



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020



Dearly beloved,

Our beloved Boston Gay Men's Chorus will be airing a holiday show on WCVB this weekend! All the information you need is [here](#). *Enjoy!*

On Saturday (11:00 am - 1:00 pm) and Tuesday (5:00 - 7:00 pm), as well as a week from Sunday (2:00 - 4:00 pm), Queen Santa and her elves will be out on our steps at the Greet Doors on Arlington Street, handing out Christmas Eve candles and treats! Please stop by to say a masked, distanced hello and pick up candles for yourselves and your neighbors! And if you'd like to help, please contact Queen Cheryl through the church office (office@ASCBoston.org). *Have fun!*

This Sunday, Rev. Joanna Lubkin lights our Chanukah candles and Hala Hazar lights the Advent wreath. Other highlights include Director of Music Mark David Buckles singing (with himself, in five parts!) Batya Levine's *We Rise*.

We rise, up from the wreckage
Rise, with tears and with courage
Rise, fighting for life
We Rise!

Mark David and Julie Metcalf sing Gillian Welch's *Hard Times*; Ann-Marie Iacoviello sings Rachel Platten's *Fight Song*; and we'll all join in Holly Near's *I Am Willing*. John O'Connor is our worship coordinator. My sermon is called Resilience.

This Sunday is also Participation Sunday! The “internal” phase of All Souls: A Campaign for the Preservation of Arlington Street Church is coming into its final two weeks. 56% of us have given with wild generosity. Now let’s bring it home! A reminder that our goal is 100% participation. If you’re able to give, this is your moment! Go [here](#)! If you’re unable to give, just let me know; our Advent Angels are hovering nearby, eager to make a gift in your good name. *Thank you!*

At our weekly tea party this Wednesday, the prompt was, “What’s a challenge you’ve overcome?” What extraordinarily courageous and resilient people we are! We have overcome a fear of ... public speaking, singing in public, heights, the dentist, speaking up, speaking extemporaneously, and saying no. We have overcome ... joblessness, self-judgment, being unable to read, being our own worst enemy, living with a disability, smoking (a LOT of us!), dissociation, and losing a professional license. *You are all awesome!*

Tonight, as the sun set and we lit candles in celebration of Chanukah, I was especially struck by the special blessing that is sung only on the first night:

*Blessed are you, Source of Life,
who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.
Amen!*

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

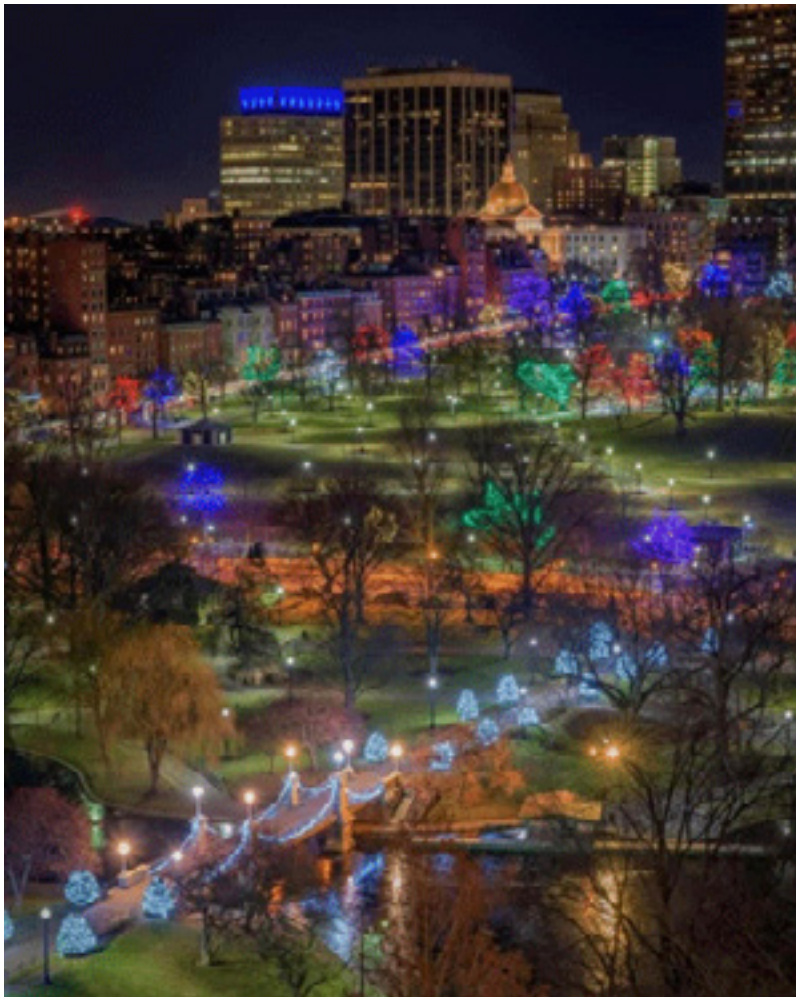


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