

January 27, 2019 CONSECRATION SUNDAY 11:00 AM

Warning! To enter into the life of this people of God is to encounter God's soul-challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love. Will you join us? Do you dare?

GATHER

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS Peter Coulombe, *director* Lee J. Afdahl, arr.

*HYMN 70 God Is Here! As We Your People Meet ABBOT'S LEIGH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine Schofield

One: In the presence of God Whose word has called the earth and the stars into being:

Many: We stand in awe.

One: In the presence of God Whose arms have held children:

Many: We stand in trust.

- One: In the presence of God Whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for justice:
- Many: We stand in need.

* Indicates all who are able may stand

One:	Before You, Giver of Life,
	we come in faith, in search of love and wholeness.
Many:	We stand ready to worship You, Creator of the Universe,
•	with our whole selves.
One:	In the presence of God, Whose house and home this is,
Many:	We come in peace and we come for peace.
One:	The peace of Christ be with you.
	And also with you.

*A SIGN OF OUR UNITY AND RECONCILIATION

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

Anthem of Dedication Heather Gallagher, *alto* Warren Martin

Whom shall we send? And who will go for us? Here am I, Lord, send me.

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year; God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near; Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase the fellowship of humankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace? What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled, that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world; Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free, that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

> Whom shall we send? And who will go for us? Here am I, Lord, send me.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart; it is thine own: it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

> Whom shall we send? And who will go for us? Here am I, Lord, send me.

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; Be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:41-44

Anna Wadlington and Mark Taylor

Anna Wadlington has attended Old South Church since she burst on to earth's stage. She attends the Learning Project where she is currently in the 6th grade and will graduate this June. She loves WiFi, her family & friends (in that order), sleeping in late on weekends and her pets (2 cats & a new puppy).

Mark Taylor was born in Long Beach, CA, transplanted East in the 90s, and now resides in South Boston. Mark has been a frequent visitor to Old South Church as guest of John & Anna Wadlington for the past 12 years. He is very fond of the inclusive and thoughtful messaging from church elders (and the potlucks). *HYMN 373

They Did Not Build In Vain

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During the hymn, the children are invited to leave for choir and care.

STORY TELLER

John Wadlington John Wadlington, has called Old South home for twelve years and is a member of the Mary Norton Society. He is an anesthesiologist working with area hospitals.

SOLO

Sacrifice Zoë Krohne, soloist Willie Sordillo

If I gave everything I had Offered up my life, my own race In return someone else might live My own child would live in my place Would it be a sacrifice?

If I gave everything I had Everything I earned, all I owned And I gained everlasting love Even as I am, scarred, known Would it be a sacrifice?

May I be a drop of water May I be a speck of sand May I feel the wind pass through me May I be an open hand

> If I gave even just a part Even just a tenth of my own In return I might have a rest Shelter, refuge, nest, home Would it be a sacrifice?

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

John M. Edgerton

One: God be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.
All: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.
One: Let us pray. You may be seated.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Unison.

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 forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE	Jerusalem, My Happy Home	Arnold B. Sherman, arr.
	THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS	

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Nancy S. Taylor

OFFERTORY

All Good Gifts from *Godspell* Connor Vigeant, *tenor* Stephen Schwartz

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft, refreshing rain.

<u>Refrain</u>:

All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above. Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

We thank thee, then O Father, for all things bright and good, the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food, no gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts, but that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts. (*refrain*)

PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to present your Giving Card. If you are unable to come forward, please inform an usher, who will present the Giving Card on your behalf.

MUSIC FOR PROCESSING

Miss Jarvis's Reel from *Twenty-four fashionable country dances* (printed in 1799 by W. Norman of No. 75 Newbury Street, Boston)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 538	Standing at the Future's Threshold	LUX EOI
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*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

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Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary. Led by docent Stephanie LaShoto.

The flowers today are given in memory of my friend Dr. Jean M. Jackson, by Kay Davis.

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Welcome! We are a progressive Christian church first gathered in 1669. The Church played a significant role in early American history. We continue to outfit ourselves for mission and ministry in the 21st century as a thriving urban church in the heart of Boston. Join us following worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Gordon Chapel.

Need to stretch your legs during worship? The Chapel has full audio of the service.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don't see a tag with your name on it, let us know. For LARGE print bulletins or hearing assistance devices ask an Usher.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

Old South has installed a **Hearing Loop** in the Sanctuary, the latest technology in hearing assisted devices.

- 1. If you have a hearing aid: the loop works directly for those whose hearing aids have a "T-Coil."
- 2. If you are hard of hearing but don't use an aid: ask for one the devices that is aired with the loop.

The sound is best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does not work in the upper galleries.

GARAGE PARKING VALIDATIONS

We have arrangements for discounted parking with two nearby garages for Old South Church worship or church business (excluding weddings and concerts):

1. Park at the **Garage@100 Clarendon** (behind Back Bay Station), have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and **you** pay the discounted rate of \$7 for up to 3 hours. Old South bears no cost.

2. Park at the **Prudential Garage** for up to 5 hours on Saturday or Sunday, have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and the Prudential Garage will bill **Old South** (costing us \$15k - \$20k per year).

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 27	9:00 AM	FIRST Worship—Consecration Sunday
	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 Am	Community Hour, Civil Discourse
	10:00 Am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Church School
	11:00 AM	FESTIVAL Worship— <i>Consecration Sunday</i>
	11:15 AM	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 рм	Consecration Lunch
	12:30 рм	O.W.L. Program
Monday, January 28	4:30 pm	Leadership Committee
	6:00 pm	Theological Book Group
	7:30 pm	Spiritual Classics
Tuesday, January 29	6:00 рм	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 30) 1 2 ·00 pm	Men's Lunch Hour
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	6:30 PM	Young Adult Small Group
Thursday, January 31	12:00 рм	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, Nancy S. Taylor preaching
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	"Through the Bible" Study
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group
	8:00 pm	Women's Christianity and Civic Life Small Group
Friday, February 1	12:30 рм	Planned Giving Committee

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- FIRST Worship, Nancy S. Taylor preaching 9:00 AM Children's Choir 9:00 AM Old South Café in Gordon Chapel 9:45 AM Community Hour, Old South @ the Oscars 10:00 AM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Lectionary Bible Study 10:00 AM Church School 10:00 AM 11:00 AM FESTIVAL Worship, Nancy S. Taylor preaching Children's Music 11:15 AM 12:15 РМ Fellowship Hour 350th Faith in Action Task Force 12:30 рм 12:30 рм Climate Change Task Force
- 12:30 PM O.W.L. Program



On *May 12, 1669*

the founders of Old South Church first gathered. Their descendants intend to mark the occasion as follows

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

11:00am

Anniversary Worship Service

Featuring music composed especially for the occasion, as well as the presentation of the Open Door Award.

12:30pm

A Ceremony

Heraldic trumpets, dignitaries, an interfaith blessing.

1:00pm

350th Birthday Party

Cake & ice cream, antique press, samurai hats, balloon twisters, reenactors, and dance music.

2:30pm

Finale

Benediction followed by the pealing of the Tower Bell.

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, AND STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister

John M. Edgerton, Associate Minister & Katherine Schofield, Interim Associate Minister James W. Crawford, Senior Minister Emeritus Mitchell Crawford, Minister of Music

Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children & Family Ministries

Donald A. Wells, Theologian in Residence * June R. Cooper, Theologian in the City

Calvin Genzel, Wedding Outreach Minister � Ken Orth, Healing Worship Minister

Martha Schick, Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader & Betsy Wooster, Seminarian Carolyn Davis, Director, Old South Preschool

George Sargeant, Associate Organist & Choirmaster

Tim Harbold, Director, Gospel Choir * Willie Sordillo, Director, Jazz Worship Music

Peter Coulombe, Director, Old South Ringers * Amy Budka, Children's Music Leader

Deb Washington, *Moderator* ◆ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ◆ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer* Randy Billings, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ◆ Evan Shu, *Historian* Stephanie LaShoto & Ralph Watson, *Senior Deacons* ◆ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

Helen McCrady, Senior Church Administrator ♦ Jamie Garuti, Communications Administrator Linda Van Praet, Accounting & Human Resources ♦ David Albaugh, Building Manager Allison Albaugh, Wedding Coordinator ♦ Emily Ross, Archivist Rebeccca Bowler, Administrative Assistants

Elias Perez, Senior Sexton To Ozo Nwodo, Oppong Serebour, & David Brode, Sextons Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes, Receptionists

A NOTE ON THE INCLUSIVE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S GRACE

Old South Church in Boston, in the name of its host, Jesus Christ, and in the spirit of Christ's invitation carved into the stone of this church's portico, "Behold I Set Before You an Open Door," welcomes all who seek to know God.

Following the One who we believe is Sovereign and Savior, we affirm that each individual is a child of God, and recognize that we are called to be like one body with many members, seeking with others of every race, ethnicity, creed, class, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to journey together toward the promised realm of God.

We invite everyone to join in the common life and mission of our reconciling community through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the worship, rites and sacraments of this church.

As we all move forward with the work of this church, we commit ourselves to making justice and inclusivity a reality in this congregation and in the world. On the threshold of Christ's open door, we rely upon the healing, unconditional nature of God's love and grace to be our help and guide.



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