



SERVICE *of* HOLY COMMUNION

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, October 4, 2026

***Welcome** to Park Street Church. We're glad you're worshiping with us today. If you're new, please take a look at the back cover to learn how to get involved.*

*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.*

THE PRELUDE

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

Adagio, from Sonata in C Major

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

INTROIT

(11 AM)

O Taste and See

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:

Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: Psalm 34:8

Music: Ralph Vaughan William (1872-1958); composed for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 28

Leader Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

People **The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in him,
and I am helped; therefore my heart dances for joy,
and in my song will I praise him.**

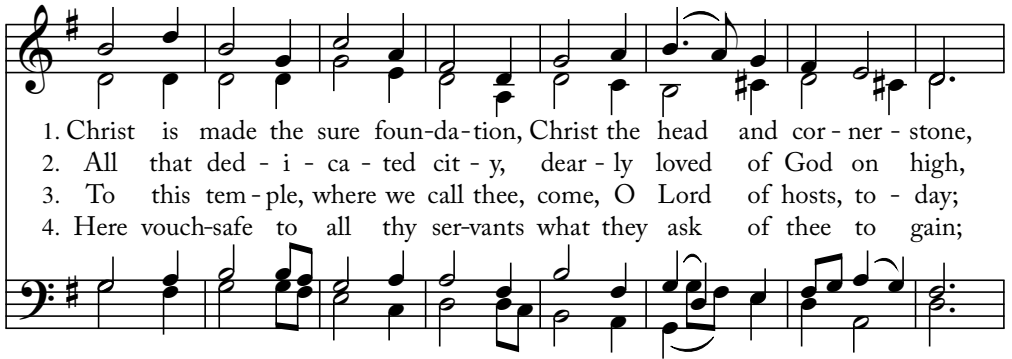
Leader The LORD is the strength of his people,
and he is the sure defense of his Anointed.

People **O save your people and bless your heritage;
be their shepherd and carry them for ever.**

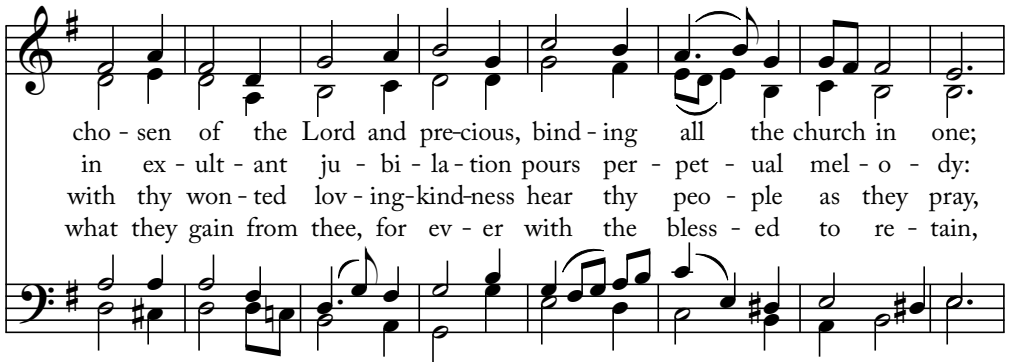
HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

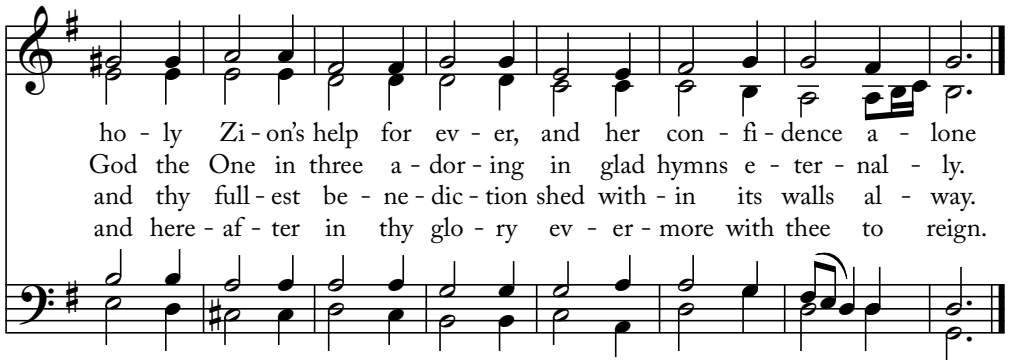
WESTMINSTER ABBEY



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
 2. All that ded-i-ca-ted cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,
 3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day;
 4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain;



cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
 in ex-ult-ant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-u-al mel-o-dy:
 with thy won-ted lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray,
 what they gain from thee, for ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,



ho-ly Zi-on's help for ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone
 God the One in three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
 and thy full-est be-ne-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
 and here-af-ter in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honor to the Father,
 laud and honor to the Son,
 laud and honor to the Spirit
 ever Three and ever One;
 One in might and One in glory,
 while unending ages run!

INVOCATION

¶ *Led by the Elder*

SUMMARY OF THE LAW & CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ *At the Minister's invitation, the People kneel or sit. Silence is kept, then all 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

ANTHEM

(8:30 AM)

Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son and Spirit,

Holy communion, three in one.

Come with your peace, with your invitation,

Bind us together in holy love.

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken | © Integrity Worship Music; reprinted under CCLI license 402487

(11 AM)

Greater Love Hath No Man

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.

Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you
out of darkness into his marvelous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Words: Sng 8:7,6; Jn 15:13; 1 Pet 2:24; 1 Cor 6:11; 1 Pet 2:9; Rom 12:1

Music: John Ireland (b. 1953)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5

pew Bible p. 615

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

Nº 155 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:6-10

pew Bible p. 967

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

Excel in this Act of Grace

Mark Booker

HYMN

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

Nº 585 Take My Life and Let it Be

HENDON

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.*

Largo, *from Sonata in C Major*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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. Come to the front to receive the elements and carry them back to the pews to consume them together. Those not receiving the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing by a minister; indicate this intent by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

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

Nº 522 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Nº 30 Thou Who Wast Rich

Nº 14 New Songs of Celebration Render

¶ *After Communion, the People stand.*

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way; giv -
 Field and for - est, vale and mountain, flow - ery meadow, flash - ing sea, chant -
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er: all who live in love are thine; teach
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife, joy -

- er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the Joy Di - vine.
 - ful mu - sic leads us Sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life!

Words: 1907 | Henry van Dyke (1852-1933); Music: from *Symphony no. 9* | L. van Beethoven (1770-1827)

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.*

Marche Romaine (*by request*)

C. Gounod (1818–1893)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTERS Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

ELDER Juliet Halvorsen

LAY READERS 8:30 Jennifer Vogelzang

11:00 Alex Cist

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

Daniel Faris, *violin*

Ashley Schumacher, *voice*

Samuel Bigus, *upright bass*

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2

Let us pray together...

- For the All-Church Lunch today, that it would be a joyful time of fellowship with one another, and that our church would continue to grow as a community of love.
- Praise God for the birth of Grace and Dustin Spicuzza’s new baby boy. Pray for strength and wisdom as they adjust to a new rhythm of life.
- For our new sermon series, *The Grace of Giving*, that it would transform our lives and help us become more like Jesus.

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*

Nursery & Children's Church | 8:30 am & 11 am | *Various Rooms*

A Nursing room is available on the 2nd floor of building 1.

Children & Youth Sunday School Classes | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*

Adult Sunday School in Regions* | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*

All-Church Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*

This Week

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | parkstreet.org/morningprayer

Perspectives Course | Mon, 6 pm | *Granary Room*

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

Youth Group | Fri, 7 pm | *Youth Room*

Union with Christ Workshop | Sat, 8:30 am | *Sanctuary*

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

General

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

Let's enjoy a good meal together. If you'd like to help with future meals, email hospitality@parkstreet.org or join the Coffee Hour and Meals team at parkstreet.org/serve.

Save the Date: Global Mission Conference 2026 | Nov 8–15

This year's theme is *The Movement of God*. God is moving in our world today, and he invites us to join him. Guest preacher David Yeghnazar serves as Executive Director of Elam Ministries, an organization committed to strengthening and expanding the church in Iran and across the Persian-speaking world.

"Union with Christ" Workshop | Sat, Oct 10 • 8:30 am | *Welcome Center*

Rankin Wilbourne, author of *Union with Christ*, will share about the centrality of our union with Jesus, as his followers, to answer all of life's most essential questions. Register at parkstreet.org/events.

Park Street Dialogues

Emotional Resilience and Health | Sun, Oct 11 • 5:00 pm | *Sanctuary*

A substantial conversation is taking place in the church today about emotional health. What is it? Why is it important? Rankin Wilbourne has wrestled through these questions deeply and personally, stemming from his own experience as a pastor, and will dialogue with us at this Sunday afternoon event.

Family Ministry Pumpkin Carving | Sat, Oct 17 • 10 am | *Larz Anderson Park*

Join Miss Kristina for pumpkin carving fun. Register by Oct 11. Contact kjohnson@parkstreet.org with questions.

Tweens Hayride & Bonfire | Sat, Oct 24 | *Krochmal Farms, Tewksbury, Ma*

Join the Tweens (grades 4 – 6) for a hayride and bonfire with s'mores. Register by Oct 17 on Church Center.

Membership Class | Sundays Oct 18, Oct 25, Nov 1 • 12:30 pm | *Granary Rm*

Interested in learning more about the church? Join us three Sundays for lunch and an exploration of the community life, theological convictions, and unique priorities of Park Street Church. There is no pressure to become a member upon completion. Email clerk@parkstreet.org with questions.

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

Beginning Nov 15, join a safe and welcoming group where those who have faced the death of a loved one will find understanding, guidance, relief and support. This 13-week group is open and helpful to both Christians and non-Christians. Registration includes the cost of a workbook; scholarships are available. Register at parkstreet.org/events.

Creative Restoration & Leadership in Business | Tuesdays • 6:30 pm | *Granary Rm*

Explore and practice approaches to bringing our Christian identity into business environments often at odds with the purposes and character of God. This 6-week cohort meets Tuesday nights starting Oct 6th, 6:30 – 8 pm. Led by Simon Fowler and Brent Keltner. Sign up at www.bostonfellows.com/industry-cohorts-2.

Third Quarter Giving Update

Your faithful generosity is essential to our mission (to make disciples who become more like Jesus together—see more on the next page). Here's a quick look at where we stand financially:

Current Status of Giving through September 20:

- Ministry & Operations: \$1.46M received vs. \$2.02M budgeted (28% shortfall)
- Missions: \$650K received vs. \$1.10M budgeted (41% shortfall)
- Combined shortfall: \$1.02M

What this means:

Budget gaps at this point in the year do happen due to seasonal giving patterns. However, to close our current gap and finish 2026 on strong footing, we need approximately \$93K/week for M&O and \$61K/week for Missions.

The Opportunity:

Strong giving in these remaining months is essential to fully fund our ministry commitments and mission partnerships. We invite you to prayerfully consider your giving as we head into these last months of the year. Your generosity in these final months will help us start 2027 on solid financial footing and continue making disciples together.

Thank you for your faithful support.

Questions about giving or our budget? Contact mahearn@parkstreet.org.

Welcome to Park Street Church

We are a Christ-centered community whose mission is to make disciples who become like Jesus together. We do that by pursuing four central elements of the Christian life: **worship, community, mission, and catechesis/teaching.**

Whether you are new or have been here many years, we encourage you to join us in the practices below, by which we trust God is actively working in us.

- **Each Sunday:** attend worship and Sunday School
- **Each week:** meet with a small group
- **Each month:** serve in a ministry
- **Each day:** engage in God's mission



WORSHIP | *Loving God*

- Attend worship on Sundays.
- Set aside dedicated time each day for prayer and Bible reading.
- Give generously and regularly as an act of worship.

MISSION | *Loving Our Neighbors*

- Engage our city by volunteering with one of our ministries: parkstreet.org/city.
- Pray for our missionaries and missions program through the monthly eNews prayer guide.

COMMUNITY | *Loving One Another*

- Find a weekly small group at parkstreet.org/groups
- Serve monthly parkstreet.org/serve
- Sign up for the church's weekly newsletter at parkstreet.org/enews.

CATECHESIS | *Loving God's Word*

- Regularly attend a Sunday School class (for kids and adults) as part of your Sunday rhythm. See parkstreet.org/sundayschool.

