

Old South Church *in* Boston | April 20, 2025 | 7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service

PRELUDE

Morning piping tunes

WELCOME

Rachel J. Barton

GATHERING WORDS

Take heart and remain through the breaking of the day

Trust in the hidden work of God.

The runners come to the tomb and find it empty

They see and believe

“Beloveds, why do you weep?”

Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SINGING TOGETHER

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

Ashley J. Popperson

SINGING TOGETHER

Guide My Feet

**Guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

Hold my hand while I run this race...

Stay with me while I run this race...

BLESSING OF ATHLETES

GREETING and INTRODUCTION

John M. Edgerton

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Strong and faithful God, we ask your blessing on these athletes who have come to race and compete. Keep them safe from injury and harm. Instill in them respect for each other. Give them the endurance to compete well. Reward them for their discipline and perseverance.

May you mount up with wings like eagles; may you run and not grow weary; may you walk and not faint. [Isaiah 40:31]

May God touch you with a wind that keeps you strong, for all the days to come.

God bless you. God be with you. Amen.

Highland Cathedral

Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

David Methven, *bagpipe*

BENEDICTION

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