

July 7, 2019
4th 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 *Partita on CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN IV. Lento* Richard Purvis

*HYMN 558 **O How Glorious, Full of Wonder** IN BABILONE

*CALL TO WORSHIP David F. Story

One: Come, let us worship God.

All: We are come to worship God!

One: As we approach the throne of grace, what shall we bring before the God of compassion?

All: We bring our bodies and our spirits — broken and in need of healing.

One: What shall we bring before the God of eternal vision?

All: We bring our dreams and our hopes yet to be fulfilled.

One: What shall we bring before the God of everlasting love?

All: We bring our gratitude, our thanksgiving and our possessions

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

One: What shall we bring before the God of all good gifts?

All: We bring ourselves. May these, our offerings, be holy and acceptable to God.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: The peace of Christ be with you and with all who are present.

*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

Nancy S. Taylor

ATTEND

ANTHEM

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo

Jaime Cortez;
Jeffrey Honoré, arr.

*Somos el cuerpo de Cristo: We are the body of Christ.
Hemos oído el llamado— we’ve answered “yes” to the call of the Lord.*

*Dios viene al mundo a través de nosotros,
God is revealed when we love one another. [refrain]*

*Cada persona es parte del reino,
All are invited to feast in the banquet. [refrain]*

*Que nuestras acciones reflejen justicia;
Serving each other we build up the kingdom. [refrain]*

SCRIPTURE

II Corinthians 9: 6-7, Luke 5: 1-11

David F. Story

*HYMN 173

You Have Come

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

During the hymn the children are invited to leave for care.

SERMON

A Fish Story

Nancy S. Taylor

*HYMN 504

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

SALLEY GARDENS

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Deb Washington

One: The God of Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

One: Let us give thanks to God, the Creator of all things visible and invisible, powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let us pray. *You may be seated.*

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

One: O God, you bring forth and nourish every living being.

All: We lift up our hearts to you.

One: We assemble here, celebrating the joys of human life, shared one with another. We recall the ministry of Jesus — healing, calling, teaching, challenging, crucified and raised up for our salvation, still present among us through the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

All: We praise you for the gift of new life, given us to share in Jesus Christ. We praise you for calling us each by name.

One: Gracious God, who loves all and forgets none, we bring to you our prayers for all your children. For all whom we love, watch over and care for.

All: Hear us, O God. (*A period of silence is observed as we each make our own petitions.*)

One: For all prisoners and captives, and all who suffer from oppression, that you will manifest your mercy toward them, and make all hearts as merciful as your own.

All: Hear us, O God. (*A period of silence is observed for prisoners, captives and the oppressed.*)

One: For those who bear the cross of suffering, the sick in body, mind or spirit; for those who are troubled by the sin or suffering of those they love; for those who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of others, and know the saving grace of the cross.

All: Hear us, O God. (*A period of silence is observed as we each make our petitions.*)

One: For those whose lives and possessions have been ravaged by hurricane, earthquake, war, famine, climate change, or disease; for soldiers and peace keepers around the world; for leaders of nations.

All: Hear us, O God. (*A period of silence is observed as we each hold God's earth, its nations, peoples and leaders in our hearts.*)

One: O Compassionate God, hear our prayers, answer them according to your will, and make us channels of your infinite grace; through Jesus Christ we pray.

All: Amen.

One: Now, in the words that Jesus taught us, we pray together, saying:

All: 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

From the Nets of Our Labor

HAMILTON

From the nets of our labors, through the noise and confusion,
from the city or seashore, Jesus summons us all.

*We will rise up and follow, Christ before and beside us,
loving pattern to guide us, as we answer the call.*

In the eyes of the stranger— tearful, joyous, or frightened—
in the face of each neighbor, Jesus summons us all. [*refrain*]

When we hear words of hatred spreading fear or false witness,
words that cry to be challenged, Jesus summons us all. [*refrain*]

In each moment of courage, steadfast even through trembling;
in the yearning for justice, Jesus summons us all. [*refrain*]

Like disciples before us, from the city or seashore,
risking selfless compassion: Jesus summons us all. [*refrain*]

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Katherine A. Schofield

OFFERTORY

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before God with burnt offerings?

Shall I come before God with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give God my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

God has shown us all; God has shown us what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 565

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

Partita on CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN

Purvis

I. Prelude: *Andante maestoso*



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

*Led by docent **Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield.***

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of **Anna & Frank Brown**, my parents,
and **Kathleen Meehan**, my aunt, by **Anne Brown**.



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*

David Story, *Executive Assistant to the Senior Minister (temporary, part-time)*

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*

Deb Washington, *Church Moderator*

Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins please ask an Usher.
The Chapel has full audio of the service if you need to stretch your legs.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Our hearing loop works directly with devices equipped with a "T-Coil." The sound is best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does not work in the upper galleries. If you would like to borrow a device paired with our system, please ask an usher.

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). For more information check out <https://www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit> or see the front desk.

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

Check out the church website at www.oldsouth.org/calendar for the calendar of events, and the general website www.oldsouth.org for more on the history, staff, and other great 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.