



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, March 15, 2026

The Fourth 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.*

Purple is the traditional color of preparation and penitence, and is used during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Purple was historically the color of kings (the dye was extremely costly) so the color also emphasizes the royalty of Jesus (cf. John 19). During these seasons it is also traditional to use unbleached beeswax candles, as their color provides a more muted alternative to the joyful white of bleached beeswax (used the rest of the year).

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY 8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship

March 29 with the procession of palms

12:30 pm Recital: Bach Goldberg Variations (45 minutes)
played by Dr. Nathan Davy, piano

TUES, WED, THURS Midweek Lenten Services
March 31, April 1, April 2 12:15 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY Service of Holy Communion
April 2 7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY Service of Tenebrae ("darkness")
April 3 Noon & 7:30 pm

EASTER DAY Worship
April 5 9:00 am & 11:00 am
music by choir & orchestra

THE PRELUDE

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

Deep River

arr. Joe Utterback (b. 1944)

INTROIT

(II AM)

No. 2 from *Eight Orisons*

I have but myself to give;
Let me to thy glory live;
Let me follow, day by day,
Where thou showest me the way.

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

Nº 172 Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

ALL SAINTS OLD

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*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

¶ *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

ANTHEM

(II AM)

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

Words: St Bernard of Clairvaux (1091–1153) | Music: Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4–9

pew Bible p. 611

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

¶ *Children are welcome to remain in the service, or to proceed to Children's Church during the next hymn. After the prayer, the People stand for the hymn.*

8:30 preschool to 1st grade | 11:00 preschool to 4th grade

HYMN

N^o 645 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 27:11–31

pew Bible p. 834

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

Capitulation

Mark Booker

HYMN

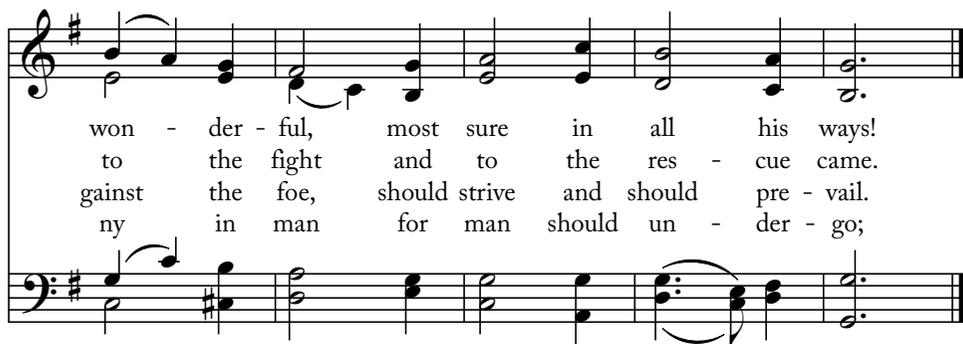
The People stand, sitting after the hymn.

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)

TESTIMONY

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.*

The Swan

C. Saint-Saens (1835-1921), tr. Godowski

I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine. —Ps 50:11

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



1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
3. O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O
4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till



give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the



right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word rise
share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in -
strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the



deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
ter - pret - ed by love, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Words: 1872, John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)
Music: *Repton*, 1888 | C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

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.*

Präludium und Fuge in F minor

J. L. Krebs (1730–1780)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Adam Herndon, *Minister of Discipleship*

ELDERS 8:30 Joshua Wang

11:00 Andrew Buckler

LAY READERS 8:30 Mike Ahearn

11:00 Alex Cist

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

Andrew Shenton, *guest organist*

Gabriel Ling, *piano*

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

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 the other churches in our conference (the CCCC) that they would abide in Jesus and that through them he would produce much fruit.
- For college and university students in our city, that they would encounter Jesus through his people and be drawn to him by the Holy Spirit.
- For the leaders of our city, state, and nation, that they would govern with the wisdom and righteousness of God.

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 | *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*

All-Church Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Welcome Center*

GriefShare | 1 pm | *5th Floor Board Room*

Park Street International Fellowship | 1:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*

This Week

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | 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*

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

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

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

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

Other Small Groups and Bible Studies | Various Times | parkstreet.org/groups

General

All-Church Lunch | Today, 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Let's eat lunch together!

Bach Goldberg Variations | Sun, Mar 29, 12:45 pm | Sanctuary

Come hear this much-loved masterpiece performed by Dr. Nathan Davy, piano.

Park Street Dialogues: An Evening with Michael Oh |

Sun, Mar 29, 5 pm | Sanctuary

Michael Oh, Global Executive Director/CEO of the Lausanne Movement will join us to share and dialogue about the state of the global Church.

Annual Family Ministry Easter Egg Hunt

Join us Sat, Apr 4 at 10 am at the Arnold Arboretum for an Easter egg hunt!

Please register on Church Center by Sun, Mar 29. This event is for children only (nursery–6th grade).

Bring Your Signature Baked Delights to Our Easter Celebration

As we approach the joyous season of Easter, we're excited to come together and celebrate the Lord's resurrection and we're inviting you to contribute by bringing your favorite baked goods, desserts, or finger foods to share. Drop off on Mar 28, Apr 4, or on Easter Day. Details on the Church Center calendar or in the eNews.

Easter Memorial Flowers

If you would like to order flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form at parkstreet.org/easterflowers by Sun, Mar 22. For questions, email Jennifer O'Mahony at jomahony@parkstreet.org.

Memorial Service for Winston Love | Sun, Mar 22 | 1 pm | Sanctuary

All are invited to a memorial service to thank our Lord for the life of Winston Love, who died on Feb 14 of this year.

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!

