



## Old South Church

*Copley Square, Boston*

*A Congregation of the  
United Church of Christ*

*Gathered 1669*

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

10:00 a.m.

*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

THE OLD SOUTH BRASS

presenting a newly-created, remotely produced, virtual pre-service concert,  
featuring music of Handel, Gabrieli, Maurer, and Pezel

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Families of Old South Church

HYMN

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

EASTER HYMN

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Mortal tongues and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing glad heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!  
Where, o death, is now your sting, Alleluia!  
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!  
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross the grave the skies, Alleluia!**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Nancy S. Taylor

AMEN!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shawn M. Fiedler

AMEN!

## ATTEND

THE EASTER GOSPEL

John 2:1-18

James W. Crawford

THE EASTER REFLECTION

Nancy S. Taylor

HYMN

**Halle, Hallelujah**

HALLE HALLE

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**I'm the Bread of Life: feed on me!**

**I'm the One True Vine: grow in me!**

**I'm the Bread of Life: feed on me!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**I'm the Resurrection: live in me!**

**Way and Truth and Life: follow me!**

**I'm the Resurrection: live in me!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

THE EASTER PRAYER

Katherine A. Schofield

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton

## RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Amo Ngoepe

OFFERTORY

Alleluias, Intercessions and Remembrances

Julian Wachner

Alleluia!

O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil,  
joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.

O generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts.

Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

**The Strife is O'er**

VICTORY

*Refrain:*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!**

**The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions has dispersed:  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!**

**The three sad days are quickly sped,  
Christ rises glorious from the dead:  
All glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!**

**Christ, by your wounds on Calvary  
from death's dread sting your servants free,  
That we may live eternally.  
Alleluia! (*refrain*)**

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON  
MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF**

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister* ❖ James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus*  
Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister* ❖ Shawn M. Fiedler, *Acting Associate Minister*  
Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*  
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*  
Amo Ngoepe, *Pastoral Resident*

David Story, *Executive Assistant to the Senior Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*  
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader*

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*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*  
Randy Billings, *Chair, Board of Trustees*  
Reuben Bonilla-Santiago & Susan Navia, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*  
Jamie Garuti, *Communications Administrator* ❖ Rebecca Pasipanodya, *Assistant Church Administrator*  
Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources* ❖ David Albaugh, *Street Outreach Worker*  
Allison Albaugh, *Wedding Coordinator* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*  
Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*  
Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*  
Shirley Bivins, Rubia Reyes, George Sargeant, & Vernon Walker, *Evening & Weekend 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.

