



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

April 5th, 2020

Palm Sunday

10:00 am

*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 Religious March on the theme of Handel's "Lift Up Your Heads" Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME Nancy S. Taylor

HYMN **All Glory, Laud and Honor** ST.THEODULPH

Video from worship recording April 14th, 2019

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor to You, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

**O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,
The One called "God's Beloved," of flesh and yet divine. *(refrain)***

**The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned Your way;
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer You this day. *(refrain)***

**To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(refrain)***

**As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway. *(refrain)***

INVOCATION Shawn M. Fiedler

AMEN!

ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Jack Millard

Today's scripture presenter, Jack Millard is an actor and artist. Although a seasoned performer, he is new to Boston and to Old South Church. Today's reading will be 'dramatically performed.

DUET

We Beseech Thee from "Godspell"
Connor Vigeant and Jamie Chelel, *soloists*

Stephen Schwartz

Father, hear thy children's call, humbly at thy feet we fall,
prodigals confessing all: We beseech thee, hear us!
We thy call have disobeyed, into paths of sin have strayed
and repentance have delayed. We beseech thee, hear us!

Come sing about Love! That made us first to be—
Come sing about Love! That made the stone and tree—
Come sing about Love! That draws us lovingly—
we beseech thee, hear us!

Sick? We come to thee for cure. Guilty? We seek thy mercy sure.
Evil? We long to be made pure. We beseech thee, hear us!
Blind? We pray that we may see. Bound? We pray to be made free.
Stained? We pray for sanctity. We beseech thee, hear us! (refrain)

By the gracious saving call, spoken tenderly to all
who have shared man's guilt and fall: we beseech thee, hear us!
By the love that longs to bless, pitying our sore distress, leading us to holiness:
we beseech thee, hear us!

Grant us all from earth to rise and to strain with eager eyes
towards the promised Heavenly prize: we beseech thee, hear us! (refrain)

HOMILY

Nancy S. Taylor

HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

ST. DROSTANE

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! O Christ, with brave humility,
On lowly colt, your road pursue, as palms and cloaks are spread for you.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! For you have set your people free
And we, remembering all your pain, now meet again to hail your reign.**

RESPOND

PASTORAL PRAYER

Amo Ngoepe

THE 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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

tinyurl.com/osc-online-giving

Katherine A. Schofield

*In thanksgiving to God and giving witness to generous hearts,
our financial gifts support ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty.*

OFFERTORY

Day by Day from “Godspell”
Connor Vigeant and Jamie Chelel, *soloists*

Schwartz

Day by day,
Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly,
day by day.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song is ours,
we hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers.
“Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice,
Hosanna! In your presence forever we’ll rejoice.”**

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

March, Op. 46, No. 5

Guilmant



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

Visit livestream.com/oldsouth to find our Holy Week services.

Maundy Thursday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 10th at Noon
Easter Sunday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m.

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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*

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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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