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

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

### Baptism of Christ Sunday

*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

Aria

Gerald Near

WELCOME

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Katherine A. Schofield

PASSING THE PEACE

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

What ruler wades through murky streams and bows beneath the wave,  
ignoring how the world esteems the powerful and brave?

*Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!  
Recarve the depths your finger traced in sculpting me.*

Christ gleams with water brown with clay from land the prophets trod.  
Above while heaven's clouds give way descends the dove of God. (*refrain*)

Come bow beneath the flowing wave. Christ stands here at your side,  
and raises you as from the grave God raised the crucified. (*refrain*)

INVOCATION

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

Reamogetje S. Ngoepe

## ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:4-11

June R. Cooper

REFLECTION

Erin Hull and Jay Harris with Sam and Eli

HYMN

Be Now My Vision

SLANE

Be now my vision, O God of my heart;  
nothing surpasses the love you impart.  
You my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,  
you, my inheritance, now and always;  
You and you only are first in my heart,  
great God, my treasure, may we never part.

Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Nancy S. Taylor

One: God be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

One: Let us pray. O God, show your mercy upon us.

**All: And grant us your salvation.**

One: O God, make clean our hearts within us:

**All: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

as revised by Benjamin Franklin (c. 1768)

**Heavenly Father, may all revere thee, and become thy dutiful Children and faithful Subjects; may thy Laws be obeyed on Earth as perfectly as they are in Heaven. Provide for us this Day as thou hast hitherto daily done. Forgive us our Trespases, and enable us likewise to forgive those who offend us. Keep us out of Temptation, and deliver us from Evil. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Star in the East

William Walker

Hail the blest morn, see the great Mediator,  
Down from the regions of glory descend!  
Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger;  
Lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

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.

**RESPOND**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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Shawn M. Fiedler

OFFERTORY

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered the people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of God's name,  
Make God's praise to be glorious.

*With a voice of singing...*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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 forevermore,  
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

*Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kamm*, BWV 684

J.S. Bach



In lieu of flowers gifts have been made to the  
Allston Brighton Food Pantry  
in loving memory of Barbara and Howard Luckenbach  
by Beth Luckenbach and Kathleen Carey



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

Gerald Near is one of the most prolific American composers of organ and choral music living today. *Aria* is a relatively new work, a piano and organ duet dating from 2016. Its soaring melodies and jazz-inflected harmonies are reminiscent of Near's teacher and mentor Leo Sowerby.

J.S. Bach's *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kamm* (*To Jordan Came the Christ, our Lord*) comes from the third part of his *Clavierübung* (*Keyboard Exercise*), the first of Bach's organ works to be published. This collection contains a number of chorale preludes based both on hymns paraphrasing words of the Lutheran service and Luther's *Small Catechism* and is framed by the monumental *Prelude and Fugue in E-Flat*. In this setting, the melody of a hymn describing Christ's baptism and its meaning for our own lives is played on a solo stop in the pedal while the rippling passages for the left hand are meant to evoke the waters of the Jordan River.



## 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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