



Old South Church *in* Boston

## **Palm Sunday**

March 29, 2026 ❖ 11:00am

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

# GATHER

PRELUDE

Allegretto

Ludwig van Beethoven

from the 6th Violin Sonata, Op. 30, No. 1

ANTHEM

Hosanna We Sing

Glenn and Susan Eernisse

THE OLD SOUTH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Jamie Chelel, *director* • Joyce Wang, *accompanist*

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna we sing;  
raising palms and voices high, we celebrate our King!  
Blessed is the King who comes: Son of David, Promised One.  
Riding on in majesty, Jesus comes to set us free!

\*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)*

\*HYMN *concluded*

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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!  
 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

Ashley J. Popperson

**LISTEN**

ANTHEM

The Palms

Jean-Baptiste Faure

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms lie,  
 strewn forth today in festal preparation,  
 Jesus appears — he comes to dry our eyes!  
 E'en now the throng to welcome him prepare:

*Join all and sing, his name declare!  
Let every voice resound with acclamation,  
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!  
Bless him who cometh to bring us salvation!*

His word goes forth and peoples by his might  
have now regained freedom from degradation.  
Humanity doth give to each their right;  
for all the world he hath restored the light.

Sing and rejoice, O blessed Jerusalem,  
now all thy throngs sing their emancipation.  
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem  
brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

SERMON

The Stones Would Shout

Rachel J. Barton

\*HYMN 215

**Ride On! Ride On in Majesty**

ST. DROSTANE

## RESPOND

\*CALL TO PRAYER

Justin Tyler Dickerson

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.**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

John M. Edgerton



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If you're new to Old South, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to tell us more about yourself.



OFFERTORY

When I Survey

Marianne Forman

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 200

**Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed**

MARTYRDOM

\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Rachel J. Barton

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 Kate Silfen.



## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit) or see the front desk.

### **LEARN MORE**

Check out the church website [www.oldsouth.org](http://www.oldsouth.org) for more on the history and ministries of Old South. See [www.oldsouth.org/calendar](http://www.oldsouth.org/calendar) for a calendar of current events.

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**OLD SOUTH CHURCH in BOSTON — MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF**

John M. Edgerton, *Senior Minister*

Ashley J. Popperson, *Associate Minister* ❖ Rachel J. Barton, *Associate Minister for Transformation*  
Kat Woodard, *Taylor Resident for Mission in the City* ❖ Justin Tyler Dickerson, *Seminarian*

Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*  
James Harrison Jr. & David F. Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Kenneth H. Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

Jonathan Reddix, *Collaborative Pianist* ❖ Jan Christoph Hadenfeldt, *Visiting Organist*  
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*  
Audrey Woodhams, *Creative Director for Thursday Night Church*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*

Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*

Jamie Chelel, *Children's Choir Director* ❖ Yuexuan Joyce Wang, *Children's Choir Accompanist*

Rory Razon, *Youth Group Co-Leader*

Rebecca Pasipanodya, *Director of Operations*

Rémy Hatfield-Gardner, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*

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Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Tahmina Akter, Richard Serebour, & MD Rahman, *Sextons*

Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*

Shirley Bivins, Anna Pratt, & Shelia Randolph, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Maren Batalden, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Donna Matson, *Treasurer*

Debby Kuenstner, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*

Rebecca Bowen & Laurie Stickels, *Senior Deacons*

**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 AND EASTER

**PALM SUNDAY — March 29 | 9AM & 11AM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 2 | 6PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY — April 3 | 7PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY — April 5, 2026 | 9AM & 11AM**

### GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC WORSHIP

*April 3, 4pm, Downtown Boston, RSVP at <https://bit.ly/goodfriday2026>*

This Good Friday, April 3rd at 4PM, in downtown Boston, Christians and people of faith will gather in prayer and protest in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors. Through story, ritual and song, we will lament the violence against our immigrant neighbors, demand the abolition of ICE, and hear again God's call to lose the bonds of injustice and set every captive free. Questions? Email Rachel [rachel@oldsouth.org](mailto:rachel@oldsouth.org).

### THE BLESSING OF THE ATHLETES

*April 19, 2026 at 9:00am, 11:00am, & 1:00pm*

Join us for our annual Marathon Sunday worship services, featuring the Blessing of the Marathon Athletes and Highland Cathedral for bagpipes, drum, and organ. As the "Church of the Finish Line," we salute one of the oldest and greatest races in the world. Marathoners join us for worship, where we pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers. We'll ask God to bless them, to keep them safe from injury and harm, and pray, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, that they may "run and not grow weary, walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

### MARATHON FAMILY FUN RUN

*Sunday April 19, 10am, meet in the Gordon Chapel*

The Church School will revive our very short but sweet OSC Fun Run at 10am between worship services on Marathon Sunday. After convening in the Gordon Chapel, we run, walk, or roll the half-mile course down Dartmouth to Comm Ave, and then back along Exeter to Boylston. We finish by crossing the official finish line - and will take a photo together. There will be ministers running in robes! There will be race numbers! There will be prizes! Come and enjoy - no RSVP needed! All are welcome. Questions? [children@Oldsouth.org](mailto:children@Oldsouth.org).

## **SANCTUARY SPRUCE-UP**

*Saturday, April 4, 1-3pm*

We will gather the day before Easter to make the sanctuary sparkle for the big day! Come and help dust, vacuum, and straighten everything up. Materials and refreshments will be provided. Please sign up at the Front Desk or email Lois Corman at [loiscorman@gmail.com](mailto:loiscorman@gmail.com) so that we have an idea of how many people are joining us.

## **JOIN GOSPEL CHOIR FOR A WEEK! Sing at Thursday Night Church**

*Thursday, April 9 rehearsal in the Sanctuary, 7:00-7:30 pm, & Thursday, April 16 appearance at worship.*

Contact Tim Harbold at [tim@oldsouth.org](mailto:tim@oldsouth.org) for details and music in advance. You deserve a week of joyful singing! Please join us.

## **GREEN TIP**

### **ONE SUN, ONE EARTH, ONE PEOPLE CELEBRATION**

*Sunday, April 19, 1:30pm, Embrace Statue on Boston Common*

On the cusp of a revolution's 250th, JOIN US for this sacred celebration of One Sun, One Earth, One People as the Boston Interfaith Climate Allies welcome climate activist Bill McKibben who will invite us into a non-violent solar revolution.

## **LENT AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH**

### **PRAYER INSTALLATION IN CHAPEL**

Throughout Lent, there is a community art project in the Chapel. All week, people write prayers on small slips of paper in the sanctuary. We will hang these prayers in the chapel, allowing our whole community to lift those prayers to God as we worship throughout Lent. During worship services and coffee hours, we invite you to add your prayers by clipping them to the twine on the columns in the chapel.

### **IN THE GUISE OF A STRANGER SERMON SERIES**

Our Lenten sermon series invites us to recognize Christ in unexpected faces and places. Jesus tells us plainly where to find him: in the hungry and thirsty, the sick and imprisoned, the refugee and the forgotten. And yet, like the Disciples on the road to Emmaus, we can often miss him walking right beside us. This Lent, we'll engage with scriptures, stories, and prayers to explore how God shows up in unexpected guises.

### **KAT WOODARD ORDINATION**

*Sunday, April 12, 3pm, First Church in Somerville UCC, 89 College Ave.*

Our Taylor Resident for Mission in the City, Kat Woodard, is being ordained to her position here at Old South Church! The ordination service will take place at Kat's home congregation. Kat would be delighted for any and all Old Southerners to join her for this special milestone in ministry.

### **HEARD IT AT COUNCIL**

*Read Church Historian Kate Silfen's full report at [oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-march-2026](https://oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-march-2026)*

The March Council meeting was chock full of financial information, Micah Fund work, and an update on the BELONG Consultant search.

### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS | SUNDAYS AT 10AM**

#### **ALL CHURCH LENTEN SERIES: BELOVED COMMUNITY**

*Community Hours, Thursday Night Supper Clubs, & Online Small Group through March 29*

Lent is a call to connect and align ourselves with the radical, all-encompassing love that Jesus embodied. This Lent, we invite you to build relationships and deepen connections through weekly small group discussions, facilitated by the Membership committee. All are welcome - come as you are - come when you can!

#### **SOCK DRIVE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

*April 12, 10am, Mary Norton Hall*

Old South's Youth Group is hosting a Sock Drive Pancake Breakfast to benefit Cradles to Crayons on April 12 at 10:00am in Mary Norton Hall. Suggested contribution is a pack of new socks (toddler, kids, youth and adult sizes) per person or cash at the door. The collected cash will go towards buying more socks.

#### **ALL CHURCH READ OF "ROUGH SLEEPERS"**

*The book is available in paperback, hardcover, and audio formats, and check your local library.*

*Trouble getting your own copy? Email Paul Brouillette at [brouillettepaul@gmail.com](mailto:brouillettepaul@gmail.com)*

*Community Hour Forum Book discussion on Sunday May 3*

The Homelessness and Housing Insecurity Task Force invite you an all-church read of "Rough Sleepers" by Tracy Kidder. The book profiles Dr. Jim O'Connell's work with people experiencing homelessness in Boston and his role in helping develop the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. On Sunday, May 3, Dr. Jim O'Connell will speak at the 10:00 Community Hour, discussing his efforts reaching out to Boston's unhoused population with individual care, compassion, and dedication. While reading "Rough Sleepers" before the discussion is not required to hear Dr. Jim's talk, doing so will provide greater insight into his medical and spiritual journey.

## PARKING VALIDATION CHANGES—NO PRUDENTIAL PARKING

Validation option with the Back Bay Garage: Entrances are at 85 St. James Ave and 199 Clarendon St. The Back Bay Garage is closer and more affordable than our previous other parking options. It offers Sunday rates of up to 3 hours for \$5, and up to 11 hours for \$10 on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as weeknights after 5:00 PM for \$8. Park your car, come to the church, request a coupon at the front desk (coupons vary by time) and then pay as you exit the garage. The 100 Clarendon garage can still be validated; however, validation remains \$10 for up to 3 hours. Beyond 3 hours, you have to pay full price. Questions? Reach out to Rebecca at 617-536-1970 or [rebecca@oldsouth.org](mailto:rebecca@oldsouth.org).

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND OUTREACH GIVING—*common cathedral*

Learn more about their work and ministry at [commoncathedral.org](http://commoncathedral.org)

Have other weekly action ideas? Email [outreach@oldsouth.org](mailto:outreach@oldsouth.org)

This week, we are highlighting Old South's long-term commitment to *common cathedral*. For more than 26 years, *common cathedral* has gathered on Boston Common for outdoor worship while also building community, offering spiritual care, and bridging the gap between unhoused and housed people through a range of programs rooted in connection and belonging. At the Winter Walk last week, our church also raised \$6,845 for *common cathedral* in addition to the \$20,000 annual grant that we are giving! We are grateful to support a ministry that is so deeply committed to serving all people with dignity, companionship, and care. If you are interested in helping a group of Old Southerners to prepare or serve lunch with *common cathedral*, please email Kat Woodard at [kat@oldsouth.org](mailto:kat@oldsouth.org)

## 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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GooglePay, or Credit Card,  
scan the QR code.

If you're new to Old South,  
scan the QR code  
to tell us more about yourself.



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.

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