



May 27, 2017  
**Trinity  
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 Nicaea Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP John M. Edgerton

One: Worthy of praise from every mouth,  
**Many: Worthy of confession from every tongue,**  
One: Worthy of worship from every creature,  
**Many: Is your great name – holy, holy, holy God.**  
One: Angels and archangels bend low,  
**Many: Ten-thousands upon ten-thousands bow down and adore,**  
One: Singing and praising and saying –  
**Many: Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!**  
One: Heaven and earth are full of your glory!  
**Many: Holy, holy, holy, God, who was and is and evermore shall be!**

\*HYMN 277 Holy, Holy, Holy NICAEA

*\* Indicates all who are able may stand*

\*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

Mothering God                      Larry J. Long (b. 1954)  
Heather Gallagher, soloist

*Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.*

*Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,  
Grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.*

*Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,  
So that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.*

**LISTEN**

SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

\*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, on earth. be found,  
2. Breathe, O breathe your lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;  
3. Come, al - mighty to de - liv - er, let us all your life re - ceive;  
4. Fin - ish, then, your new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum - ble dwell - ing, all your faith - ful mer - cies crown;  
Let us all in you in - her - it, let us find your prom - ised rest;  
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and ne - ver, ne - ver - more your tem - ples leave.  
Let us see your great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in you;



Je - sus, you\_ are all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed love\_ im - part.  
 Take a - way\_ our love of sin - ning; Al - pha and\_ O - me - ga be;  
 You we would be al - ways bles - sing, love you as\_ your an - gels love,  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take\_ our place,



Vis - it us\_ with your\_ sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 End\_ of faith, as its\_ be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 Pray\_ and praise for your\_ un - fail - ing, wound - ed arms out - stretched a - bove.  
 Crowned as saints, we ev - er shall\_ be lost in won - der, love, and praise.

(Children may leave for choir and childcare.)

SERMON

Anthony T. Livolsi

\*HYMN 4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

HYMN TO JOY

## RESPOND

\*CALL TO PRAYER

Donald A. Wells

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.**

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control: Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed.*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Donald A. Wells

ANTHEM

Te Deum in B Flat, Op 10 Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852–1924)

Erika Rajković, Ann Fogler, James Giessler, Matthew Wight, soloists

*We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.*

*To Thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens, and all the Pow'rs therein.  
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory.*

*The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;  
The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine honourable, true and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.*

*Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,  
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.*

*We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,  
Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage.  
Govern them, and lift them up forever.  
Day by day, we magnify Thee;  
And we worship Thy Name, ever world without end.*

*Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.  
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION		John M. Edgerton
*HYMN 276	Holy God, We Praise Your Name	GROßER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH
*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION		Anthony T. Livolsi
POSTLUDE	Voluntary on Engleberg	Calvin Hampton



***A note about today's music from Mitchell Crawford***

Trinity Sunday, always the first Sunday following Pentecost, is distinct from many other of the 'festival' days on the Christian calendar as the commemoration not of an event — like Christmas or Easter — but of a doctrine. Today's music is broadly reflective of Trinitarian theology, viewed through a variety of lenses. Larry Long's setting of *Mothering God* feels modern in its perspective, though the text was penned by 14th century anchoress Julian of Norwich (c.1342–c.1416). Mr. Long is Organist and Choirmaster of The Church of the Epiphany on Manhattan's Upper East Side. The *Te Deum* of Irish composer Sir Charles Villiers Stanford is distinctly Anglican, especially in its incorporation of the translation of the original Latin text found in the Book of Common Prayer. Stanford wrote this particular setting early in his career, revising it later for the Coronation Service for Edward VII in 1902. Stanford was a quite prolific composer, producing some 200 works throughout his life (of which some 40 or so are choral). In addition to the *Te Deum in B-flat*, he composed the hymn tune ENGELBERG, upon which the postlude is based. Both voluntaries are by the late Calvin Hampton, who died at the beginning of the AIDS crisis at the height of his career. They are offered today *in memoriam*, Harry Lyn Huff.

## 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.

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

The flowers today are given by Suzanne Bacon in loving memory of her Dad, Malcolm Blouse Bacon.

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

## CALENDAR

<b>Sunday, May 27</b>	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Anthony T. Livolsi 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>Anthony T. Livolsi preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	Climate Change Book Group
	Monday, May 28	
Tuesday, May 29	6:00 pm	Handbells
Wednesday, May 30	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 31	12:00 pm	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group\
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor 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'</i> Study, <i>The Book of Ruth</i>
Friday, June 1	Noon	Planned Giving
<b>Sunday, June 3</b>		Communion, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</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  
Mitchell Crawford, Minister of Music  
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  
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 ❖ Emily Click, Historian  
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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.

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## PRIDE 2018

*Saturday, June 9 at 11am*

### PRIDE MORNING WORSHIP

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.

### PARADE

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](mailto:anthony@oldsouth.org). After worship we'll gather in Gordon Chapel for lunch. When the parade passes by we will run out to join the group.

### T-SHIRTS

Don't forget to purchase a pride t-shirt, featuring a rainbowfied Old South Church, available at the Front Desk for \$20. This one-of-a-kind t-shirt will help unify Old South in the parade.

## 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](http://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 - [aegroup@aol.com](mailto:aegroup@aol.com), (617) 435-4220 or Carrie Swayne-Gerrish - [carrie@oldsouth.org](mailto:carrie@oldsouth.org), (617) 785-8522.

# ADULT EDUCATION

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

## COMMUNITY HOUR

**The Church and Sex**, *Sunday, May 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 Community Hour 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 through May 31st*. 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](mailto:anthony@oldsouth.org).

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## SUMMER HOSPITALITY HOST SIGN UP

It's time to sign up to participate in Old South's warm, inclusive, open door welcome for the summer. Whether you'd like to usher, welcome, or bring and serve food, we need your help! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/SUMMER2018Hosp> to sign up - the deadline is June 10th.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:anthony@oldsouth.org).

## COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

*Sunday, July 1 at 12:30pm*

The Robert & Coley Elder Memorial Columbarium will be dedicated after Festival Worship on July 1st.

# CHILDREN & FAMILIES

## CELEBRATION POTLUCK BRUNCH & MARKETPLACE

*Sunday, June 3 at 10am*

Join us as we celebrate the end of another program year with food, fellowship, and song! We're celebrating someone in particular this year, and will have a "marketplace" where you can learn about volunteer opportunities with various organizations, including Smart from the Start, City Mission, and Common Cathedral. It's a great opportunity to spread the word about what these organizations do for the community.

## 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](mailto:children@oldsouth.org) to register/volunteer. Anyone is welcome to join in!

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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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