



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

April 10th, 2022

PALM SUNDAY

*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

Processional

William Matthias

*HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODOLPH

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, our prayers and anthems we offer you this day. *(refrain)***

*THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

June R. Cooper

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

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

refrain:

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

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

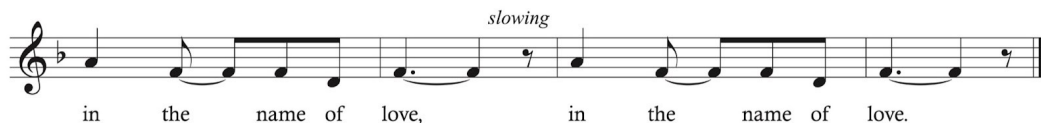
Please greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

*RESPONSE

Gathered in God's Name

Solo: *Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word.
Gathered as one family in the name of love.*

Congregation:



WORDS OF WELCOME

Nancy S. Taylor

*During the anthem, children who wish to may meet childcare staff
in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor*

ANTHEM

Alleluia from *Brazilian Psalm*

Jean Berger

Alleluia.

O Lord, cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have.
But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord.
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We have no cymbals, no harps to praise you,
But I'll praise you with waving of palms,
I will praise you with waving of palms.

Accept them, I implore you.
I will dance and sing your praises!
Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have.

But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord...

ATTEND

SERMON

Procession

Shawn M. Fiedler

*HYMN 71

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

VINEYARD HAVEN

*CALL TO PRAYER

jessica young chang

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: We lift our eyes to the hills—from where will our help come?

Many: Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth.

One: Let us pray. (*Please be seated*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

The Holy City
Paul Soper, *baritone*

Stephen Adams

Last night I lay a-sleeping; there came a dream so fair.
I stood in old Jerusalem, beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang,
methought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang:

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your king!*

And then methought my dream was changed; the streets no longer rang.
Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang.
The sun grew dark with mystery; the morn was cold and chill,
as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lowly hill.

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, hark! how the angels sing,
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your king!*

And once again the scene was changed; new earth there seemed to be.
I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea.
The light of God was on its street, the gates were open wide,
and all who would might enter, and no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night, nor sun to shine by day;
it was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away!

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, sing for the night is o'er,
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna for evermore!*

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Katherine A. Schofield



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or with a Credit Card,
scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
You can also Text 44-321 and enter
OSC to make a gift.*

OFFERTORY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin, *arr.*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

Amen!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 223

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Shawn M. Fiedler

POSTLUDE

Marche sur un thème de Hændel,
Op. 15, No. 2

Alexandre Guilmant

n.b.: the theme is derived from the first bar of the chorus, "Lift up your heads," from Messiah



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

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins following Worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent Stephanie LaShoto.



NEW MEMBERS

Joined at First Worship

Katie Bruner

Katie moved to Boston in August 2021 after completing a PhD in Communication at the University of Illinois. She is currently a postdoc at Northeastern and is excited to meet new friends in Boston. Originally from Austin, TX, she loves books, birds, and all kinds of art.

Autumn Patterson

Autumn grew up in small town Iowa, graduated from Iowa State University and moved to Fort Collins, CO where she has had a family with her wife Laura and their kids. Autumn has grown up as a traveler through many different styles of the protestant Christian faith and thrives with having and being a part of a church family. Autumn has recently accepted a job in the Boston area where she will be in Boston frequently and is looking forward to OSC being her home away from home.

Pearl Vercruysse

Pearl has been a part of the Old South community for a few years now, participating regularly in Through the Bible Study and young adult programming. In September 2021 Pearl moved to New York City to begin Seminary at Union Theological Seminary in Manhattan, but she continues to join OSC online. She is excited to join as a member of Old South, which has become her spiritual home.

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.
The Chapel has full audio of the service if you need to stretch your legs.

Restrooms are available. Just ask!

An accessible, single-use restroom is available near Reception.

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 outfit itself for mission and ministry in the 21st century as a thriving church in the heart of Boston.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don't see a tag with your name on it, let us know—there will be one waiting for your next Sunday!

If you are interested in deepening your participation, or if you just love Old South, it's time to think about **membership**. Contact Interim Associate Minister Katherine Schofield at katherine@oldsouth.org

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Our hearing loop works directly with devices equipped with a "T-Coil." The sound is best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does not work in the upper galleries. If you would like to borrow a device paired with our system, please ask an usher.

GARAGE PARKING VALIDATIONS

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

LEARN MORE

Check out the church website at www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of 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*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
Howard Cha-Young Kim, *Pastoral Resident* ❖ jessica young chang, *Seminarian*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*
Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader*
Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*

Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*
Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director* ❖ Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources*
Alex Pickering, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*
Ralph Watson, *Snowden Partnership Coordinator* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner and William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, and David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*
Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, and George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
Kristi Geary, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Paul Brouillette & Susan Navia, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK 2022

In person and online

PALM SUNDAY

April 10th, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

We mark Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem as our shouts of Hosanna fade to the drama of the coming week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

April 14th, 7:00 p.m.

This service of Tenebrae (Latin for Shadows) tells the story of Jesus' last days. Led by the Willie Sordillo Ensemble, we journey from the Communion Table to the Cross as the light around us dims.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15th, Simple Service at 12:00 p.m., Choral Service at 7:00 p.m.

On the most somber day of the Christian year, we gather in prayer and song to reflect on the last hours of Christ, and mourn the death that changed the world.

At 7:00 p.m., The Old South Chamber Chorus and soloists present a performance of Sir John Stainer's passion oratorio *The Crucifixion*, a musical retelling of the Redeemer's final hours. Modeled on the great passion settings of Bach, Stainer's oratorio is among the most popular English-language works depicting the events surrounding Christ's death. Premiered in 1887 — roughly contemporaneous with the New Old South Church edifice — the work combines recitatives, solos and masterful choruses that range from graphic shouts of "Crucify!" to the work's beloved centerpiece, "God So Loved the World."

EASTER SUNDAY AND BLESSING OF THE ATHLETES

April 17th, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.

The triumph of the Christian story of resurrection informs a service of worship that is characterized by joyous celebration. This year's Easter service coincides with Marathon Sunday, for double the celebration and grandeur.

EASTER FLOWERS - LAST WEEK TO DONATE

Due by Tuesday, April 12th, requested contribution \$20

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCDonate2022 and choose "Easter Flowers" to make your gift. Messages in honor or memory of loved ones or special occasions can be entered on the second page of the donation screen or you can give anonymously. The list of messages will be in the bulletin and online on Easter Sunday, April 17th. Contact Helen McCrady at helen@oldsouth.org with questions.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL DISCUSSION

Access the devotional at tinyurl.com/2022SaltDevotional

Palm Sunday, April 10th, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss

Vincent van Gogh devoted his life to light. From age 27 to 37, he created more than 2000 luminous works of art – go to tinyurl.com/SaltVanGoghLinks see some of his paintings – shimmering with vitality, with passion, and above all, with light. The word “Lent” refers to the “lengthening” light, the growing days that, in time, will coax the sunflowers to open, the wheat fields to rise again, and the irises to bloom. This Lent the Christian Formation Committee invites you to dive weekly into the words of Scripture and the paintings and letters of Vincent van Gogh such that each will shine light on the other and point toward simple, powerful practices you can try yourself, or with your family or friends.

A LABOR OF LOVE: Adulting when it comes to Wills, Healthcare Proxies (for you and your loved ones), and What to Do When Someone Is Sick

Sunday, May 1st, 10 a.m., 2nd Floor or Zoom

Your Planned Giving Committee cares about you (you of all ages) and is eager to help you think about some important and very personal matters. We will have OSC experts to present briefly on each topic with time for Q & A. Some 70% of Americans die without a will. Don't be one of those. You're smarter than that! And, while you're at it, if you want to name Old South Church in your planned giving, that would make us happy, too, but our greatest happiness will be in knowing you are planning ahead with your head and your heart.

UKRANIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT

Donate at <http://tinyurl.com/OSC-online-giving> or reach out to Helen@oldsouth.org

Old South launched a matching campaign to support Ukranian refugees. We are partnering with Marborough UCC and the Diakonia of the Lutheran Church in Poland (www.diakonia.org.pl). They are helping both refugees that fled to Poland (mainly women and children) and the Diakonia of the German Lutheran Church in Ukraine, centered in Kharkiv that is being bombed as we speak. Help is given by Diakonia to all people. The Outreach Committee donated \$2000 and we are mobilizing your support as well.

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 9:00 a.m., 4th floor and on tinyurl.com/OSCBibleStudy

Delve into the day's scripture passage heard in worship. Led by our ministerial staff, this no-homework Bible study delights in taking a scholarly look at ancient texts. Don't leave your questions at the door; we need them. For more information contact jess@oldsouth.org.

GREEN TIP

A CREATION-CARING LENT: WEEK SIX - Gratitude and Generosity

We live in the wealthiest nation in history. Jesus had a lot to say about freedom from possessions and taking responsibility for the common good. Generosity comes from a sense of being part of the web of God's creation. IF YOU CAN ONLY DO ONE THING, contribute to a Microfinance Project (eg. kiva.org). Go to tinyurl.com/OSCGreenLent2022-6 for this week's full reflection on energy use, and to mark your commitment to a greener life go to tinyurl.com/OSC2022LentCommitment.

EARTH WEEK APRIL 18th - 24th 2022

PRAY

Go to tinyurl.com/2022Earthweekdevotions follow along with a Devotional For Earth Week by Richard Rohr and join us on Facebook Live, April 22nd at 12 noon as we join with faith communities around the country for the Nationwide Climate Prayer.

ACT - Great Tide Rising: Earth Day Action

Saturday, April 23rd, 10 a.m-1 p.m.

Held at Weymouth Compressor Station, 50 Bridge St., Weymouth. Join local activists, elected leaders, musicians and others as we take a stand against environmental racism and this dangerous facility. Van leaves OSC at 9:15a. To reserve a seat contact katherine@oldsouth.org.

WORSHIP - Care of Creation Sunday

Sunday, April 24th, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Featuring Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space for the City of Boston and Pastor of New Roots AME, preaching at First Worship and Festival Worship.

LEARN - Community Hour Forum with Rev. Mariama White-Hammond

Sunday, April 24th, 10 a.m.

Come learn more about how Rev. White-Hammond is leading the Mayor's Cabinet in achieving its mission of enhancing environmental justice and quality of life in Boston by protecting air, water, climate, and land resources.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

- Masking is OPTIONAL (except for Church School teachers and children in classrooms)
- Masks are available at the front desk for those who choose to wear one
- We strongly encourage everyone to be fully vaxxed and boosted, to attend to handwashing, and to refrain from entering the building if you have so much as a sniffle.

PASTORAL TRANSITION NEWS

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PARTY WITH THE PASTOR!

Saturday, April 30th, 11:00 a.m., to 1:00 p.m. Lars Anderson Park in Brookline, RSVP tinyurl.com/PartywNST
Children and Families are invited to join Pastor Nancy for a special farewell get-together. More details to come. FMI: Kate Nintcheu children@oldsouth.org

CELEBRATION TEAM

The Celebration Team is planning ways to celebrate the tenure of Reverend Nancy Taylor. In the coming weeks we will announce ways you can participate in celebrating and honoring Nancy, up to and including her final Sunday on May 22nd.

MAY 22nd SCHEDULE

All-Church Worship 10:00 a.m. | **Pizza Break** 11:00 a.m. | **Celebration** 12:00 p.m.

HONORING NANCY | THE NANCY S. TAYLOR LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Taylor's commitment to nurturing, guiding and mentoring seminarians and new ministers is a hallmark of her tenure at Old South Church. To honor and preserve this legacy, the Celebration Team announces the creation of the Nancy S. Taylor Leadership Fellowship. This program will be funded through an endowment and offered annually to a seminary student. The "Taylor Fellow", in addition to the seminarian Old South already supports, targets seminary students in their third or final year. To learn more about the fellowship visit oldsouth.org/nancy. To contribute, visit oldsouth.org/donate.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Vimeo, Facebook, and YouTube

JAZZ Worship, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST Worship Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

FESTIVAL Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

HEALING Worship, the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

NOTICES 1) Worship services and events at Old South Church are sometimes photographed and videotaped to document the vibrant life of our church. If you do not wish to be included in these recordings, please notify an usher. 2) Please do not leave bags unattended in the building, including the Sanctuary, for any length of time.
