

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

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

*THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-10 John M. Edgerton

One: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

All: “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.

One: If anyone says anything to you, just say this: ‘the Lord needs them,’ and he will send them immediately.”

All: This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

One: The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

All: A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

One: The crowds that went ahead of him, and that followed were shouting—

ANTHEM

Hosanna!

Lynn Russell

OLD SOUTH CHILDREN’S CHOIR • Amy Budka, *director*

Hosanna, hosanna! O blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Alleluia! Christ the King comes riding by!

Alleluia! Palms and praises fill the sky!

WORDS OF WELCOME

After the Welcome, children are invited to leave for care.

ATTEND

ANTHEM

Alleluia from Brazilian Psalm

Jean Berger

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Lord, Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have.
But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord,
I will make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord.
We have no cymbals for your praise, no harps to praise you,
But I'll praise you with waving of palms,
I will praise you with waving of palms.
Accept them, I implore you.
I will dance and sing your praises!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, O Lord!

SERMON

The City

Nancy S. Taylor

*HYMN

Guide My Feet

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

**Hold my hand while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)
hold my hand while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)
hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)**

**I'm your child while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)
I'm your child while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)
I'm your child while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)**

**Search my heart while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)
search my heart while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)
search my heart while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)**

Stand by me while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)
stand by me while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)
stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

RESPOND

PASTORAL PRAYER

Katherine A. Schofield

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Unison*

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.

ANTHEM

On Eagle's Wings
based on Psalm 91

Michael Joncas
Craig Kingsbury, *arr.*

*You, who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in God's shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my Rock, in whom I trust!"*

Refrain:

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings; bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
Under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. [refrain]*

*You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. [refrain]*

*For to his angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. [refrain]*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*In thanksgiving to God and giving witness to generous hearts,
our financial gifts support ministries of mercy and justice.*

OFFERTORY

Ride On, King Jesus
Aislin Kate Anderson, *soloist*

Moses Hogan, *arr.*

Refrain:

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquering king.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on; No man can hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun,
but now my race is almost done. [*refrain*]

King Jesus rides a milk white horse.
The river of Jordan he did cross. [*refrain*]

He's the King and the Lord of all.
He's the first and the last.
Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince, Prince of Peace. [*refrain*]

BLESSING OF THE ATHLETES

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Nancy S. Taylor

PRAYER OF BLESSING

June R. Cooper

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.

All: 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.

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

PROCESSION	Highland Cathedral David Methven, <i>bagpiper</i> ; Amy Budka, <i>percussion</i>	Harry Huff, <i>arr.</i>
*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION		Nancy S. Taylor
POSTLUDE	<i>Marche Triomphale</i>	Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens



Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following the 11:00 AM worship service at the front of the Sanctuary. Led by docents Mary Hunter and Stephanie LaShoto.

*Leading Worship today in the Gordon Chapel are Theologian in Residence **Donald A. Wells** & Seminarian **Betsy Wooster***



WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children’s bulletins ask an Usher.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

*Old South has installed a **Hearing Loop** in the Sanctuary.*

1. Our hearing loop works directly with devices equipped with a “T-Coil.”
2. The sound is best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does not work in the upper galleries.
3. If you would like to borrow a device paired with our system, please ask an usher.

OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON *Still making history*



On *May 12, 1669*
the founders of Old South Church first gathered.
Their descendants intend to mark the occasion as follows

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

- 11:00am *Anniversary Worship Service*
Featuring a hymn commissioned for our anniversary,
as well as the presentation of the Open Door Award.
- 12:30pm *Ceremony*
Heraldic trumpets, dignitaries, an interfaith blessing.
- 1:00pm *350th Birthday Party*
Cake & ice cream, magician, games,
reenactors, and dance music.
- 2:30pm *Finale*
Peeling of the Tower Bell.

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, AND STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*
John M. Edgerton, *Associate Minister* ❖ Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*
James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*
Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
David Story, *Wedding Outreach Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader* ❖ Betsy Wooster, *Seminarian*
Carolyn Davis, *Director, Old South Preschool*
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*
Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers* ❖ Amy Budka, *Children's Music Leader*
Deb Washington, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
Randy Billings, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Evan Shu, *Historian*
Stephanie LaShoto & Ralph Watson, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*
Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ Jamie Garuti, *Communications Administrator*
Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources* ❖ David Albaugh, *Building Manager*
Allison Albaugh, *Wedding Coordinator* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*
Rebecca Bowler, *Administrative Assistant*
Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Oppong Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes, & Matthew Hennessy *Receptionists*

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.