



April 20, 2025 ❖ 11am

Palm Sunday

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

Risoluta

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

*VOTUM

Gracie Paterson

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. Amen.

*HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODOLPH

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
O Prom - ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the one called "God's Be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine. *(to Refrain)*
our praise and prayers and an - thems we of - fer you this day. *(to Refrain)*
the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the simpl - est and the best. *(Pause)*

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Hosanna Is Our Song of Praise

Michael Ware

THE OLD SOUTH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Aislin Anderson, *director* ❖ Yuexuan (Joyce) Wang, *accompanist*

Hosanna is our song of praise, hosanna to the King.
Shout out to God, your voices raise, let all the children sing.

Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna is our song of praise.
Shout out to God, your voices raise.
Hosanna, hosanna!

With glad hosannas from the crowd, the King is drawing near.
Rejoice and sing and shout out loud, "The Savior now is here!"

Blest is the One who comes today in God's most holy name.
God sent us hope and love to show us how to live each day!

THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40

Jack Millard

*HYMN *concluded*

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to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!



To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,
Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;



to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
for you de - light in mer - cy, O good and gra - cious King.
who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.

to Refrain

WELCOME

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

LISTEN

*HYMN 71

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

VINEYARD HAVEN

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

SERMON

This Joy that We Have

Ashley J. Popperson

*HYMN 524

This Joy I Have

THIS JOY

**This joy I have, the world didn't give it to me.
This joy I have, the world didn't give it to me.
This joy I have, the world didn't give it to me.
The world didn't give it and the world can't take it away.**

This love I have, the world didn't give it to me...

This hope I have, the world didn't give it to me...

This faith I have, the world didn't give it to me...

This peace I have, the world didn't give it to me...

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Rachel J. Barton

God be with you.

And also with you.

May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

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.

ANTHEM

You Are Holy

John Helgen, *arr.*

You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness; you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

CALL TO THE OFFERING

John M. Edgerton



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and enter OSC to make a gift.

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smartphone camera
to tell us more about yourself.



OFFERTORY Hosanna to the Son of David H. Leslie Adams

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed, in the name of the Lord.

And when they had heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
they took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, saying:

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 52 **There Is a Name I Love to Hear** O HOW I LOVE JESUS

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION Ashley J. Popperson

POSTLUDE *Marche Triomphale* Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens



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 Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield.



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's 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

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 & 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

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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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

POEMS FOR THE JOURNEY: A LENTEN/HOLY WEEK GATHERING OF VERSE

*Sunday, April 13, 10am, second floor Mary Norton Hall
or Zoom, tinyurl.com/2025ForumOSC, password community*

Join Theologian in Residence, Don Wells, to hear poems and prose selections that reflect our Lenten and Holy Week journey. This is a new event similar to our annual Advent and Christmas Poetry Fest. Come and hear others share their offerings.

BLESSINGS FOR MARATHON SUNDAY

Coffee Hours through April 13

This year, we will be distributing felt hearts on the weekend of the Boston Marathon as a blessing. We invite you to decorate these hearts by embroidering encouraging words, patterns, or designs. We will have supplies available for decorating on the Sundays leading up to April 20th during coffee hour. Questions? Email ashley@oldsouth.org.

SHELTERING OUR NEIGHBORS: SIX HOST HOMES BY EASTER

As federal and state immigration policies change, refugees and migrants in Mass. remain in need of shelter. The New Neighbors Task Force, along with an ecumenical coalition led by the Massachusetts Council of Churches, has set a goal of six host homes by Easter. Working with trusted social service agencies, Old Southerners are stepping forward to host new neighbors (both families with children and individuals) in their homes for stays as short as an overnight and as long as several months. We are forming circles of support around each of these hosts to offer emotional support, transportation, babysitting, and other assistance as needed. If you are interested or want more information, please email ashley@oldsouth.org.

INFORMATIONAL LUNCH FOR POSSIBLE HOSTS AND SUPPORTERS

Sunday, April 13, fourth floor Guild Room

If you are interested in hosting new neighbors in their homes for one night or for extended stays and if you are interested in supporting Old Southerners who are hosting, please join us for lunch following Festival Worship on April 13th in the Guild Room. We will share information and lunch while building support circles around our hosts. We will have the Congregational Coordinator for the Massachusetts Council of Churches with us, the Rev. Tina Rathbone, who will offer some wisdom on home hosting.

YOUTH @ SYNOD INFORMATION MEETING

Wednesday April 23rd 7pm, zoom Meeting ID: 814 8308 9275, Passcode: 019033

Are you a Youth Group member (Grade 8-12) or parent of one who's curious about the wider church? General Synod runs a slate of programming for young people called Youth@Synod, and we have a chance to send some of our young people to join in from July 11-15th in Kansas City. Join us for a meeting where you can learn more, or email Rachel (rachel@oldsouth.org).

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS AT OLD SOUTH

ACTING LOCALLY ON CLIMATE CARE

Sunday, April 27, 10am, second floor Mary Norton Hall

or Zoom, tinyurl.com/2O25ForumOSC, password community

It's a challenging time for those of us worried about the health of the natural ecosystem. How do we keep hope alive? How do we bring an abundance mindset to our work? How do we continue to do transformative work? Kannan, Executive Director of Eastie Farm, and President of the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, will lead a discussion on decisions / actions we can take locally/personally to find harmonize our lives with the rhythms of Mother Earth. Together let's reach within ourselves and draw out what it takes to meet this moment.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER: THE REALITIES OF IMMIGRATION TODAY

Sunday, May 4, 10am, Second Floor Mary Norton Hall

or Zoom, tinyurl.com/2O25ForumOSC, password community

The U.S. immigration system is often described as "broken," but who does it serve, and who does it harm? From asylum backlogs to detention and deportation, our immigration system shapes the lives of millions—yet few understand its full impact. Join us for a conversation on the realities of immigration today, the forces behind these policies, and what can be done to create change. Jonathan Goldman, Executive Director of the Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice (SCIJ), will also share how young leaders are stepping up to provide legal support and organize for immigrant justice.

CONCERT BY CHELSEA CHEN, MASTER ORGANIST

Friday, April 25, 7:30pm, Sanctuary,

Free admission for Old South and BAGO members, go to www.bostonago.org for info

The Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists welcomes Chelsea Chen to Old South. Her concerts offer a unique mix of organ repertoire alongside transcriptions and contemporary music. Emerging Artists (organists 18-30 years) are invited to a free masterclass on Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING—LAST SUNDAY TO DONATE

You may have noticed the fish-shaped boxes around the church building -- these boxes harken back to Jesus' miraculous feeding of the 5,000 people with a little boy's offering of fish and bread -- and we're hoping to contribute to more miracles. The Lenten special offering, "One Great Hour of Sharing", is part of the United Church of Christ's Wider Mission. As people who believe in a God who transcends all borders, we are called to embrace those in need who are divided from us by human-made boundaries. One Great Hour of Sharing offers an opportunity to contribute to international aid. In partnership with multiple Protestant denominations, this offering makes a life saving difference in the lives of the most vulnerable. Children will be collecting donations within their small fish boxes, which we'll welcome back and bless during First Worship on Palm Sunday April 13th. Adults may contribute to this offering throughout Lent in worship, or via our online portal tinyurl.com/OSCGiving.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025 | www.oldsouth.org/holyweek

HOLY WEEK LOOM: WEAVING OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER | *On the sloping sidewalk*

We're all carrying a lot right now. Starting on Palm Sunday, and running throughout Holy Week, take a moment to add your prayers to our Prayer Loom. Write a prayer down on a piece of fabric, and weave it together with the prayers of your friends and neighbors. Then, join us on Easter Sunday at 7:00 am, where we will mark our faith and hope together as part of our sunrise Easter service. Got questions? Email Rachel (rachel@oldsouth.org).

PALM SUNDAY | April 13 | 9 & 11 a.m. | *In the Sanctuary*

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY | April 17 | 6 p.m. | *In the Gordon Chapel*

This year's Maundy Thursday service will be a fresh experience. In the past, we've focused on the failures of the disciples. This year, we will highlight the many gifts Jesus gave them to prepare and sustain them for the challenging days ahead. With music led by Audrey Woodhams, find sustenance and encouragement for the living of these days.

GOOD FRIDAY | April 18 | 7 p.m. | *In the Sanctuary*

This Good Friday, the Old South Chamber Chorus and soloists will present a performance of Sir John Stainer's passion oratorio *The Crucifixion*, a musical retelling of our 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 & MARATHON SUNDAY | April 20 7 a.m. | *On the sloping sidewalk*

Join us for a brief, informal outdoor service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to bless the athletes of the Boston Marathon. With bagpipe and public art, celebrate the joy of the resurrection under the portico.

9 a.m., 11 a.m., & 1 p.m. | *In the Sanctuary*

The triumph of the Christian story of resurrection informs a service of worship that is characterized by joyous celebration. Our celebration continues with hundreds of marathoners joining us for worship, where we will pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers in a special "Blessing of the Athletes." **For children:** childcare will be available on the 3rd floor from 8:20 - 12:30, and we will have Children's Worship for older children for a portion of the 9am and 11am services. For details please reach out to Director of Children and Families Kate Nintcheu at children@oldsouth.org.

EASTER-THON ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 20

Next Sunday, April 20th, is both Easter and the day before the Boston Marathon! Due to the marathon, driving to church will be a little more difficult. Our block of Boylston will be closed, along with Dartmouth from St. James to Boylston. Parking around Copley Square will be very difficult. So - plan a little more time to get to church. Approach the Prudential and Clarendon garages from the other (Huntington) side. Better yet - take the T if you can! Subway stops will be open, with the exception of the Copley Green Line T-Stop.

Services are at 7am (outside) 9am, 11am, and 1pm (in the sanctuary). Brunch and coffee will be served in Mary Norton Hall at 10am, with regular coffee hour and finger food at 12pm, also in Mary Norton Hall. Please note: If it would be difficult for you to stand in line when waiting to get into the sanctuary, please let us know ahead of time! We would be happy to provide a chair and assistance.

Our final note: the Boston Police Department will finish the barricade in front of our building at 3 PM on Sunday. All church folks must be out of the building and on their way by this time. We appreciate your help with this matter. If you have any questions about Easter-thon or the Boston Marathon, feel free to reach out to 617-536-1970 or amelia@oldsouth.org. Good luck to those who are running on Monday in this wonderful event!

GREEN YOUR EASTER: Make a Long Lasting Easter Basket

It's no wonder those inexpensive Easter baskets are so popular — they're just a few dollars apiece, bright, colorful, and adorned with adorable designs. The financial and environmental costs of purchasing a new basket every year and throwing it out when it breaks or when Easter is over (even if it is just a few dollars) really add up! Instead, invest in a well-made (or even better, secondhand!) basket that can be decorated and used for years to come. Go to tinyurl.com/2025eco-Easter to learn more.

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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