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All Church Worship — Old South Church in Boston

July 12th, 2020 **4** 10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

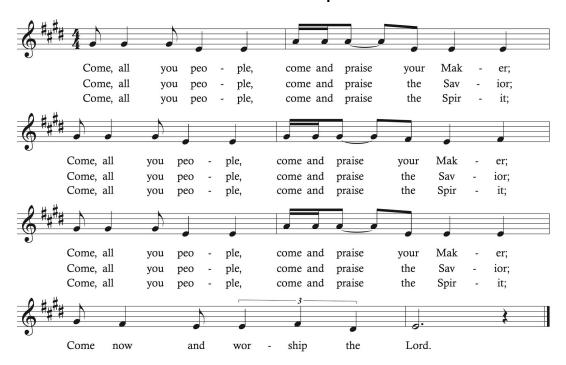
Warning! To enter into the life of this people of God is to encounter God's soul-challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love. Will you join us? Do you dare?

GATHER

PRELUDE Be Now My Vision Don Hustad & Tedd Smith, arr.

WELCOME http://tinyurl.com/oscconnect Nancy S. Taylor

Welcome to worship! Introduce yourself and connect with us by signing our Virtual Fellowship Pad.



INVOCATION unison

Prayer by Maya Angelou

Father, Mother God,
Thank you for your presence
during the hard and mean days.
For then we have you to lean upon.

Thank you for your presence during the bright and sunny days, for then we can share that which we have with those who have less.

And thank you for your presence during the Holy Days, for then we are able to celebrate you and our families and our friends. For those who have no voice,
we ask you to speak.
For those who feel unworthy,
we ask you to pour your love out
in waterfalls of tenderness.
For those who live in pain,
we ask you to bathe them
in the river of your healing.
For those who are lonely, we ask
you to keep them company.
For those who are depressed
we ask you to shower upon them
the light of hope.

Dear Creator, You, the borderless sea of substance, we ask you to give all the world that which we need most -- Peace.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Amo Ngoepe

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

John Heyden McClick

Son of Amy Elizabeth Click and John Miguel McCauley.

Godparent is Samuel Ike

Performing the baptism is Heyden's maternal grandmother, Old South member, the Reverend Emily Click.

PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION

Nancy S. Taylor

LITANY OF BAPTISM

One: We are gathered to present John Heyden to the Church and to dedicate him to God. What can we

affirm about him?

Many: He is a child of God, made in God's image.

One: As John Heyden grows and matures, how will he know he is a child of God and how will he learn of the

Christian story?

Many: We will tell him about Abraham and Sarah, the parents of our faith; about Moses and Miriam who led our ancestors out of bondage; about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery; about the Savior.

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Jesus.

One: In turn, what will we expect of Heyden?

Many: We look forward to sitting with him at the Lord's Table, sharing with him the costs and joys of

discipleship, learning and growing with him in the Christian pilgrimage, and declaring with one

voice our faith in God and God's son, Jesus.

One: Do you, Amy and Mickey, parents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations

by growing with Heyden in the Christian faith, helping him to become a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, and by offering him the nurture and support of the Christian church? And do you, Sam, Godfather, agree to guide Heyden into becoming an engaged and complete human being, teaching him about personal sacrifice for a greater good, about grace and reconciliation at times of

human weakness, and the power of unconditional love for all people?

Parents/Godparent: We happily and genuinely accept this serious duty.

One: Old South Church, do you pledge to maintain a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for

Hevden?

Many: We do, for he belongs to us as well.

One: Then, may God be with us.

Many: God help us. Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSING Emily Click, Grandmother

BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Jonathan Aleshire, Deacon

We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's Church. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Emily Click, Assistant Dean for Ministry Studies Harvard Divinity School

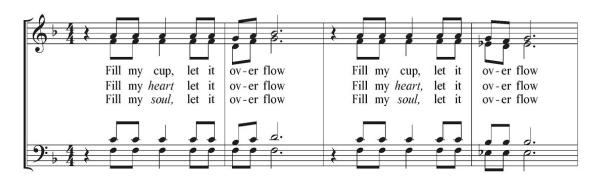
REFLECTION Sowing Seeds in Hope

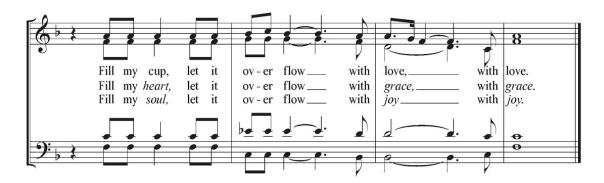
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SUNG RESPONSE

Fill My CupRecorded May 5th, 2019

Amanda Powell





PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Shawn M. Fiedler

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.

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING tinyurl.com/osc-online-giving Shawn M. Fiedler

OFFERTORY His Eye Is on the Sparrow Cindy Berry, arr.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Amo Nogepe

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth



BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Katherine A. Schofield

POSTLUDE Alleluyas Simon Preston



In lieu of flowers gifts have been made to the Allston Brighton Food Pantry in celebration of Elizabeth Pitcher's 83rd birthday.



INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

Check out the church website at www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of virtual events, and the general website www.oldsouth.org for more on the history and other information about this storied ship of faith!

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A Note on Today's Postlude from George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster:

Simon Preston is a British organist, composer, and conductor who has held a number of high-profile church positions, including two stints on the staff of Westminster Abbey in London. After relinquishing his position at the Abbey for the second time, he took up a career as an international recitalist and recording artist. *Alleluyas* was written while he was still in his twenties. It is a tone poem inspired by the last verse of the hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*, which has its origin in the Liturgy of St. James used in Orthodox churches. Two themes are heard, one melodic and chant-like, the other jazzy and angular and accompanied by chords showing the influence of blues. Echoes of Olivier Messiaen can also be heard in the improvisatory flourishes at the beginning and the end.

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF

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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
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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.

