

Offering Invitation

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Offertory Anthem

Alleluia, He Comes to Us
A Medley of Three Advent Hymns
arranged by Michael R. Keller

Handbell Choir

Feast of Communion

We share again the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples, receiving God's spiritual sustenance.

Invitation

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
verses 1-2: Choir
verse 3: All Sing

New Century Hymnal #331

TUNE: THE CALL

Musical notation for the hymn 'Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life' in 6/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us / Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength; such a light as shows a / Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can / breath; Such a truth as ends all strife; / feast; Such a feast as mends in length; / move; Such a love as none can part; / such a strife as conquers death. / such a strength as makes a guest. / such a heart as joys in love.'

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Sharing the Meal

We serve this sacred meal to one another.

*Unexpected and mysterious is the gentle word of grace.
Everloving and sustaining is the peace of God's embrace.
If we falter in our courage and we doubt what we have known,
God is faithful to console us as a mother tends her own.*

*In a momentary meeting of eternity and time,
Mary learned that she would carry both the mortal and divine.
Then she learned of God's compassion, of Elizabeth's great joy,
and she ran to greet the woman who would recognize her boy.*

*We are called to ponder mystery and await the coming Christ,
to embody God's compassion for each fragile human life.
God is with us in our longing to bring healing to the earth,
while we watch with joy and wonder for the promised Savior's birth.*

Prayer of ThanksgivingPraise God, Who Gives All Blessings Birth*

All Sing

TUNE: TALLIS CANON

Praise God, who gives all blessings birth; Praise God, all creatures on the earth; Praise
God, who makes, sus - tains, sets free: one ho - ly God in per - sons three.

*Closing Hymn

People Look East

TUNE: BESANÇON



1. Peo - ple look east. The time is near of the crown - ing of___ the
2. Fur - rows be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plan - ted
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl_ shall
4. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life___ to



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim___ the
there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that___ in
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright___ as
earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with___ the



hearth___ and set___ the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
course___ the flow - er may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
sun___ and moon___ to - ge - ther. Peo - ple, look
word,___ the Lord___ is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east and sing to - day: Love, the Guest is on___ the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on___ the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on___ the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the Christ, is on___ the way.

*Holy Business

*Benediction

Postlude

Come Now, Lord Jesus, from Heaven Above
by Johann Sebastian Bach

Thank you to those serving in worship today:

Liturgists: Rebecca Stubbs, Justin Loke, Elizabeth and Toby, David Rockwell, Connor Israel

Ushers: Tyler Smith, Madeline Cortes, Mark Molloy, Cathy Quackenbush, Paul Quackenbush

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Take-Home Questions

When were times in your life when you experienced deep joy?

To whom or what did you feel connected?

Have you ever experienced contagious joy?

What brings you the most joy and sense of connection on a regular basis?

How could you intentionally cultivate more of that in your life?

WELCOME

We at the United Parish in Brookline believe that all people are made in the image of God and embrace and cherish every person and every kind of family. Jesus Christ welcomed everyone; we seek to follow his example in our own life and worship, by extending God's love and grace abundantly and equally to everyone. We affirm and welcome all people to share in worship, fellowship and leadership with us, to join us in a diversity of race, gender, sexual identity, physical and mental ability, ethnicity and economic means.

We have joined with other Open and Affirming (United Church of Christ) and Welcoming and Affirming (American Baptist Churches USA), as well as with the Reconciling Ministries Network (United Methodist Churches) to declare that we are and will remain open to all people.

We invite you to consider becoming a member of the United Parish family. You may become a member by transferring membership or by a statement of faith. If you desire to retain ties with a former church, we invite you to become an associate or affiliate member for the time you are with us.

We ask that you silence all electronic devices.

Please see an usher if you would like a hearing assistive device.

*Because our building is open to the public,
an adult should accompany children if/when they leave the worship service.*

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