



All Church Worship — Old South Church *in Boston*

May 3rd, 2020 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Mors et Resurrectio

Jean Langlais

WELCOME

<http://tinyurl.com/osconnect>

Amo Ngoepe

Welcome to worship! Introduce yourself and connect with us by signing our Virtual Fellowship Pad!

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation
(recorded March 3rd, 2019)

AURELIA

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are Christ's new creation, by water and the word;
from heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
one charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth;
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,
to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth have union with God the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

PSALM 23

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul:
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shawn M. Fiedler

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47

REFLECTION

This Side of Heaven

Nancy S. Taylor

HYMN

God, Bless our Homes

CHARTERHOUSE

**God, bless our homes with peace and love and laughter,
With understanding and with loyalty.
May we together follow Christ our Savior
and know the blessing of community.**

**May every heart receive Gods' loving spirit
and know the truth that makes life truly free;
Then, in that spirit may we live united
And find in God our deep security.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Katherine A. Schofield

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.

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

<http://tinyurl.com/osc-online-giving>

Shawn M. Fiedler

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace
(recorded March 10, 2019)

Jay Rouse, *arr.*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a sinful wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and by his [Christ's] grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the very hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares we have by faith already come:
'Tis grace that brought us safe thus far, and grace will surely lead us home.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun!

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Nancy S. Taylor

Invitation and Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Music During Communion

Communion

Richard Purvis

HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

**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* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*

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Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*

Jamie Garuti, *Communications Administrator* ❖ Rebecca Pasipanodya, *Assistant Church Administrator*

Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources* ❖ David Albaugh, *Street Outreach Worker*

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.