



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, March 8, 2026

The Third 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 pincrow 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.

THE PRELUDE

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

INTROIT

(II AM)

Lighten Our Darkness

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this life;
for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Words: Gelasian Sacramentary (8th century) | Music: 2007, Alexander L'Estrange (b. 1974)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 73

Leader Truly, God is loving to Israel, even to those who have a clean heart.

People **Though my flesh and my heart fail me,
God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.**

Leader For behold, those who forsake you shall perish.

People **But it is good for me to hold fast to God,
and to speak of all your works in the gates of the city of Zion.**

HYMN

Nº 261 What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

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*

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your 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

(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.

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.

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.

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

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

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¶ *The People sit.*

(II AM)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love and power.

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
he will embrace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the Fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him.

Words: Joseph Hart (1712–1768) | Music: 2016, Timothy Mills (b. 1990) *former member, Sanctuary Choir*

THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:9–14

pew Bible p. 744

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

Matthew 26:57–68; 27:1–2

pew Bible p. 833

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn N^o 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

Threatened

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

N^o 499 Rock of Ages

TOPLADY

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.*

Lento

C. Gluck (1714–1787)

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

My Song is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

1. My song is love un - known; my Sav - ior's love to me. love
2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow: but
3. Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing; re -
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1. to the love - less shown, That they might love - ly be. O
2. men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know: But
3. sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
4. made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
5. mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay, yet

1. who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2. O my friend, my friend in-deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3. "Cru-ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4. in - ju - ries! Yet they at these themselves dis-please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5. cheer-ful he to suf-fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

6. Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine;
 never was love, dear King!
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my Friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

but men made strange: *but men scorned him.*

Words: 1664 | Samuel Crossman (1623-1683)

Music: *Love Unknown*, 1918 | John Ireland (1879-1962) 66. 66. 44. 44

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.*

Variations on *Wondrous Love*

D. Pinkham (1923–2006)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ELDERS 8:30 Andrew Ziegler

11:00 Richard Ibekwe

LAY READERS 8:30 Eleanor Peltz

11:00 Sam Beverage

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

Julianne Johnston, *flute*

Ashley Schumacher, *voice*

Sam Bigus, *upright bass*

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 people of Iran, Israel, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the many other places in the world experiencing war or violence, that God would intervene to bring peace.
- For those participating in LDI this year, that the Holy Spirit would guide their study and conversations.
- For the ESL ministry, that the leaders and teachers would have opportunities to share the good news of Jesus and would have wisdom for how to do that across language barriers.

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

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

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*
Park Street International Fellowship | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*
Newcomers Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*
GriefShare | 1 pm | *5th Floor Board Room*

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*
Youth Group | Fri, 7 pm | *Youth Room*
All-Church Prayer | Sat, 8:30 am | *Zoom*
Haitian ESL Classes | Sat, 9:30 am | *Granary Room & Common Room*
Food Preparation for All-Church Lunch | Sat, 12 pm | *Fellowship Hall Kitchen*
Other Small Groups and Bible Studies | Various Times | parkstreet.org/groups

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General

Newcomers Lunch | Today | 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*

If you're new to Park Street and considering making it your home church, join us at the Newcomers Lunch on Sunday! Bring your questions about the church and meet some of our community, as we enjoy good food together after the 11am service on March 8th.

All-Church Lunch | Sun, Mar 15 | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*

Let's eat lunch together! If you'd like to help, email hospitality@parkstreet.org or join the Coffee Hour and Meals team.

Midday Lenten Services | Tue, Wed, Thu through Lent | 12:15 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.

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 on Church Center by Sun, March 22. Orders must be made by filling out the form. Payment can be made by check or online. For questions email Jennifer O'Mahony, jomahony@parkstreet.org.

Annual Family Ministry Easter Egg Hunt | Sat, Apr 4 | 10 am | *Arnold Arboretum*

Join us for an Easter egg hunt! Please register by Sunday, March 29. This event is for children only (nursery–6th grade).

Bach Goldberg Variations | Sun, Mar 29, 12:30 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.

Park Street Library

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

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!