All baptized believers, along with their baptized children, are invited to partake of the Sacrament. Follow the direction of the ushers to a station at the front (floor) or balcony rear to receive in groups. The elements may be consumed immediately, and once the whole group has been served, all return to their seats. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

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

N <sup>o</sup> 252 When I Survey	HAMBURG
N <sup>o</sup> 426 Till He Come	REDHEAD
N <sup>o</sup> 522 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	ST. PETERSBURG

¶ *After Communion, the People stand.*

## HYMN

N <sup>o</sup> 81 O Love of God, How Strong and True	JERUSALEM
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## 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.*

Ah, Holy Jesus ( <i>see hymn 248</i> )	Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
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## SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTERS Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

Randall Wetzig, *Assitant Minister*

ELDERS 8:30 Richard Ibekwe

11:00 Joshua Wang

LAY READERS 8:30 Margaret Diffenderfer

11:00 Alex Cist

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

Ashley Schumacher, *voice*

Sam Bigus, upright *bass*

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

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## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“...go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret...” Matthew 6:6*

**Let us pray together...**

- For our college students, that God would give them wisdom as they study and that they would have good friends at their schools and in their dorms to build them up in their faith.
- For those in our congregation who are looking for work, that God would provide for them and that our church would know how to support them well.
- For those in Boston without stable housing.

*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 available. Preregistration may be required.

### *Today*

Sunday Worship\* | 8:30 am & 11 am | *Sanctuary*  
Children's Church & Nursery | 8:30 am & 11 am | *Various Rooms*  
Children & Youth Sunday School Classes | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*  
Lenten Discipleship Initiative (Adult Sunday School) | 9:45 am | *see below*  
Park Street International Fellowship | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*  
GriefShare | 1 pm | *5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room*  
All-Church Prayer | 2:30 pm | *Welcome Center*

### *This Week*

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | [parkstreet.org/morningprayer](http://parkstreet.org/morningprayer)  
ESL Classes & Activities\* | Tue, Wed, & Thu | *Various Rooms*  
Midday Lenten Services | Tue, Wed, Thu, 12:15 pm | *Sanctuary*  
Café Young Adults | Tue, 7 pm | *Welcome Center*  
The Men's Bible Study | Wed, 7:30 am | *Welcome Center*  
Life Together Womens Bible Study | Wed, 10 am | *Terrace Room*  
Woman's Benevolent Society | Wed, 10 am | *Granary Room*  
Annual Meeting | Wed, 5:30 pm dinner, 7 pm meeting | *Sanctuary*  
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*  
Haitian ESL Classes | Sat, 9:30 am | *Granary Room & Common Room*  
Other Small Groups and Bible Studies | Various Times | [parkstreet.org/groups](http://parkstreet.org/groups)

*Jesus*  
Above  
All

## General

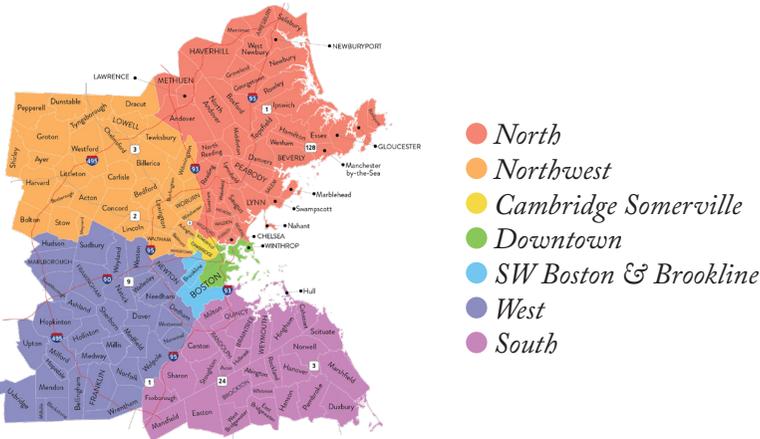
### LDI 2026: People of the Passion | Sundays, 9:45 am

Small groups will meet over six weeks to explore the Passion narrative through the lens of characters from Matthew 26–27. If you haven't registered in Church Center, you are still invited to join. You can just show up! Find your Region using the map on the next page, and then find where your Region meets with the locations below.

**Downtown and North Regions:** *Welcome Center*

**Cambridge Somerville and Northwest Regions:** *Granary Room*

**SW Boston & Brookline, South, and West Regions:** *Terrace Room*



### All-Church Prayer | Today, 2:30 pm | *Welcome Center*

Join us for a time of prayer, worship, and reflection on the first Sunday of each month in person, or on the other Saturdays of the month on zoom.

### Midday Lenten Services | Tue, Wed, Thu, 12:15–12:45 pm | *Sanctuary*

Pause during your week for a 30-minute service of prayer, song, and reflection on scripture featuring speakers from around the city. Services will be streamed at [parkstreet.org/live](http://parkstreet.org/live).

### All-Church Lunch | Sun, Mar 15, 12:30 pm

Served in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to help, email [hospitality@parkstreet.org](mailto:hospitality@parkstreet.org) or join the Coffee Hour and Meals team on Church Center.

### Save the Date: Men's Beefsteak Easter Feast | Fri, Apr 17 | 7 pm

All men of Park Street Church are invited to a Beefsteak Easter Feast featuring excellent meat and robust hymn singing. Registration opens Mar 1.

### Park Street Library

The Park Street Library offers fiction, non-fiction, children's, and historical books about our church. We are usually staffed from 8 am–1 pm each Sunday. Please stop by.

## 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!

