

March 31, 2024 � 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

EASTER 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

Fantasy in G, BWV 572

J.S. Bach

*EASTER ACCLAMATION

Julia B. 9 a.m. Pam Roberts 11 a.m.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen. Many: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! We are afflicted in every way— One: Many: But not crushed. Struck down-One: Many: But not destroyed. One: For we are persuaded that neither death, nor life, Many: Nor angels, nor principalities, One: Nor things present, nor things to come, Many: Nor powers, nor height, nor depth, Nor anything else in all creation, One: Many: can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Savior. For on Easter, God defeated death. One: Many: Death is dead! Alleluia! Christ is risen. One: Many: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Indicates all who are able may stand

*HYMN	Christ the Lord Is Risen	EASTER HYMN			
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Christ the Lord is	risen to - day,	Al	le - lu	- ia!	
Lives a - gain our	glo - rious king;	A1 -		- ia!	
Love's re - deem - ing	work is done,	Al -		- ia!	
Soar we now where	Christ has led,	Al -		- ia!	
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All cre - a - tion	join to say,	Al -	le - lu -	ia!	
Where, O death, is	now your sting?	Al -	le - lu -	· ia!	
Fought the fight, the	bat - tle won,	Al -	le - lu -	ia!	
Fol - lowing our ex	- alt - ed head,	Al -	le - lu -	ia!	
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Raise your joys and	tri - umphs high,	A1 -	le - lu -	ia!	
Je - sus died, our	souls to save,	Al -	le - lu -	ia!	
Death in vain for -	bids him rise,	Al -	le - lu -	ia!	
Made like Christ, like	Christ we rise,	Al -	le - lu -	ia!	
Sing, O heavens, and	earth re - ply,	Al -	le - lu -	ia!	
Where your vic - to	- ry, O grave?	A1 -	le - lu -	ia!	
Christ has o - peneo		A1 -	le - lu -	ia!	
Ours the cross, the	grave, the skies,	A1 -	le - lu -	ia!	
		Tune: EAST	es Wesley, 1739, alt. ER HYMN, <i>Lyra Dav</i> from <i>The Compleat Ps</i>		

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ashley J. Popperson

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

*WORDS OF WELCOME

ATTEND

ANTHEM

Welcome, Happy Morning!

Calvin Hampton, arr.

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say: hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today! Lo! the Dead is living, God for evermore! Him their true Creator, all his works adore! "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring, all fresh gifts returned with her returning King: bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough, speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now. *"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.*

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all, thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall, of the Father's Godhead true and only Son, mankind to deliver, thou o'er death hath won. *"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.*

Thou, of life the Author, death didst undergo, tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show; come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word, 'tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord! *"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.*

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain: all that now is fallen raise to life again; show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see; bring again our daylight: day returns with thee! *"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.* SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27

Ryan Park 9 a.m. Deborah Washington 11 a.m.

*HYMN

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

During the hymn, children are invited to depart for Children's Worship in the Crawford Library.



SERMON

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN

At the Name of Jesus

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Rachel J. Barton

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

Ashley J. Popperson



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OFFERTORY

Joy to the Heart

K. Lee Scott

Look there! the Christ, our Savior, comes resplendent from the gallows tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.

Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning.

Good Jesus Christ inside his pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope and let the blood flow from his flesh to fill the springs of living hope. Good Jesus Christ, our Savior, died in darkest hurt upon the tree to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.

Look there! the Christ, our Savior, comes...

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN	Jesus Christ	LLANFAIR			
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 Text: Stanzas 1–3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740, alt.
Tune: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1817

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE *Ein Siegesgesang Israels* Sigfrid Karg-Elert ("Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals"), Op. 101, No. 5

You may depart the Sanctuary from exits at either the front or back.

Children's Worship meets in the Crawford Library – through the Gordon Chapel. Please pick children up there following worship.

> The colorful Easter bouquet in front of the pulpit is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anna Dartley and Dr. Seth Ephriam Dartley By Saideh, Anna Nicole, and Sara Ann

The flowers this morning are given by Old South Members and Friends in honor and memory of Loved ones. Pick up a booklet on a table in the back of the Sanctuary to read the dedications.

> Leading worship in the Gordon Chapel is Theologian in Residence Donald A. Wells.

Our processional banner-bearers are Jake Maliel and Steve Holt at 9am and Harrison Reeder and Daniel Siyan Li-Huerta at 11am.

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JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY SERVICES

Twilight Worship on Thursdays at 6 p.m. First Worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. Festival worship on Sundays at 11 a.m.

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**. For more information, contact Associate Minister Ashley Popperson at <u>ashley@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 *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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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.

