



The cover image depicts the Last Supper by Australian artist, Margaret Ackland, showing the possible intergenerational and interactive nature of the first communion. It comes from Artway (artway.eu), a global and interdenominational movement to introduce Christian art to the world.

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

Holy Communion



UNITED PARISH IN BROOKLINE

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Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion Worship
Sanctuary, 7:00pm

Prelude

Chiming the Trinity

***Opening Hymn**

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

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Welcome

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***Call to Worship**

One: We have come together in the name of the Trinity:

All: One God, three persons,

One: Beyond our understanding

All: Yet constantly revealing themselves to us.

One: We have come in the presence and promise of an infinite being,

All: Who took on finite flesh:

One: Fully human

All: And fully divine—

One: A being who embodies love itself,

All: And loathes injustice;

One: Who is almighty,

All: And all-compassionate,

One: Who let go of power

All: To be in solidarity with outcasts and criminals.

One: We gather to take our place in the community of a living God,

All: Who suffered betrayal, torture and execution,

One: And who lives among us still.

First Reading

Jesus Washes the Feet of His Disciples
John 13:2b-15

Anthem

Ubi Caritas
by Maurice Duruflé

Chancel Choir

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other
with a sincere heart. Amen.*

Second Reading

Betrayal Announced
John 13:21-30

Hymn

Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life

All Sing



1. Have mer - cy, God, u - pon my life, and_ make me clean with - in:
2. Now teach me wis - dom in my soul; I_ long to see_ your face.
3. Have mer - cy, God, u - pon my life, and make me clean with - in



pour_ out your ev - er - faith - ful love, and_ wash a - way_ my sin.
Let_ bones, once bro - ken, sing with joy, and_ heal me by_ your grace.
pour_ our your ev - er - faith - ful love and_ wash a - way_ my sin.



My_ guilt is hea - vy on my mind; I_ know what I have done;
Cre - ate in me_ a faith - ful heart, a_ spir - it_ right and new.
Then I will praise you with my heart, my mind, my_ soul, my voice.



a_ gainst your jus - tice I have sinned, a - gainst you, God, a - lone.
Sus - stain me with your sav - ing love and_ keep me close to you.
You_ save the least and seek the lost; let_ all the world re - joice!

Third Reading

A New Commandment
John 15:1-17

Hymn

Abide with Me
verses 1-3

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Litany of In-Between

One: Trusting in God's eternal solidarity, let us pray:
In the limbo of uncertainty, when all we can do is wait—
waiting with those between paychecks, between jobs, between meals,
waiting with those in hospital rooms or prison cells,

All: Ever-present Jesus, abide with us.

One: Waiting with those who fight to be believed by doctors,
waiting for diagnoses, treatments and results,
waiting with those who have Long COVID and other serious conditions,

All: Jesus the Suffering Savior, abide with us.

One: Waiting with those in the closet and those who've just come out,
with those waiting for surgery or hormone replacement treatment
or radical acceptance,

All: Queer God, abide with us.

One: Waiting with those who are sick of waiting:
Indigenous people whose loved ones disappear in silence,
Black communities urged to wait for justice in an onslaught of brutality,
and all those who find themselves burning out
in the endless efforts to resist injustice,

All: Black Christ, native of occupied land, abide with us.

One: With all who scramble between
life and death, survival and thriving:
immigrants and refugees,
border crossers and ICE detainees,
Palestinians, Syrians, Ukrainians, Sudanese
and all who are bombed, displaced, and denied aid,

All: Jesus the refugee, abide with us.

One: With those enduring the worst of climate change,
and all whose homes or whole communities
have been ravaged by natural disasters,

All: Creator God, abide with us.

One: With all whom our society fails to protect:
those who are unhoused,
and those whose homes are fractured by violence,
those experiencing mental illness or addiction,
and all who are shoved to the margins,

All: Persecuted Christ, abide with us.

One: And when the in-between becomes permanent
with no going back to how things were,
in our moments of despair at the world's pain,
we cry out, "HOW LONG, O LORD?!"

All: Abide with us, everlasting God. Abide with us.

The Feast of Communion

Invitation

Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

All are welcome to partake. We invite you to come to the table in groups of twelve.

Ushers will direct you when it is your turn.

Gluten- and allergen-free wafers are available at this meal.

Communion Hymns

We will join in singing these hymns together.

<i>O Savior, Let Me Walk with You</i>	#503
verses 1, 3, 4	

<i>My Song is Love Unknown</i>	#222
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<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	#292
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<i>Softly and Tenderly</i>	#449
verses 1, 3, 4	

<i>Won't You Let Me Be your Servant?</i>	#539
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<i>I Need You Every Hour</i>	#517
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<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	#190
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Fourth Reading

The Agony in the Garden
Matthew 26:36-46

1. 'Tis mid - night, and on Ol - ive's brow The
2. 'Tis mid - night, and from all re - moved, The
3. 'Tis mid - night, and for oth - ers' guilt The
4. 'Tis mid - night, and from heaven - ly plains Is

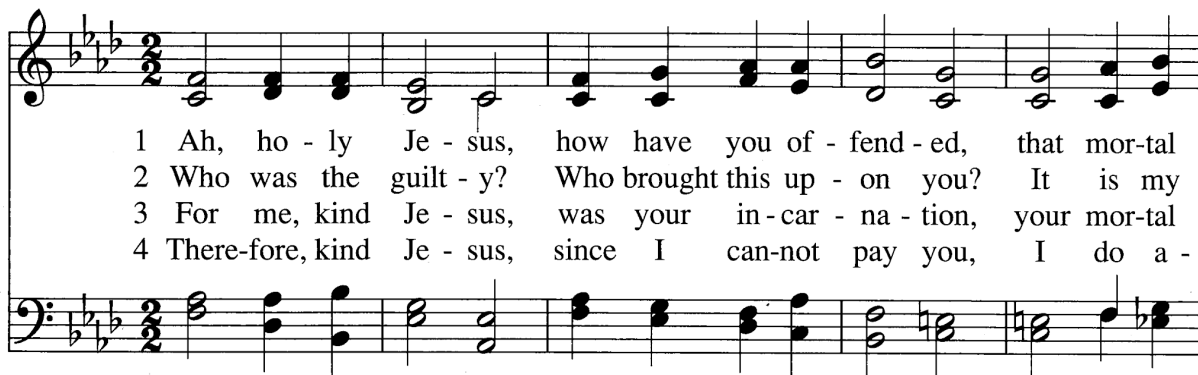
star is dimmed that late - ly shone; 'Tis mid - night, in the
Sav - ior wres - tles lone with fears; E'en that dis - ci - ple
Man of Sor - rows weeps in blood; Yet he that hath in
borne the song that an - gels know; Un - heard by mor - tals

gar - den now The suf - fering Sav - ior prays a - lone.
whom he loved Heeds not his Mas - ter's grief and tears.
an - guish knelt Is not for - sak - en by his God.
are the strains That sweet - ly soothe the Sav - ior's woe. A - men.

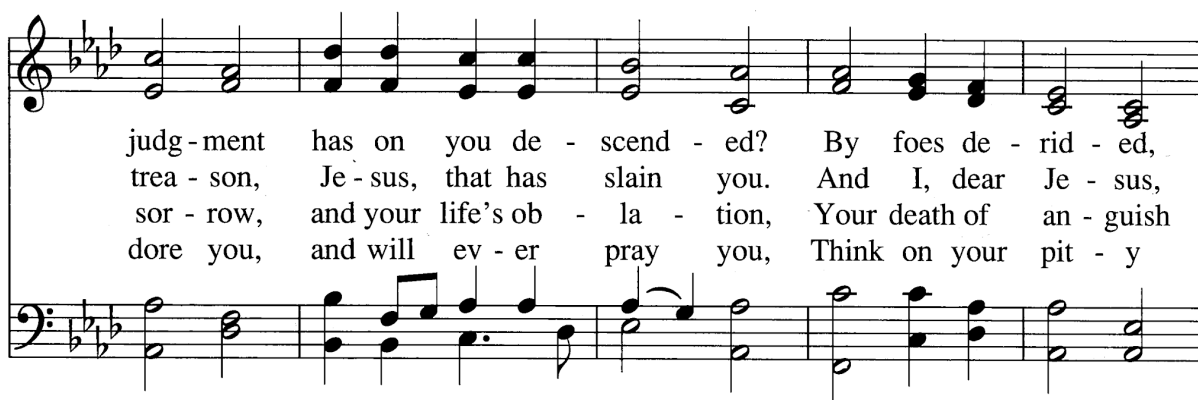
Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus
verse 1

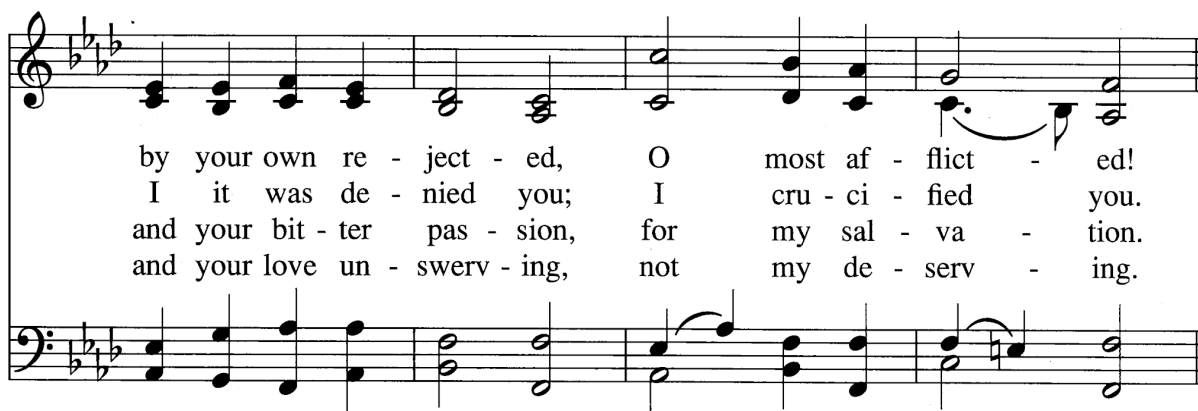
All Sing



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed, that mor-tal
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you? It is my
 3 For me, kind Je - sus, was your in-car - na - tion, your mor-tal
 4 There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can-not pay you, I do a -



judg - ment has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, that has slain you. And I, dear Je - sus,
 sor - row, and your life's ob - la - tion, Your death of an - guish
 dore you, and will ev - er pray you, Think on your pit - y



by your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you.
 and your bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and your love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Sixth Reading

Jesus Before the High Priest
Matthew 26:57-68

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus
verse 2

Seventh Reading

Peter Denies Jesus
Matthew 26:69-75

*Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus
verse 4

Stripping the Altar

*As we strip the altar, we remember that Judas received 30 pieces of silver for his act of betrayal,
and we remember the people that we have betrayed.*

*In that spirit, we invite you to give to our Negro Spirituals Royalties Project,
using the QR code here or in the offering plate left on the communion table.*



Psalm 51 in Aramaic

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy kindness:

According to the abundance of thy mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in thy sight:

So that You are justified when You speak,

And blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity;

And in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being,

And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy kindness:

According to the abundance of thy mercies, blot out my transgressions.

***Closing Prayer**

The congregation departs in silence.

We invite you to join us for worship on Good Friday and Easter Sunday,
and for a Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday.

Good Friday

Tenebrae Worship - 7:00-8:00pm (Sanctuary and YouTube)

Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt - 9:00am-11:00am (Memorial Park)

Easter Sunday

Children's Church - 9:30-10:00am (Sanctuary)

Easter Potluck Brunch - 9:30am-11:00am (Willet Hall)

Prelude - 10:45am (Sanctuary and YouTube)

Festival Worship - 11:00am (Sanctuary and YouTube)

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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