



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, March 16, 2025

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.

THE PRELUDE

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

O World, I Must Now Leave Thee

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

INTROIT (II AM)

Help me, O Lord

Help me, O Lord, thy way to keep, in truth and in sincerity.

For what I sow, that I must reap, through time and in eternity.

Words & Music: New Lebanon, NY, ca. 1838 | arr. Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)

¶ *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 261 What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

INVOCATION, CONFESSION OF SIN, & 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 & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

(II AM)

Let Grief Not Overwhelm Thee

Let grief not overwhelm thee, consume thee.

Be quiet; trust God's intent, and be content, my spirit.

Why dwell today on sorrow tomorrow?

Thy Savior stands by thy side, and thou abidest in favor.

Then go about thy serving unswerving, confessing:

God holds the key to what shall be thy blessing. *Amen.*

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Music: Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

The music of this anthem is a commentary on the text. The choral parts (and multiple voices played by the organ) are in canon, which means that what is sung by one part is imitated exactly by a second part one bar later, though not starting on the same note. Two canons are woven together simultaneously, such that all four choral parts are tightly connected and totally codependent. Not all of the connections are immediately obvious, but they add to the deep beauty of the piece. Similarly, Christ has knit us together as his mystical body, by which he strengthens us to endure grief that would otherwise overwhelm us.

THE FIRST LESSON

Numbers 25:1–3

pew Bible p. 133

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.*

Praise to the Holiest in the Height (*next page*)

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)

♩ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 2:12-17

pew Bible p. 1029

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn № 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

No Compromise

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

№ 92 A Mighty Fortress

EIN FESTE BURG

THE PRAYERS

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

OFFERTORY

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

Andante, from Sonata in A Minor

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.

HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REPTON



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 dew 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.*

Variations on *Wondrous Love*

Daniel Pinkham (1923–2006)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ELDERS 8:30 John Yee

11:00 Andrew Ziegler

LAY READERS 8:30 Carolyn Cummings

11:00 Christine Vasko

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

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*"I lift my eyes up to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2*

Let us pray together...

- For Park Street short-term missions teams as they form.
- For the kids who received bibles in the service this Sunday, that the Holy Spirit would enlighten the eyes of their hearts as they read.
- For the table leaders in our Park Street International Fellowship, that they would find joy and perseverance in the Lord as they serve.
- That God would give wisdom to our national, state, and city leaders.

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, & 4 pm | *Sanctuary*

Lenten Discipleship Initiative* | 9:45 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Children's Choir, Sunday School, and Youth | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*

College Students Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Common Room*

Park Street International Fellowship | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*

This Week

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | 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*

Life Together Women's Bible Study* | Wed, 10 am | *Terrace Room*

Midweek Lenten Service | Wed, 12:15 pm | *Sanctuary* and streaming at parkstreet.org/live

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*

General

Missionary Care Team Equipping Seminar | Sun, Apr 6, 12:45 pm | *Welcome Center*

Please note the date change.

Lenten Discipleship Initiative | Sun, Mar 9–Apr 13, 9:45 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Hold Fast: Christ's Exhortations to the Church.

Midweek Lenten Services | Wed, Mar 12–Apr 16, 12:15 pm | *Sanctuary*

A meditative 30-minute service.

Women's Ministry—Looking Forward | Sun, Mar 23, 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room*

An open brainstorming session on what's next for women's ministry. Register online.

2025 Short-Term Missions Opportunities

Consider joining an upcoming trip. Details at parkstreet.org/missions.

Carolyn Cummings Retirement Celebration | Sun, Mar 30, 12:30 pm | *Welcome Center*

Honoring Carolyn who served as a missionary in Kenya for 36 years. No RSVP required.

Missionary Update

Please see the eNews or parkstreet.org/everything for an update about one of our missionary families.

Family Ministry Easter Egg Hunt | Sat, Apr 19, 10:00 am | *Arnold Arboretum*

Register by Sunday, April 13 at parkstreet.org/everything.

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!



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