



*Old South Gardens 2019*

## **All-Church Worship — Old South Church *in Boston***

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

### **Twelfth 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

Toccata and Fugue in F, BuxWV 157

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

[oldsouth.org/Sundays](https://oldsouth.org/Sundays)

Reamoetje S. Ngoepe

*Welcome to worship!*

*Go to the above site to find our Virtual Friendship Pad and all things Sunday!*

1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -  
 2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -  
 3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -  
 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -

a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -  
 rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from  
 cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -  
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - joi - ce— or - gan and  
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are  
 cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly  
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice— join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.  
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?  
 strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.  
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

\*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy S. Taylor

**ATTEND**

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 9:1-6

Deb Washington

REFLECTION

Lady Wisdom and Lady Folly

Shawn M. Fiedler

\* Indicates all who are able may stand

*Unison*

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Katherine A. Schofield

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator, 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

Aria

Gerald Near

# RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

[oldsouth.org/Sundays](http://oldsouth.org/Sundays)

Thomas A. Mitchell

*Go to the above site to donate online and find all things Sunday!*

OFFERTORY

Walk with me, Lord

Rosephanye Powell

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

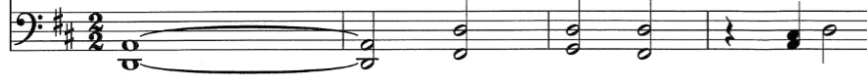
\*HYMN

## You Are Salt of the Earth, O People

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM



1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!  
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!  
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!  
4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!



Share the fla- vor of life, O peo- ple: life in the Cit-y of God!  
Shine so ho- ly and bright, O peo- ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!  
Seeds of mer- cy and seeds of jus- tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!  
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!



Bring forth the reign of mer- cy, bring forth the reign of peace;



Bring forth the reign of jus- tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!



\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Shawn M. Fiedler

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

Mark Hayes, arr.



In lieu of flowers gifts have been made to the  
Allston Brighton Food Pantry  
by Annamarie Shu  
in memory of  
Noah Bernard Evan Shu (8/18/1997),  
Melanie Hope Shu (8/18/1997 - 8/31/1997),  
and their father Evan H. Shu (3/4/1953 - 1/12/2020)  
who are in the loving arms of God.



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

Baroque composer Dietrich Buxtehude spent his most productive years at the Marienkirche in the North German city of Lübeck. In addition to serving as music director he organized a series of evening concerts that attracted musical attendees from far and wide, most notably the young G.F. Handel and J.S. Bach. The influence of Buxtehude on Bach's early organ works cannot be overstated. The *Tocatta and Fugue in F* dates from approximately 1690 and represents the apex of the North German style of writing for the organ. Free, improvisatory passages alternate with sections of strict counterpoint.



## **INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH**

Check out the church website at  
[www.oldsouth.org/Sundays](http://www.oldsouth.org/Sundays) for everything Sundays,  
[www.oldsouth.org/calendar](http://www.oldsouth.org/calendar) for a calendar of virtual events,  
and the general website [www.oldsouth.org](http://www.oldsouth.org)  
for more on the history and other information about this storied ship of faith!

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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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