



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

April 17th, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY

**Blessing of the
Marathon Athletes**

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

*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 Saraband (for the Morning of Easter) Herbert Howells

INTROIT Guide My Feet
*Performed by Paul Soper in memory of Thomas J. Soper (1937-2021),
who ran the 99th Boston Marathon*

*EASTER ACCLAMATION jessica young chang,
Seminarian

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Many: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

One: We are afflicted in every way—

Many: But not crushed.

One: Struck down—

Many: But not destroyed.

One: For we are persuaded that neither death, nor life,

Many: Nor angels, nor principalities,

* Indicates all who are able may stand

One: Nor things present, nor things to come,
Many: Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
 One: Nor anything else in all creation...
**Many: Can separate us from the love of God
 in Christ Jesus our Savior.**
 One: For on Easter, God defeated death.
Many: Death is dead!
 One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Many: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*HYMN 233

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Hymnals are located in or beneath your pew.

EASTER HYMN

WORDS OF WELCOME

Shawn M. Fiedler,
Acting Associate Minister

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. (*refrain*)

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. (*refrain*)

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! (*refrain*)

The congregation is invited to join in the singing of the final verse:

5. Loose the souls long pris - oned, held in bonds of sin;
All that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain;
Show thy face in bright - ness, bid the na - tions see;
Bring a - gain our day - light: day re - turns with thee!
rit.
"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16. 1-7

Julia Maliel 9 a.m.

Emily Longman-Keene 11 a.m.

*HYMN 242

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

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

AN EASTER WORD

Nancy S. Taylor,
Senior Minister

*HYMN

Halle, Hallelujah



1. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
2. I'm the Bread of Life: _____ feed on me!
3. I'm the Res - ur - rec - tion: live in me!
4. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
I'm the One True Vine: _____ grow in me!
Way and Truth and Life: _____ fol - low me!
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
I'm the Bread of Life: _____ feed on me!
I'm the Res - ur - rec - tion: live in me!
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

THE EASTER PRAYER

Howard Cha-Young Kim,
Pastoral Resident

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

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton

The congregation repeats this phrase throughout:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Katherine A. Schofield,
Interim Associate Minister



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scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.*

OFFERTORY

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah*

G. F. Händel

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Hallelujah!

BLESSING OF THE ATHLETES

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Nancy S. Taylor

PRAYER OF BLESSING

One: 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.

Many: May you mount up with wings like eagles.

May you run and not grow weary.

May you walk and not faint.

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

Many: God bless you. God be with you. Amen.

PROCESSION

Highland Cathedral

Michael Korb &
Ulrich Roever
Harry Huff, *arr.*

David Methven, *bagpiper*

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

*HYMN 4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

HYMN TO JOY

POSTLUDE

Music for a Festival

Sigfried Karg-Elert



WORSHIP SERVICES

First Worship *informal & vibrant* Sundays at 9 a.m. with communion

Festival Worship *grand & expressive* Sundays at 11 a.m.

Jazz Worship *with sax & soul* Thursdays at 6 p.m. with communion

Healing Worship *gentle & tender* 2nd Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

TODAY AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

You may exit at either the front or back of the Sanctuary.
You may exit the Gordon Chapel through the Boylston Street doors.
Happy Easter!

Leading worship in the Chapel are Theologian in Residence Donald A. Wells
and Seminarian Martha Schick.

Our processional banner bearers are Jake Maliel and Sam Ou at 9 a.m.
and Phil and Anne Dearing at 11 a.m.

Today's ASL interpreter is Christina DiSalvo.



EASTER FLOWERS

The flowers and flowering branches adorning the Chancel are the gift of
Old South members and friends in remembrance or celebration of hundreds of
loved ones. A complete listing is available at the back of the church.

The arrangements under the pulpit are given to the glory of God

In loving memory of Anna Dartley and Dr. Seth Ephraim Dartley,
by Saideh, Anna Nicole and Sara Ann.

In memory of the victims, and in honor of the survivors, along with all those who gave
comfort and support after The Boston Marathon bombing.
BOSTON STRONG! by Tom Ralston



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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.

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