

Old South Church Copley Square, Boston A Congregation of the United Church of Christ Gathered 1669

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 **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** 

Hosanna in the Highest! Joanne & Milton LeDoux OLD SOUTH CHILDREN'S CHOIR Aislin-Kate Anderson, *director* 

Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna to the son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

O clap your hands and praise him; let music fill the air. Come, let's dance and sing!

> The hope of all the nations; the lesson that we share is Jesus Christ the Lord!

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates all who are able may stand

## 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)

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

\*THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11

Deborah Washington

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Richard E. Spalding

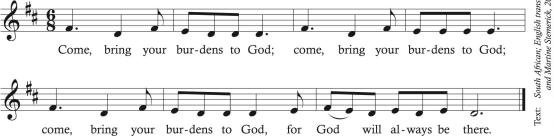
Please greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

\*SUNG RESPONSE

## Soloist; Choir:

Come, bring your burdens to God; Come, bring your burdens to God; Come, bring your burdens to God, for God will always be there.

## Congregation:



Text: South African; English trans. Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro, and Martine Stemerick, 2008

Tune: WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO, South African melody; arr. Welile Sigobi, 2008

## WORDS OF WELCOME

# **ATTEND**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

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.

During the anthem, children who wish to may meet childcare staff in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

SERMON Katherine A. Schofield

\*HYMN 213 **"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"** ELLACOMBE

## \*CALL TO PRAYER

Ashley J. Popperson

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

Sing, My Tongue

Plainsong, Mode 3 Harry Huff, *adapt*.

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, sing the ending of the fray, o'er the cross, the victor's trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay: tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, as a victim won the day.

God in pity saw man fallen, shamed and sunk in misery, when he fell on death by tasting fruit of the forbidden tree: then another tree was chosen which the world from death should free.

Therefore when the appointed fullness of the holy time was come, he was sent who maketh all things forth from God's eternal home: thus he came to earth, incarnate, offspring of a maiden's womb.

Thirty years among us dwelling, now at length his hour fulfilled, born for this, he meets his Passion, for that this he freely willed, on the cross the Lamb is lifted, where his life-blood shall be spilled.

# **RESPOND**

## **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

Dan Baissa Paul McDaniels Marilyn Riedel Donna Tesiero

#### PRESENTATION

## LITANY OF INTENT

One: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. They have been led by the Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian church.

Many: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. God help us.

One: Friends who are joining, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith which has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith. Do you promise, by the grace of God, to continue in your pilgrimage of faith, to be Christ's disciple, to resist oppression and evil, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Those joining: We promise, with the help of God.

One: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and in Christian love? And do you promise, that so far as able, you will participate in the life of this church, by worshiping God with us, and offering your time, talent and means for the ministry of this church and for the larger church of which this is a part?

Those joining: We promise, with the help of God.

One: Friends, we then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church and we rise as we are able and share our covenant of mission with you.

\*Many: We pledge to give ourselves to the one whom Jesus called "Abba, Father," as the God in whose love we are grounded, and to Jesus Christ, God incarnate, who rules our lives. We give ourselves to God the Holy Spirit, the One who sustains, recreates and guides us. We promise to walk in covenant with one another, with the wider church, and with the Old South Church, secure in God's grace, and prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and serve in the hope of the Gospel.

THE RIGHT HAND OF CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

Amy Coe, Deacon

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Donald A. Wells



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**OFFERTORY** 

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

Love is strong as death.

Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

n.b.: Both the church and our society generally have moved away from gendered expressions of universality; mankind being supplanted by humankind, etc. The text above, which employs such archaisms, is nevertheless preserved to retain the work's unique aesthetic as a product of the Anglican tradition. —MC

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 71 Rejoice, You Pure in Heart VI

VINEYARD HAVEN

\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Katherine A. Schofield

POSTLUDE

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656

J. S. Bach



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 David Becker.



# **JOINING OLD SOUTH TODAY**

# At First Worship

## Tyler and Logan Read

Tyler and Logan have called Boston home since 2014. They first met at college in Washington, DC and were married in Delaware in 2018. In September 2022, they welcomed their first child, Landon, who is busy working on all of his milestones and "playing" with their cat, Pretzel. While not walking Landon along the Charles or working across it at MIT, Logan always has a book in her hands or on her headphones. Tyler works for Wayfair and enjoys cycling during the summer and watching a soccer match with Landon. The Read family is excited to call Old South their new spiritual home!

# At Festival Worship

## Dan Baissa

Dan moved from Upstate New York to Boston to pursue his graduate studies. He is currently completing his PhD at Harvard, focusing on the intersection of climate change and civil war. In his leisure time, he indulges in astrophotography, gardening, and exploring the world around him. Having attended Old South for several years, he is thrilled to finally become a member!

#### Paul McDaniels

Paul is from Connecticut though he has lived in the Boston area for over 8 years. Paul spends his days working at a title company in Massachusetts where he works as a real estate attorney. In his free time he enjoys running, tasting different cuisines at local restaurants, and exploring nature (especially in the New England Area!).

## Marilyn Riedel

Marilyn and her husband Bob moved to Boston when COVID became a reality. Bob is a retired athletic director who once pitched for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Marilyn is a retired K-12 and public librarian.

#### Donna Tesiero

Donna grew up in upstate New York, and moved to Boston in 1979. She is a lawyer, teacher, and writer. She first got to know Old South through Old South Preschool, which all four of her children attended in the 1990's.

# **NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC**

John Ireland (1879-1962) studied at the Royal College of Music in London before matriculating at Durham University, where he received the Bachelor of Music. His works for the Anglican church are indebted to the stylistic and formal influences of his teacher, Charles Villiers Stanford, whose ecclesiastical compositions had revitalized English church music a generation before. The anthem "Greater love hath no man" is an early work of Ireland's, composed in 1912 when he was organist of St. Luke's, Chelsea for Charles Macpherson, then sub-organist of St. Paul's Cathedral (just up the Thames). Intended as a meditation for Passiontide, its text was drawn from a compilation of scriptural passages in Daily Light on the Daily Path, a series of pamphlets containing Bible readings to which Ireland was drawn during the period. The anthem was quickly taken up by cathedral and church choirs throughout England, and — with the outbreak of war in 1914 — gained a special resonance as casualties mounted. Given to frequent changes of mood, it opens with a sustained, arch-shaped melody before the tempo enlivens toward an early climax; after an arresting pair of solos for soprano and baritone, the music continues toward its dramatic apex at the text "...into his marvelous light." The concluding postscript gently sustains the tension of the previous sections, resolving only with the final chord from the organ.

# Old South Church in Boston invites you to its Signature Services during the coming year.

## **HOLY WEEK 2023**

Palm Sunday — April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 | 9AM & 11AM Maundy Thursday — April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 7PM Good Friday — April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 12PM & 7PM Easter Sunday — April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 9AM & 11AM

## Marathon Sunday — April 16th, 2023 | 9AM & 11AM

Each year hundreds of marathoners join us for worship, where we pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers in a special "Blessing of the Athletes."

## Phillis Wheatley Sunday — May 14th, 2023 | 9AM & 11AM

Old South honors and learns from one of the saints of this church who was stolen from Africa, suffered the Middle Passage, was sold into slavery, and triumphed through her awesome wit and the mighty power of her pen.

## All Saints Sunday — November 5th, 2023 | 11AM

In a solemn service of sacred music, we gather to name and remember our own beloved dead who now rest from their labors in the arms of God.

## Meeting House Sunday — November 19th, 2023 | 11AM

We return to our ancestral home, the Old South Meeting House at Washington & Milk Streets, to give thanks for God's many blessings and the rich history of our faith.

## CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE — December 24th, 2023

Family Service with Impromptu Pageant | 5PM Lessons and Carols | 8PM Carols and Communion | 11PM

# WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.

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.

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 <u>katherine@oldsouth.org</u>

# **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 <a href="mailto:nrv/your-first-visit">nrv/your-first-visit</a> or see the front desk.

# **LEARN MORE**

Check out the church website at <u>www.oldsouth.org/calendar</u> 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!

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

Richard E. Spalding, Interim Senior Minister

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

Ashley J. Popperson, Associate Minister \* Katherine A. Schofield, Interim Associate Minister

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

David Story, Wedding Minister \* Ken Orth, Healing Worship Minister

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

Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children & Family Ministries 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
Debby Kuenstner, Chair, Board of Trustees & Kate Silfen, Historian
Christine Del Favero and Tony Rich, 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.





## **PALM SUNDAY** April 2<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

## MAUNDY THURSDAY - Service of Tenebrae April 6th, 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 7th

## Service of Seven Words from the Cross 12 Noon

On the most solemn day of the Christian year, we gather in prayer and song to listen to Christ's last words, and reflect on the death that changed the world.

## **Choral Service** 7 p.m.

Theodore Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ* is a gripping account of Christ's death on the cross. Weaving together ancient texts with arch-Romantic music, Dubois' setting of the passion narrative is among the most beloved tellings of the ancient story, and is sure to provoke new insights into the nature of Christ's suffering and sacrifice.

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m

The triumph of the Christian story of resurrection informs a service of worship that is characterized by joyous celebration. Children's Worship will meet for a portion of both services.

## **OLD SOUTH FORUM**

Sundays, 10 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Mary Norton Hall,

and on Zoom, at tinyurl.com/OSCForums password: Community

There will be no Community Hour Forum on Easter (4/9) and Marathon Sunday (4/16). We will return in late April with two Forum presentations by the OSC Climate Crisis Task Force.

This casual, no-commitment, come-when-you-can forum hosts series on a variety of topics. Clergy, congregation members, and special guests share in leading sessions.

# Get to Know Pastor Ashley at the Forum! Sunday, April 2nd

On Palm Sunday we welcome Pastor Ashley in the Forum. Pastor Ashley began serving as our Associate Minister in February and has become a great part of the OSC team. Ashley is originally from Evergreen, Colorado, but now lives in Jamaica Plain with her family. She earned Master's Degrees in both Divinity and Social Work from Boston University (2014) and most recently served as Associate Pastor at United Church of Christ, Norwell for four years. Join us to learn more about Ashley's spiritual journey, her favorite theological quandaries, and her famous dog Pope Joan.

## **VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP**

NOTE DATE CHANGE: THIS SUNDAY, April 2nd, 5 p.m. on Zoom,

go to tinyurl.com/OSCHealing to join

Please join us to take a moment for rest and renewal in the presence of God and other spiritual companions gathering by Zoom. All are welcome to share this quiet space and lift up our concerns, our losses, our hurts, and our celebrations in the Healing Presence of God and one another.

## **EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

Last Sunday to donate, requested contribution \$20

Go to <u>tinyurl.com/OSC-online-giving</u> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Alex Pickering at <u>alex@oldsouth.org</u> with questions.

## **BLESSING OF THE ATHLETES**

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Join us for our annual Marathon Sunday worship services, featuring the Blessing of the Marathon Athletes and Highland Cathedral for bagpipes, drum, and organ.

## MARATHON SUNDAY FUN RUN

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m., meet in 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 to Boylston



along Exeter. We finish by crossing the official finish line - and will take a photo together. You could see ministers running in robes, there will be race numbers, and there will be snacks! Come and enjoy - no RSVP needed! All are welcome.

## YOUNG ADULT AFTER-JAZZ DINNER

Next Dinner April 13<sup>th</sup>, email Sarah Cowles with any questions
Join us for a casual hangout with other 20s and 30s Old Southers. We meet in the chapel after Jazz service at 6:45pm on the first Thursday of every month. We grab take out food in the area or bring food from home and gather in the Tower room to catch up, meet new folks, and enjoy a meal together.



# **GREEN TIP: Celebrate Earth Day with Old South Church!**

## Canopy of Care Tree Planting Project Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

We are excited to launch our partnership with Habitat for Humanity Boston and Speak for the Trees Boston. Join us in the morning as we plant trees at a Habitat home on Balina Place in Dorchester. Following a lunch on site we invite more Old Southers to join us and Speak for the Trees at their Tree Tour of Franklin Park.

## Care of Creation Sunday, April 23rd

We will celebrate God's good earth and our responsibility to be eco-stewards in worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Forum programming will focus on the importance of the Tree Canopy and examine the intersections of environmental racism and green space.

## **PASTORAL TRANSITION NEWS**

Read the full report at

The Senior Minister Search Committee has extended written invitations to the small group of candidates who have accepted the opportunity for deeper engagement with us. Each will join us for a day and a half of exercises including small and larger group meals, Bible study, a hands on experience with our unhoused neighbors, an exercise that engages our church staff in planning worship, reflection with church staff on our budget and use of our building, an extended interview with the Search Committee, and an opportunity to close the experience with us in a small informal vespers service. We anticipate that we will have had the opportunity to meet all of our candidates by mid May and anticipate a continued process of discernment following these in-person experiences.

## **HEARD IT AT COUNCIL**

Go to www.oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-march-2023 to read the latest news about the March Council meeting including staff transitions by Kate Silfen, Church Historian.

## GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION

"This is not just a housing crisis, it's a human crisis." 300 GBIO leaders - including our OSC GBIO Core Team, demanded Housing Justice at a rally March 15 outside the State House. This rally marked the launch of an ambitious, multi-pronged Housing Justice campaign. To get involved with GBIO and show your support visit gbio.org or contact katherine@oldsouth.org.

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 5:30 p.m. via Zoom



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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.