

OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

May 20, 2017
Pentecost
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

Chorale Variations on Veni Creator

Maurice Duruflé

Veni Creator Spiritus

Plainsong, Mode 8

*Come, Creator Spirit, rest within our souls.
Come with thy grace and heavenly aid and fill our hearts.*

*Thou who art called the Paraclete, best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire, sweet unction and true love.*

*O finger of the Divine Hand, impart the sevenfold gifts of grace.
True Promise of the Eternal, endow our tongues with speech.*

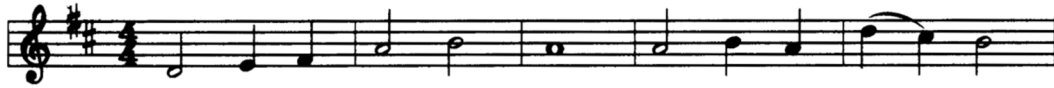
*Praise to the Creator, Christ and Paraclete – the Trinity
Who reign for evermore. Amen.*

–Rabanus Maurus (c. 780-856)

*HYMN

Come Now, O Love Divine

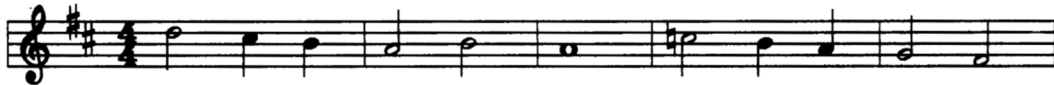
Down Ampney



1. Come now, O Love di - vine, Seek out this soul of
2. O let it free - ly burn, 'Til earth - ly pas - sions
3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty My out - ward ves - ture
4. And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the heart will



mine, and vi - sit it with Your own ar - dor glow - ing.
turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
be, And low - li - ness my in - ner heart's a - dorn - ing
long, Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ling.



O Com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap -
And let Your glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler
For none can guess God's grace, 'Til Christ cre - ates a



pear, and kin - dle it, Your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
sight, And clothe me round the while my path il - lum - ing.
part, And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps in mourn - ing.
place Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes Her dwell - ing.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (by Malcolm Guite)

John M. Edgerton

One: Today we feel the wind beneath our wings.
Many: Today the hidden fountain flows and plays.
One: Today the church draws breath at last and sings.
Many: As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.
One: This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Many: Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
One: The earth herself awakens to her maker
Many: And is translated out of death to birth.

* Indicates all who are able may stand

One: The right words come today in their right order,
Many: **And every word spells freedom and release.**
One: Today the gospel crosses every border.
Many: **All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.**
One: Today the lost are found in His translation,
Many: **Whose mother-tongue is love, in every nation.**

*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 Come, Holy Ghost Leo Sowerby

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far from foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Creator, Son, and thee, of both, to be but One,
That through the ages all along, this may be our endless song.
Praise to thy eternal merit, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

—Anon. 9th-c. Latin, tr. John Cosin, 1627

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Acts 1 & 2 Selected Verses Donald A. Wells

*HYMN 270 Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song *Bridegroom*

(Children may leave for choir and childcare.)

SERMON

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 293

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

John M. Edgerton

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

Many: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

One: Let us pray. (You may be seated.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYER

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM Cum Sancto Spiritu from *Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

*Together with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Creator. Amen.*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Anthony T. Livolsi

OFFERTORY

Canticle

Arnold Sherman

Old South Ringers—Peter Coulombe, director

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 267 Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us *Ebenezer
(Ton-Y-Botel)*

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BLESSING John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE Shalom arr. Eileen Laurence
Old South Ringers—Peter Coulombe, director

Peace I leave with you my friends.



Today's banner bearers are Phil Stern

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

Senior Minister Nancy S. Taylor is participating this morning in the commencement exercises of the New England College of Optometry.

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

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

The flowers today are given in loving memory of my parents June and Ralph Watson and my brother Stephen by Ralph Watson.

If you need to stretch your legs during worship the Gordon Chapel has full audio of the Sanctuary service throughout.

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 paired with the loop.

Note: The sound will be 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, May 20	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	9:00 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Community Hour, <i>The Church and Sex</i>
	10:00 am	Church School and Childcare
	10:00 am	Festival Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	350th Tell the Story Task Force
	3:00 pm	350th Anniversary Committee Meeting
	Monday, May 21	6:00 pm
7:30 pm		Spiritual Classics
Tuesday, May 22	6:00 pm	Handbells
	6:00 pm	Congregational Care and Support
	7:00 pm	Deacons
Wednesday, May 23	12:00 pm	Men's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group, <i>'The Meaning of Jesus'</i>
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group, <i>'Strengthening Our Marriages'</i>
Thursday, May 24	12:00 pm	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	5:00 pm	Operations
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>Anthony T. Livolsi preaching</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group, <i>'Mere Christianity'</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Women's Small Group, <i>'Learning to Walk in the Dark'</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>'Through the Bible' Study, The Book of Ruth</i>

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

Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister
John M. Edgerton, Associate Minister ❖ Anthony T. Livolsi, Associate Minister
James W. Crawford, Senior Minister Emeritus
Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children and 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
Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, Youth Leader ❖ Rebecca Bowler, Seminarian Intern
Carolyn Davis, Director, Old South Preschool ❖ Emma Brewer-Wallin, Ministry Intern
George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster
Willie Sordillo, Director, Jazz Worship Music
Peter Coulombe, Director, Old South Ringers ❖ Amy Budka, Children's Music Leader
Tim Harbold, Director, Gospel & Festival Choirs
Deb Washington, Moderator ❖ Rob Gabler, Clerk ❖ Bill Bulkeley, Treasurer
Randy Billings, Chair, Board of Trustees ❖ Emily Click, Historian
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Helen McCrady, Sr Church Administrator ❖ Jamie Garuti, Communications Administrator
Linda Van Praet, Accounting & Human Resources ❖ David Albaugh, Building Manager
Allison Albaugh, Wedding Coordinator ❖ Lena Rojas, Administrative Assistant
Emily Ross, Archivist
Elias Perez, Senior Sexton ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Oppong Serebour, and David Brode Sextons
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes and Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, Receptionists

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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.

MINISTER OF MUSIC TRANSITIONS

TIM HARBOLD

Our extraordinary Interim Choir Director Tim Harbold will turn over the baton following Festival Worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. We will celebrate Tim and thank him for his amazing leadership as a musician, administrator, budget watcher, colleague, choral conductor, music chooser, worship leader, overseer of the Choral Fellows, and more. Thank you, Tim, and bless you for the gift that you are to our life together.

MITCHELL CRAWFORD

Our new Minister of Music, Mitchell Crawford, has arrived in Boston and is currently settling in. Mitchell begins officially on Monday, May 21st - if you see him around, please give him a warm welcome!

FAITH INTO ACTION

AIDS WALK BOSTON

On June 3rd, Old South Church will participate in **AIDS Walk Boston & 5k Run** continuing our long tradition as the Walk's longest standing church team. This year, we ask YOU to join us in whatever way you can, whether it's walking, running, fundraising, or holding us in your prayers. To join the team or donate, please visit www.tinyurl.com/OSCaidswalk.

PRAYER VIGIL AT ICE DETENTION CENTER

Sunday, June 3, 2pm at 20 Bradston St., Boston

Join us as we come together as a visible symbol to our siblings in detention to show them that they are not forgotten. For more information please contact Alliea Group - aegroupp@aol.com, (617) 435-4220 or Carrie Swayne-Gerrish - carrie@oldsouth.org, (617) 785-8522.

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAYS *at 10:00 am between First and Festival Worship*

COMMUNITY HOUR

The Church and Sex, May 20, and 27 at 10am

We know what we don't believe, but what values, wisdom and theological commitments do progressive Christians have to draw upon in our thinking about intimacy? How do we live morally as sexual beings?

This three-week series, led by Rev. Anthony Livolsi, and jointly sponsored by the Christian Service and Outreach and the Christian Formation Committees, hopes to stimulate holy, searching conversation on questions that matter to us all, single and partnered alike – questions society poses and with which the Church must engage.

CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD BOOK GROUP

Sundays at 12:30, May 27 - June 17

Join in the conversation about our faith response to climate change while reading Jim Antal's new book. Margaret Bush will facilitate. Contact Emma Brewer-Wallin (ebrewerw@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Engage the preached scripture text for the week in depth and enjoy lively discussion facilitated by our Boston University School of Theology Seminarian Rebecca Bowler.

WEEKDAYS

'FUN-AND-NOT-SCARY, AT-A-SNAIL'S-PACE READ THROUGH OF THE WHOLE BIBLE' STUDY: *Thursdays at 7pm*. Journey through the Book of Ruth with us. Reading the Bible chapter by chapter, book by book opens us up to new allusions, parallels, and rich insights. To join in, email Rev. Anthony Livolsi at anthony@oldsouth.org.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CELEBRATION POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday, June 3 at 10am

Join us as we celebrate the end of another program year with food, fellowship, and song! We will be celebrating someone in particular this year as well - watch for more details to emerge.

CRADLES TO CRAYONS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saturday June 16th, 10am – 12pm

Join church school families in a service project at Cradles to Crayons' warehouse in Brighton as we help to sort donations of school supplies, toys, and other materials. We're also looking for an adult to help run this event. Contact Kate at children@oldsouth.org to register/volunteer. Anyone is welcome to join in!

PRIDE MORNING WORSHIP & PARADE

Saturday, June 9 at 11am

Pride Morning Worship is a high-energy, joyous annual service celebrating the LGBTQ community. This year we will honor Freedom For All Massachusetts, the bipartisan coalition committed to defending the Bay State's existing transgender-inclusive nondiscrimination law at the ballot this November.

Following worship, Old South Church will join the Boston Pride Parade and proclaim the love God has for all. If you plan to join us, email anthony@oldsouth.org. After worship and before we march, we will gather in the Gordon Chapel to enjoy lunch together (and air conditioning!). When the parade passes by we will run out to join the group. No more standing around, waiting for an hour, and wilting before we march!

COMMUNITY LIFE

OLD SOUTH OUTDOORS

This summer Old South has planned a series of group hikes and excursions. We'll deepen our experiences of community and discover God in the beauty and majesty of the natural world. Immediately following First Worship, at 10am, we will depart, carpooling from the church. Send questions and RSVPs to organizer Anne Dickinson Meltz of the Membership Committee at annedickinsonmeltz@gmail.com.

Summer Schedule:

Middlesex Fells Reservation - June 10

Mount Monadnock - June 24

Blue Hills Reservation - July 15

Hammond Park Reservation - August 5

Church of the Woods - August 26 (for their afternoon service!)

MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Tuesday of every month, 11am, at Old South

Are you providing care for others and find the emotional burden to be sometimes overwhelming? Old South's monthly Caregiver Support Group, led by social worker and Old South member Rich Hassinger, is a structured space in which you can reflect, process, and be encouraged in your ministry of compassion. For more information, contact anthony@oldsouth.org.

COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

Sunday, July 1 at 12:30pm

The Robert & Coley Elder Memorial Columbarium will be dedicated after Festival Worship.

NOTICES 1) Worship services and events at Old South Church are sometimes photographed and videotaped to document the vibrant life of our church. If you do not wish to be included in these recordings, please notify an usher. 2) Please do not leave bags unattended in the building, including in the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

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