



epiphany
Stewardship:
An Epiphany

January 13, 2019
The Sunday after
EPIPHANY

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 *Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie*, Op. 13 Maurice Duruflé

*OPENING WORDS Nancy S. Taylor

One: They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.

All: They shall mount up with wings as eagles.

One: They will run and not be weary.

All: They shall walk and not faint.

One: Blessed be the name of God

All: From this time on and forever more.

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting

All: the name of God is to be praised.

One: It is good to give God thanks:

All: To sing praises to your name, O Most High!

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

*HYMN 556 **God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens** HOLY MANNA

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *Unison.*

O God, all powerful, true and incomparable, present in all things, yet limited by none, untouched by place, unaged by time, unhurried by the years, undecieved by words, not subject to birth, nor in need of protection: you are above all corruption, you are beyond all change, you are by nature immutable, living in light that none can approach, invisible, yet you make yourself known to us, and you are found by all who seek you with their whole heart; you are the God of Israel, and of all who hope in Christ.

—*The Joint Liturgical Group*

*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

John M. Edgerton

ANTHEM

The Shepherd's Farewell
from L'ENFANCE DU CHRIST, Op. 25

Hector Berlioz

Thou must leave Thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare.
Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share.
Loving father, Loving mother, shelter Thee with tender care!

Blessed Jesus, we implore Thee with humble love and holy fear.
In the land that lies before Thee, forget not us who linger here!
May the shepherd's lowly calling, ever to Thy heart be dear!

Blest are you beyond all measure, O happy father, mother mild!
Guard you well your heavenly treasure, the Prince of Peace, The Holy Child!
God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 16-20

Roslyn Ford

Roslyn is a 4 year member of Old South and a founding member of (G)race Speaks.

*HYMN 173 **You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore** PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
(*Verses 1 and 2 only — English*)

STORY TELLER

Donald A. Wells

Today's story teller, Don Wells, is a 27-year member of Old South Church. An ordained minister in the UCC, Don has served churches and, most recently, was the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Bible Society. In "retirement" he serves as our Theologian in Residence, teaches our Monday evening Theological Book Group, leads our annual Advent Poetry Festival and is otherwise and in all ways, a wise and helpful presence.

*HYMN 173 **You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore** PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
(*Verses 3 and 4 only — English*)

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Nancy S. Taylor

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

Star in the East

Southern Harmony (1835)

Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Good King Wenceslas

Leo Sowerby, *arr.*

Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the Feast of Stephen;
When the snow lay round about, deep, and crisp, and even:
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.

*“Hither, page, and stand by me; if thou know’st it, telling—
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?”*

“Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes’ fountain.”

*“Bring me flesh, and bring me wine! Bring me pine logs hither!
Thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither.”*

Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together,
Through the rude wind’s wild lament, and the bitter weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer.”

*“Mark my footsteps, my good page; tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage freeze thy blood less coldly.”*

In his master’s steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christians all, be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John M. Edgerton

GO FORTH

*HYMN 171

Jesus Calls Us

ST. ANDREW

*BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

Sortie, Op. 46, No. 2

Alexandre Guilmant

Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.

The flowers today are given by **Jim O'Donnell**,
In remembrance of **Anne Flaherty O'Donnell** and clan.

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 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, January 13	9:00 AM	FIRST Worship
	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 AM	HEALING Worship
	10:00 AM	Community Hour, <i>Civil Discourse</i>
	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Church School
	11:00 AM	FESTIVAL Worship
	11:15 AM	Children's Music
	12:15 PM	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Gospel Choir Rehearsal
	12:30 PM	OSC Finances: Ins and Outs
	12:30 PM	350th Anniversary Committee
	12:30 PM	Queer Brunch at City Table
1:30 PM	O.W. L. Class	
Monday, January 14	6:00 PM	Theological Book Group
	7:30 PM	Spiritual Classics
Tuesday, January 15	5:30 PM	Trustees Meeting
	6:00 PM	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Christian Formation Committee
Wednesday, January 16	12:00 PM	Men's Lunch Hour
	6:15 PM	Young Adult Book Group
	6:30 PM	Young Adult Small Group
	7:00 PM	Music Committee
Thursday, January 17	12:00 PM	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group

5:00 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 PM JAZZ Worship
 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

Sunday, January 20

9:00 AM FIRST Worship
 9:00 AM Children’s Choir
 9:45 AM Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
 10:00 AM Coffee with Clergy
 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, *MLK Sunday*
 11:15 AM Children’s Music
 12:15 PM Fellowship Hour
 12:30 PM 350th Faith in Action

Monday, January 21

Church closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
 If you would like to participate in the MLK Mobile Soup Kitchen,
 an RSVP to Ralph at ralphwatson258@gmail.com is required.

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, *Sr Church Administrator* ❖ Jamie Garuti, *Communications Administrator*
Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources* ❖ David Albaugh, *Building Manager*
Allison Albaugh, *Wedding Coordinator* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*
Rebecca Bowler, *Administrative Assistants*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Oppong Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes, & Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, *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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JANUARY + EPIPHANY = STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Our annual Stewardship campaign to fuel 2019 ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty has begun! We join the Three Kings in presenting our gifts to Jesus in the season of Epiphany. **Giving Envelopes for 2019 are now available at the Front Desk.** If you have used envelopes in the past there should be a box with your name on it. If you have not used envelopes before and would like to, ask for one or email helen@oldsouth.org.

OLD SOUTH FINANCES: INS & OUTS

Sunday, January 13th at 12:30 p.m. in Mary Norton Hall

Where does the money come from? Where does it go? Stewardship Committee reveals it all. Come with your questions and curiosity.

CHORUS PRO MUSICA AT CONSECRATION LUNCH

Sunday, January 27th at 12:30 p.m. in Mary Norton Hall

Please RSVP by Jan. 20th at www.tinyurl.com/RSVP-Consecration-Lunch

During Epiphany, Old South members are sharing their stories during worship about why they support Old South. On Consecration Thursday and Sunday, we'll make our financial commitments for mission and ministry in 2019. Following Festival Worship on January 27th we will celebrate with an All Church Lunch in Mary Norton Hall. Enjoy a fine meal cooked by Old South member Ralph Watson. Chorus Pro Musica, one of the great choruses in New England, will give a program about their music, mission and history. CPM has called Old South home since its founding in 1949.

GOT A WILL? EVERYONE SHOULD.

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to finally make or update your will (or other estate planning document)? If so, consider including a bequest to Old South to continue supporting our ministries and good works in the world, beyond your lifetime. Alternately or in addition, consider listing Old South as a beneficiary on your IRA, other retirement account (401(k), 403(b), etc.), or life insurance policy. Questions? Contact a member of your Planned Giving Committee: Rick Kraft, Debra Bulkeley, Bettina Blake, Ruth Edens, and Larry Mynatt.

COMMUNITY LIFE

COMMUNITY HOUR SERIES ON CIVIL DISCOURSE

Sundays, January 13th, 20th & 27th at 10 a.m. in Mary Norton Hall

Join us in a discussion series covering the tenets for civil discourse, values-based conversations, the messiness of policymaking, and the importance of maintaining a sacred space for debate.

Grounding conversations in our shared faith, we will learn strategies and techniques for engaging in the hard topics respectfully and lovingly - looking to understand our neighbors, even when we disagree. We'll explore how our denomination, our congregation, and each of us as individuals can be inspired by our faith to publicly engage on important issues.

QUEER BRUNCH

Sunday, January 13th, 12:30-2 p.m. at City Table

Calling LGBTQIA+ Old Southerners: come brunch with us! Please meet at the back of the Sanctuary after Festival Worship. We'll head over to City Table (less than a block away) to enjoy good food and fellowship. We'll have childcare available at church and extra funds if money is a barrier. Please RSVP -- yeses only! -- to martha@oldsouth.org.

YOUNG ADULT TRIVIA

Tuesday, January 22nd, 6 p.m. at the Friendly Toast

We'll test our wits in teams of up to six people and enjoy delicious food and beverages at the Friendly Toast on Stanhope Street. Please arrive at 6 p.m. so we can be seated together. Try to bring cash. RSVP to martha@oldsouth.org -- trivia and/or church newbies welcome!

MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 11am

Are you providing care for others -- for parents, partners, children, neighbors, friends? 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.

HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BROADCASTING MLK'S SPEECHES AT OLD SOUTH

Tuesday, January 15th, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Sanctuary and outside Portico

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 90th birthday, we are taking his voice to the streets. On Tuesday, we will broadcast "I Have a Dream", "Our God is Marching On!", "The Other America," and King's final speech of 1968 for passersby to hear, as well as inside the Sanctuary. Large images of Dr. King will pose the question, "How can you take up the cause?" Come by to listen and reflect for a while.

SABBATH OF JUSTICE WITH AYANNA PRESSLEY

Friday, January 18th at 6 p.m. at Temple Israel

Each year Temple Israel devotes the Sabbath before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to celebrate the values and life of Dr. King. This special Shabbat evening is called "Shabbat Tzedek," a Sabbath of Justice. This year, Representative Ayanna Pressley will be the Shabbat Tzedek speaker. Pressley is an advocate, policy-maker, activist, and survivor. We anticipate a full house, so **please plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m.** If you would like to travel with other Old Southerners, please meet at Old South at 5:00 p.m., we will take the green line. RSVP to John@oldsouth.org.

MLK DAY MOBILE SOUP KITCHEN

Monday, January 21st at 10 a.m. at Old South

Martin Luther King Day is a day for giving back to the community and a day of service. Help us prepare a warm home cooked meal, pack it up and take to the streets to share it with our friends and neighbors who call the streets of Copley Square their home. Please let me know if you can help out by sending me an email at ralphwatson258@gmail.com.

GOSPEL CHOIR AT MLK BREAKFAST

Monday, January 21st at 8:15 am at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

We couldn't be prouder of the Old South Gospel Choir, who is performing for the second year in a row at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast in Boston. The breakfast is the nation's longest-running and Boston's premier event dedicated to honoring the legacy of Dr. King. Tickets are available at www.bostonmlkbreakfast.org/.

PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Saturday, January 19th at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, 138 Tremont St., Boston

The call to unity and the call to work for justice are both central to our mission as followers of Christ. This year, these two callings fold together in one place, at a service honoring the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in partnership with the Paulist Center and Church of the Covenant. All are welcome! For more information, email Rev. Don Wells at granwell@comcast.net.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The Sunday Flower Calendar for 2019 is up in the first floor elevator lobby, and **we're looking for someone to sign up for March 24th**. Donating Sunday flowers is a beautiful way to remember loved ones and special events. The cost is \$50. Put your name by the date you want and send the message you wish to appear in the bulletin to helen@oldsouth.org.

OLD SOUTH ENCYCLOPEDIA

To celebrate our upcoming 350th anniversary, we're writing our very own encyclopedia, titled "Concise Encyclopedia: Theological, Historical & Whimsical of Old South Church in Boston". We need volunteers to do research and write entries!

So far 244 topics have been claimed, and 180 essays submitted. Sign up for a topic before they're all taken! To participate, visit www.oldsouth.org/encyclopedia. If you do not have access to the internet, you can still participate — simply pick up the submission form and instructions at the Front Desk. Questions? Email rebecca@oldsouth.org.

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
