



Old South Church *in* Boston

All Saints Day

November 2nd, 2025 ❖ 11:00am

Take heart: it is not too late to build a better world.

GATHER

PRELUDE

Interludium from “Anastasis-Messe”

Frederik Magle

*OPENING SENTENCES

Justin Dickerson

We trust Christ’s words:

“I am the resurrection and the life;
even in death, anyone who believes in me, will live.”

Please rise for the solemn procession.

On this day of remembrance,

let us pray to the One who holds us through life and in death:

God our Comforter, you are a refuge and a strength for us, a helper close at hand in times of distress. Help us to hear the words of our faith, such that our fear is dispelled, our loneliness eased, and our hope reawakened. May your Holy Spirit lift us above our sorrow, to the peace and light of your constant love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 298

O Savior, for the Saints

FESTAL SONG

WORDS OF WELCOME

**Indicates all who are able may stand*

Requiem for the Living

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

I. Introit—Kyrie

*Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

*Exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.*

*Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.*

Rest eternal grant them, Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Hear my prayer,
for unto you all flesh returns.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

II. Vanitas Vanitatum

Vanitas vanitatum, omnia vanitas!

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.

*Lacrimosa, et locutus est,
pereat dies in qua natus sum.*

Vanity of vanities, all is vanity!

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.

Full of tears, [and] this is what he said:
may the day perish on which I was born.

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 15:50-56

Pam Roberts

SERMON

Behold, I show you a mystery

John M. Edgerton

III. Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis, dona eis requiem.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem, miserere nobis, dona eis requiem.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace; have mercy on us; grant them rest.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Rachel J. Barton



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IV. Sanctus

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis!*

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!

RITUAL OF REMEMBERING

Ashley J. Popperson

Our Dearly Departed

**Leon Andrews
Barbara Ansley
Victor Calloway
James Gannon
Charles Gerlinger
James McDonnell
Edra Mercer
James Tocchio
Ralph Watson**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION and 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.

V. Lux Æterna

*Lux æterna luceat eis, Domine:
cum sanctis tuis in æternum: quia pius es.
Et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

May eternal light shine upon them, Lord,
in the company of your saints forever: for you are merciful.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

“Come unto me, all ye who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.”

*Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Dona nobis pacem.*

Rest eternal grant them, Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Grant us peace.

COMMENDATION

Loving God, you only are immortal, the creator and maker of all.
We are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.
This you ordained when you created us, saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.

**All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*HYMN 299

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE

Processional

Grayston Ives



The Old South Chamber Ensemble:

Ona Jonaityte, *flute* • Elizabeth England, *oboe*
Kevin Owen, *horn* • Li Shan Tan, *harp*
Susan Faux, *violin* • Melanie Dyball, *cello*
Robert Schulz, *percussion*
Jan Christoph Hadenfeldt, *organ*



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship
in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent Liz Morgan.

Children are welcome to stay with parents throughout the worship service,
or to join childcare staff on the 3rd floor at any time.
There is no formal dismissal within today's service bulletin.
Please feel free to determine what works best for your family.



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

A Requiem, at its core, is a prayer for rest, traditionally, for the deceased. The five movements of Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living*, however, form a narrative just as much for the living — and their own struggle with pain and sorrow — as for the dead. The opening movement sets the traditional *Introit* and *Kyrie* texts — pleas for rest and mercy — using ever-increasing elaborations on a simple three-note descending motive. The second movement, instead of the traditional *Dies Iræ*, sets scriptural texts that speak of the turmoil and sorrow humanity faces, while still invoking musical and textual allusions to the *Dies Iræ*. This movement juxtaposes aggressive rhythmic gestures with long, floating melodic lines, including quotes of the *Kyrie* from the first movement. The *Agnus Dei* is performed next (a departure from the usual liturgical order) as a plea for deliverance and peace; the *Sanctus*, following it, becomes a response to this redemption. The *Sanctus* offers three different glimpses of the “heavens and earth, full of thy glory,” all of which develop the same musical motive: an ethereal opening section inspired by images of space from the Hubble Space Telescope; a stirring middle section inspired by images of our own planet as viewed from the International Space Station; and a closing section which brings the listener down to Earth, where cities teem with the energy of humanity. The *Lux Æterna* which closes the work portrays light, peace, and rest — for both the deceased and the living. *Requiem for the Living* was commissioned by the Hickory Choral Society (Hickory, NC), as part of their ongoing commitment to funding new major works for the choral repertoire. The work is Dan Forrest's largest to date, and was written over a period of approximately 10 months in 2012.

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“Note: In some cases, the traditional texts have been rearranged slightly. Some extra-liturgical texts have been interpolated, and the traditional *Dies Iræ* has been replaced by a biting essay on the vanity and pain of existence. The two movements which then follow have been inverted from their usual order: the *Agnus Dei* is offered as a prayer to the Lamb of God for an answer to pain and sorrow, and the *Sanctus* then follows as an awe-inspired response.”

—Dan Forrest

Old South Church *in* Boston invites you
to its *Signature Services and Events* during the coming year.

MEETING HOUSE SUNDAY

November 23, 2025 | 11AM

We return to our ancestral home, the Old South Meeting House at Washington & Milk Streets, to give thanks for God's many blessings and the rich history of our faith.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2025

Family Service with Impromptu Pageant | 5PM

Lessons and Carols | 8PM

Carols and Communion | 11PM

HOLY WEEK 2026

Palm Sunday — March 29 | 9AM & 11AM

Maundy Thursday — April 2 | 6PM

Good Friday — April 3 | 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026 | 9AM & 11AM

The triumph of the Christian story of resurrection informs a service of worship that is characterized by joyous celebration.

MARATHON SUNDAY

April 19, 2026 | 9AM & 11AM

Hundreds of marathoners join us for worship, where we will pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers in a special "Blessing of the Athletes."

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1, 2026 | 11AM

In a solemn service of sacred music, we gather to name and remember our own beloved dead who now rest from their labors in the arms of God.

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Welcome to Old South Church in Boston. We are a progressive Christian church first gathered in 1669. The Church played a significant role in early American history. Today, Old South Church continues to serve as a sanctuary in the city of Boston.

NEW AT OLD SOUTH?

Welcome! We are so glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out a friendship pad so that we can be in touch with you. If you have any questions or would like to talk to a minister to learn more about the church, contact Associate Minister Ashley Popperson at ashley@oldsouth.org.

Children are welcome in all aspects of worship. We also offer childcare from 8:20am-12:30pm every Sunday and Church School at 10am. For questions about our children and family ministries, email children@oldsouth.org.

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.

An accessible, single-stall restroom is available near Reception. More restrooms are available, ask at the reception desk.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing assist devices are available from Ava Welling, our Director of Audio. Please see Ava for a device and instructions on how to use it. For more information or answers to questions, please contact Ava at ava@oldsouth.org.

GARAGE PARKING VALIDATIONS

We have arrangements for discounted parking with two nearby garages for Old South Church worship or church business (excluding weddings & concerts). For more information check out www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit or see the front desk.

LEARN MORE

Check out the church website www.oldsouth.org for more on the history and ministries of Old South. See www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of current events.

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OLD SOUTH CHURCH *in* BOSTON — MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF

John M. Edgerton, *Senior Minister*

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Rebecca Bowen & Laurie Stickels, *Senior Deacons*

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY AT OLD SOUTH

PANCAKE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, November 2 at 10am in Mary Norton Hall

Join the Youth Group as they serve a delicious breakfast to raise funds and supplies for the Allston-Brighton Community Fridge. We are happy to announce that the **Christian Service and Outreach Committee will match all monetary donations to the Food Pantry up to \$5,000.**

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

First Sundays, 10am, in the Columbarium, next session November 2

Need some space to breathe? Time to rest in the spacious silence of God's presence? Please join us for Contemplative Prayer. Together, we'll engage in practices of contemplative prayer, share from our hearts, and find strength and solace in God's abiding love. Questions? Email ashley@oldsouth.org.

DAN FORREST REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 2, Festival Worship

For this year's All Saints observance at Festival Worship, the Festival Choir and instrumentalists present contemporary American composer Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living, a cathartic journey through the gamut of human emotion. Commissioned by the Hickory Choral Society and premiered in 2013, Forrest's setting is an unconventional one, concerned as much with the living (and their own struggle with pain and sorrow) as for those already departed. The Latin text Forrest sets combines sections from the traditional Requiem mass with biblical texts from Ecclesiastes and the Book of Job. The music captures a range of emotion, inviting solace and reflection, and ultimately embraces the beauty of human existence & life.

ONLINE SMALL GROUP

November 2 at 7:30pm EST and every first Sunday of the month

Go to tinyurl.com/2025OSCOOnlineSmallGroup password 684963 to join

Gather with other online members and Rev. Ashley for a time of fellowship, communion, and deepening our relationships with one another. Please bring something to eat (bread, cracker, cookie) and something to drink (juice, water, coffee) as your communion elements.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS AT BOYLSTON STREET

Save the date: Saturday, December 6 at 7pm

It's been 150 years since Old South Church moved into our historic building at 645 Boylston Street. Join us for a celebration of the church's storied legacy with a special concert program, *If These Walls Could Talk: A Celebration of Sanctuary in the Heart of Boston*, followed by a fun reception in the Chapel.

HOST AN OSC GBIO HOUSE MEETING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

GBIO has just launched its House Meeting Campaign with the goal of engaging 2,000+ individuals at local small group gatherings across the city. This will be a time to deepen relationships, build power, and share stories that will get at the heart of our needs here in Greater Boston. Curious about hosting a house meeting? Reach out to Christina Gregg Fitzgerald at clg3792@gmail.com.

JOIN GOSPEL CHOIR FOR A WEEK

Thursday Night Church: *Thursday, November 6, 7:00-7:30pm rehearsal*

Thursday, November 13, 6pm worship

Contact Tim Harbold at tim@oldsouth.org for details and music in advance. You deserve a week of joyful singing. Please join us!

ABRAHAM AND ISAAC: INTERFAITH PERFORMANCE AND DISCUSSION

Saturday, November 22, 6-7:15 pm, Mary Norton Hall, free

Longtime friend of Old South Church, Delvyn Case, presents his dramatic new solo cantata based on the sacrifice of Isaac, followed by an interfaith panel discussion. This provocative piece explores this challenging Biblical story by highlighting how the thread of sacrificial violence tragically binds together God, Abraham, and Isaac. More info at tinyurl.com/DelCaseEvent2025.

WHERE'D THE PEW CUSHIONS GO?

Because the Sanctuary is a fairly "dead" space in terms of acoustics, sound doesn't carry well. We're exploring ways to add more sound-reflective surfaces to the space. Starting October 26, **the last four rows of pews in the Sanctuary will no longer have cushions**, a simple method we're testing to enhance sound reflection and clarity. We appreciate your flexibility as we explore how to make worship a more immersive sonic experience for everyone! Questions? [Ava Welling ava@oldsouth.org](mailto:Ava.Welling@oldsouth.org).

REFLECTING AND REIMAGINING: AN EVENING OF STORYTELLING, STORY-LISTENING & CULTIVATING OUR PROPHETIC IMAGINATION

Saturday, November 15 from 6-8pm at Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Boston Faith and Justice Network is hosting a dinner and program around housing justice and exploring how our faith calls us to deeper pursuit of justice for our unhoused siblings. Old South has graciously offered to sponsor two tables (16 seats) at this event that includes dinner/dessert/program. If interested in attending please email Amy Coe at amyecoe@gmail.com.

SEEKING ADVENT DEVOTIONAL SUBMISSIONS

Submission deadline: November 10

Looking for hope in these mean days? You're not alone! Hope is something that we create together. This Advent, we will create a devotional filled with entries from Old Southerners and community partners about what is giving them hope. Hope always arises amidst trouble and we know that trouble abounds, and so we know that hope does too. We're seeking submissions for stories, prayers, art, and poetry that answers the questions: What is giving you hope today? How are you finding God amidst the struggles of our times? Please see the guidelines and submit your entry at tinyurl.com/OSCAAdventDevotions2025. Questions? email ashley@oldsouth.org.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS

Sundays, 10am, Mary Norton Hall

- **The Business of Incarceration | November 9**

Dr. James McCarty, a Boston University School of Theology professor who studies conflict and transformation, will be joining us to speak about his recently published book, *The Business of Incarceration*. Please join us for a discussion of the theology and complexities of pursuing justice and mercy within the prison-industrial complex.

- **This Historic Building: Celebrating the architecture of our building | November 16**

In anticipation of 150 years at our Boylston St. location, church historian Kate Silfen will talk about why our forebears decided to vacate our longtime home at the Old South Meeting House on Washington Street. Learn about the remarkable architects who designed our Boylston Street house of worship and the Italian Gothic style that inspired them. Kate will offer an overview of the key events that have made our building what it is today, and there will be an opportunity to reflect on the relationship between architecture and spirituality.

GODLY PLAY FOR FAMILIES

Sundays at 10am on November 9 and December 7 in the Green Room

Families are invited to gather in the regular childcare room on the 3rd floor to hear a Godly Play story together, to wonder a bit about the story, and then to have some work time to play around with the ideas and stories we heard. This is a great way for families who have not yet become regulars at church school to begin hearing the stories and practicing together. Families of any age are welcome—though this is geared towards preschool age 3 and under.

THE FIGHT AHEAD: FROM CEASEFIRE TO A JUST PEACE

Sunday, November 9 from 2-4 pm at First Parish Cambridge

Join Standing Together leaders Sally Abed and Alon Lee Green in Boston to hear their reflections on the last two years, the grassroots success to achieve a ceasefire, and the steps the movement will be taking going forward to end the occupation and build peace. Standing Together is a movement in Israel with leaders who are both Jewish and Palestinian who organize for justice and whose work is currently focused on building a lasting peace and solidarity with Palestinians.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND OUTREACH

THE WEEKLY PUSHBACK - GETTING FOOD WHERE IT'S NEEDED

Since the beginning of the year, the Federal administration has cut grants to food banks and have cut SNAP benefits nationwide for the next decade. But now they have announced that until the Government shutdown ends, all SNAP funding is suspended. Over 1 million MA residents are suddenly cut off of a critical tool for their basic needs and Old South is jumping into action.

A few weeks ago, Old South approved a \$20,000 grant to the Allston-Brighton Food Pantry, and one of our Small Groups has started volunteering there several times per month. This week, we are doing even more, with these additional grants:

- \$5,000 for the Greater Boston Food Bank to distribute across the region, and
- \$5,000 to Eastie Farms to support food access in East Boston.
- Finally, Old South's Youth Group is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser Sunday, November 2nd, at 10:00 am in support of the Allston-Brighton Food Pantry and Community Fridges. **The Micah Mission fund will match any donations made to the Food Pantry in Sunday offerings, or at the pancake breakfast, up to \$5,000, to further support this vital work.**

If you want to get involved in any of these efforts, please email Rev. Rachel Barton at rachel@oldsouth.org. Have other weekly action ideas? Email outreach@oldsouth.org.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Facebook, and YouTube

Thursday Night Church, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST Worship Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

FESTIVAL Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

VESPERS HEALING Worship, Second Sundays at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom



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