

OLD SOUTH CHURCH CELEBRATES



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

All Church Worship — Old South Church *in Boston*

February 14th, 2021 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday in Black History Month The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

O, What a Beautiful City from *Four Spiritual Preludes*

David Hurd, *arr.*

WELCOME

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Reamogetje S. Ngoepe

Welcome to worship!

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

THE PEACE

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.

Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows; splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.

But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

INVOCATION

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Norah Dianne Killelea

*Daughter of Anne and Kevin Killelea
Godparents Megan and Brendon Shields*

PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION

Nancy S. Taylor

LITANY OF BAPTISM

One: We are gathered to present Norah Dianne to the Church and to dedicate her to God. What can we affirm about her?

Many: She is a child of God, made in God's image.

One: As Norah grows and matures, how will she know she is a child of God and how will she learn of the Christian story?

Many: We will tell her about Abraham and Sarah, the parents of our faith; about Moses and Miriam who led our ancestors out of bondage; about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery; about the Savior, Jesus.

One: In turn, what will we expect of Norah?

Many: We look forward to sitting with her at the Lord's Table, sharing with her the costs and joys of discipleship, learning and growing with her in the Christian pilgrimage, and declaring with one voice our faith in God and God's son, Jesus.

One: Do you, Anne and Kevin, parents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations by growing with Norah in the Christian faith, helping her to become a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, and by offering her the nurture and support of the Christian church? And do you, Megan and Brendan, godparents, agree to guide Norah into becoming an engaged and complete human being, teaching her about personal sacrifice for a greater good, about grace and reconciliation at times of human weakness, and the power of unconditional love for all people?

Parents/Godparents: We happily and genuinely accept this serious duty.

One: Old South Church, do you pledge to maintain a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for Norah?

Many: We do, for she belongs to us as well.

One: Then, may God be with us.

Many: God help us. Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Christine Del Favero, Deacon

We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's Church. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy S. Taylor

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-9

Hilary Gorgol

REFLECTION

Transfigured and Transformed

Katherine A. Schofield

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

ST. ANDREW

**Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day that voice still calls us, saying, "Christian, follow me,"
saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the treasures we adore,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more,"
saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these,"
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all,
serve and love you best of all.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Thomas A. Mitchell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Oh, God. Father and Mother to us all, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

My Lord, What a Morning

Harry T. Burleigh, *arr.*

My Lord, what a morning
My Lord, what a morning
Oh, my Lord, what a morning
When the stars begin to fall.

TWO MINUTES OF BLACK HISTORY

Snowden Family

Ralph Watson, Eugene Roundtree,
and Snowden friends

Speaking Out with (G)RACE Speaks: Black History Moment.

Sing Out, March On (excerpt)

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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Shawn M. Fiedler

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and find all things Sunday!*

OFFERTORY

Walk in the Light

André J. Thomas, *arr.*

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored! Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord. Jesus, the light of the world. (refrain)*

*Light and life to all he brings — Jesus, the light of the world.
Risen with healing in his wings. Jesus, the light of the world. (refrain)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

**Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
Myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.**

**Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by You, but Your bidding I will do.”
Then from heav'n a double sign—dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
Hailed the true Anointed One: “This is My beloved Son.”**

**Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
Where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, giv'n as Jesus set His face
Towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.**

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Katherine A. Schofield

POSTLUDE

Sortie from Triptych for Transfiguration

Richard Webster



In lieu of flowers gifts have been made to the
Allston Brighton Food Pantry
in honor of a Happy Valentine Birthday
for Elinor Yeo
by Richard Yeo



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

Richard Webster is Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Church, Boston, our sister congregation in Copley Square. *Triptych for Transfiguration* is three-movement suite based on hymns and chants appropriate to the festival. *Sortie*, the last of the three, is built upon the plainsong *Tibi, Christe, splendor Patris (To You, O Christ, Splendor of the Father)*. After a quiet opening statement of the chant, a toccata-like figure based on it is introduced in the right hand. The left hand and pedal take up the chant and its inversion and combine them into an increasingly intricate series of canons that propel the piece to its triumphant climax.



INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

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

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**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*

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Reamogetje S. Ngoepe, *Pastoral Resident*

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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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