



## Old South Church

*Copley Square, Boston*

*A Congregation of the  
United Church of Christ*

*Gathered 1669*

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Fifth Sunday**

**in Lent**

10:00 a.m.

*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

Sonata in D Minor, Op. 65, No. 6  
I. Chorale and Variations

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

Nancy S. Taylor

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Holy and Living God, we thank you for bringing us to this day.  
In our worship, show us who we are: channels of your love,  
and vessels of your mercy; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN

**Here I am, Lord**

HERE I AM

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*refrain*)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Katherine A. Schofield

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

AMEN!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shawn M. Fiedler

AMEN!

## ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

John 11. 1-45

Joe Carr

Joe Carr and his family have attended First Worship at Old South since this past summer, where Joe is now a regular with the First Singers. Both a musician and performer, Joe has been involved in community theatre for many years working both on the stage and behind the scenes. Since moving to Boston, he is now a board member and regular performer at the East Boston Playhouse. Fingers-crossed, you might see Joe portraying George Hay in Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo" this June.

SOLO

The Call from *Five Mystical Songs*  
Paul Soper, *baritone*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

A WORD

Nancy S. Taylor

HYMN

**I Want to Be Ready**

I WANT TO BE READY

Refrain:

**I want to be ready, I want to be ready,  
I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John.**

**Oh, John, oh, John, what do you say?  
(walk in Jerusalem just like John)  
That I'll be there at the coming day.  
(walk in Jerusalem just like John)  
(refrain)**

**When Mary asked Jesus to "come and see,"  
(walk in Jerusalem just like John)  
Her faith gave Lazarus victory,  
(walk in Jerusalem just like John)  
(refrain)**

# RESPOND

PASTORAL PRAYER

Katherine Schofield

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Amo Ngoepe

[tinyurl.com/osc-online-giving](http://tinyurl.com/osc-online-giving)

OFFERTORY

Any How  
Adriana Repetto, *soprano*

Evelyn La Rue Pittman, *arr.*

Any how, any how , my Lord,  
At the cross I take my vow,  
'Cause I'm on my way to heaven any how.  
I've a Savior in the kingdom,  
And I know He is waiting for me.  
At the cross I take my vow,  
'Cause I'm on my way to heaven any how.

HYMN

**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

ST. ANNE

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Still be our God while troubles last, and our eternal home!**

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

Sonata in D Minor, Op. 65, No. 6  
III. Finale -Andante

Mendelssohn

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

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister* ❖ James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus*  
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*  
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*  
Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers* ❖ Amy Budka, *Children's Music Leader*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*  
Randy Billings, *Chair, Board of Trustees*  
Reuben Bonilla-Santiago & Susan Navia, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ Jamie Garuti, *Communications Administrator*  
Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources* ❖ David Albaugh, *Building Manager*  
Rebecca Pasipanodya, *Assistant Church Administrator* ❖ Allison Albaugh, *Wedding Coordinator* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*  
Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*  
Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*  
Shirley Bivins, Rubia Reyes, George Sargeant, & Vernon Walker, *Evening & Weekend 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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