



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

April 19th, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m.

*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

Saraband for the Morning of Easter

Herbert Howells

WORDS OF WELCOME

Nancy S. Taylor

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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(Recorded during Festival Worship, April 21st, 2019)

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**To the tomb the women bring, Alleluia!
Spices rich, an offering, Alleluia!
Asking where might Jesus be, Alleluia!
Savior come to set us free, Alleluia!**

**There the angel clothed in white, alleluia!
Tells the news with great delight, alleluia!
This the news the angel gives, alleluia!
That the Sovereign glorious lives, alleluia!**

**Hasten now to Galilee, alleluia!
Tell the others what you see, alleluia!
With excitement trembling, alleluia!
Off they run, good news to bring, alleluia!**

**Christ appears in full array, Alleluia!
Sing with joy this paschal day, Alleluia!
Christ now from the dead is raised, Alleluia!
Holy Trinity be praised, Alleluia!**

INVOCATION

AMEN!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Katherine A. Schofield

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

John 20.19-31

Amo Ngoepe

HOMILY

Shawn M. Fiedler

HYMN

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**Joy dawned again on Easter Day,
the sun shone out with bright array;
for when the Apostles hid in fear,
the Risen Christ to them appeared.**

**O Sovereign One, with us abide
in this our joyful Easter-tide;
from every weapon death can wield,
your own redeemed forever shield.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Nancy S. Taylor

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.

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

tinyurl.com/osc-online-giving

June R. Cooper

OFFERTORY

With Thee That I May Live
(Recorded during Festival Worship, Easter Sunday, 2018)

Gwyneth Walker

Again the God of life and light awakes the kindling ray,
unseals the eyelids of the morn, and pours increasing day.

This is the day which our God hath made. Let us rejoice and sing!

O what a night that was before which wrapt the world in gloom.
O what a sun which broke this day triumphant from the tomb.

This is the day which our God hath made, let us rejoice and sing!
Let us give thanks to our God on high for the joy which mornings bring.

Jesus, with strong compassion moved,
descended with the mercy of God to save the souls beloved.

Ten thousand different lips shall join to hail this welcome morn,
which scatters blessings in its wings to nations yet unborn.

This is the day which our God hath made, let us rejoice and sing!
Let us give thanks to our God on high for the joy which mornings bring.

To Thee, my Savior and my God, glad homage let me give.
I'll sacrifice all that I am, with thee that I may live.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Katherine A. Schofield

HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET

**Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Shawn M. Fiedler

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor

THE OLD SOUTH BRASS

(Recorded at First Night concert, December 31, 2019)

**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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Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*

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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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