

HOLY WEEK AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Palm Sunday & Blessing of the Athletes: April 14th, 9 & 11 a.m.

Celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and the start of Holy Week with Old South Church's exuberant parade and the waving of palms. This year, Palm Sunday falls a day before the Boston Marathon. Hundreds of marathoners will join us for worship as we ask God to bless them, and pray that they may "run and not grow weary, walk and not faint" (in the words of the prophet Isaiah).

Maundy Thursday: April 18th at 6 p.m.

On Maundy Thursday we blur the line between ancient and contemporary—bringing to life the story of the night of the Last Supper with music, reading, sacrament, and singing. We will listen as if for the first time to the story of the disastrous night Jesus was betrayed and sentenced to death by the religious authorities. This year, our service has been completely reimagined by John Edgerton, Mitchell Crawford and Willie Sordillo to be held beneath the soaring and imposing windows of the Old South Sanctuary. *Please note, there will be a single service, at 6:00pm.*

Good Friday: April 19th at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.

At 12 noon we will have a brief, contemplative service with communion, hymns, and organ accompaniment. Our 6 p.m. service will include improvisational Jazz and chants from the Taize style, as we experience anew the most somber story in the Christian faith.

Easter Sunday: April 21st at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The triumph of the Christian story of resurrection informs a service of worship that is characterized by thunderous celebration. Trumpet and organ, voice and timpani combine to bring us to the empty tomb, to peer inside, to see it is empty, and to give God wild thanksgiving for the hope of everlasting life.

MARATHON SUNDAY FUN RUN

Sunday, April 14th around 10 a.m.

We will revive our very short but sweet OSC Fun Run between worship services on Marathon Sunday. We run, walk, or roll the half-mile course down Dartmouth to Comm Ave, and then back to Boylston along Exeter. There will be ministers running in robes, race numbers, and snacks! Come and enjoy - no RSVP needed. Gather in Gordon Chapel following 9 a.m. worship.

JUSTICE & ACTION

PILGRIMAGE OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE

June 13th-16th in Montgomery, Alabama. Registration deadline is April 15th.

We're teaming up with City Mission Boston to lead a pilgrimage to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. The purpose of this journey is to acknowledge the living legacy of white supremacy in our country, learn the history of white racial violence from Reconstruction to Jim Crow, and begin to appreciate the importance of resisting modern day racism and system injustice in our lives and community. Visit www.tinyurl.com/TruthandJusticePilgrimage for more information.

LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL: A PUBLIC READING

Tuesday, April 16th, 4-7 p.m. in Boston City Hall Plaza

This year is the 55th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's arrest in Birmingham, Alabama. His Letter from Birmingham Jail instantly became one of our nation's most important civic and theological statements on race and citizens. Join more than 30 Boston-area nonprofits, businesses, community groups, and more for a reading of this document. Our very own Rev. Nancy Taylor is one of the readers! Full details at tinyurl.com/y3qgxdup

INTERRACIAL BUT NOT INTEGRATED:

AFRICAN AMERICANS, INDIANS, & NEW ENGLAND'S COLONIAL CHURCHES

Wednesday, June 5th, 6:30 p.m. at Old South Meeting House

By attendance at services, being baptized, and taking the Lord's Supper, numerous Native Americans and mostly-enslaved African Americans participated in a substantial number of New England churches between the 1730s and 1790s, including the Old South Meeting House and other Boston churches. They did so despite segregated seating arrangements and prohibitions against voting and holding church leadership positions. Join us to hear Professor Richard Boles share about his research into the religious lives of the African Americans and American Indians who affiliated with eighteenth-century New England churches. This program is co-presented by the Congregational Library & Archives and Old South Meeting House.

THIS SUNDAY AT OLD SOUTH

COMMUNITY HOUR: WOMEN, GENDER, PATRIARCHY

Sunday, April 7th at 10 a.m. in Mary Norton Hall

In the final Jubilee Lenten Community Hour, we will look at gender through the generations, exploring the richness of women's experiences biblically and here at Old South.

DIALOGUE ON THE INTRA-RACIAL CHURCH: MODULE II

Sunday, April 7th 12:30 p.m. in the Crawford Library

(G)RACE Speaks is holding a series of discussions aiming to unpack conscious and unconscious behaviors that function as obstacles to racial inclusion at God's Table. Through personal experiences, reflection, storytelling and interactive exercises, participants will develop the ability to speak to the context, circumstances and conditions that trigger and set in motion the pain of racism. All are welcome.

A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

Sunday, April 7th at 12:30 p.m., Mary Norton Hall

How can great works of sacred music help us deepen our understanding of scripture? In the final session of this Lenten series, we will listen to music together and discuss how it influences our experiences of Biblical texts. Led by OSC seminarian Betsy Wooster and OSC member Del Case (professor of music at Wheaton College). Snacks will be provided.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

We're asking for \$20 donations for the display of lilies, tulips and cherry blossoms that will adorn the chancel on Easter Sunday (April 21). Go to www.tinyurl.com/OSC-online-giving and choose Easter Flowers for your gift. Cards will also be available at Church for the next several weeks. Checks should be made out to Old South Church. **The deadline for donations is April 14th.**

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, April 12th, 6-10 p.m. at Old South Church

Can't remember the last time you had a date night? Old South Church believes that strong relationships make for strong families - and we offer a monthly Parents Night Out that is open to the community. Children (age 6 months to students in 5th grade) are cared for by vetted Children's Ministries staff and volunteers, while parents nurture their adult relationships around Back Bay or Copley Square. When you plan date night around Parents Night Out - you always have a sitter!

CITY MISSION BOSTON LIGHTS GALA

Thursday, May 2nd, 6pm-10pm at Four Seasons Hotel, 200 Boylston St, Boston

Join our partner organization, City Mission Boston, for an evening of celebration, entertainment, and fundraising. This biennial event benefits their vital programs and supports their commitment to serving the people of Boston. They will celebrate community leaders - including Rev. Nancy Taylor! - with a special award ceremony. Tickets are \$200 and can be purchased at citymissionboston.org/gala.

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 in the Sanctuary, for any length of time.
