

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 6, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (William M. Runyan, arr. Carol McMillen) - David

Opening Sentences - Amy

Hymn 189: "Before the Cross of Jesus" - David/DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Amy

Anthem: "Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs" (Isaiah 53:4, Antonio Lotti) - Barb/David/Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology (Hymn 563) - David

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors) - Pastor Mark

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8 - Rachel

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Sermon: "IMPECCABLE TIMING" - Pastor Mark

Observance of Holy Communion - Pastor Mark/Rachel

Hymn 520: "According to Thy Gracious Word" - David/DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response Hymn 189 (v. 3): "Before the Cross of Jesus" - David/DeeAnn et al.

Yet humbly, in our striving, O God, we face its test. We crave the pow'r to do Thy will with Him who did it best.
On us let now the healing of His great Spirit fall, and make us brave and full of joy to answer to His call.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, David Priestap, Amy Jones, Rachel Gehres, Choir

COMMUNION RITUAL

CONFESSION

All: Forgiving God, we come to this table knowing that we often fall short of all that you desire for us. Sometimes we fail both as individuals and as a community of faith. We seek your mercy and grace, as we ask you for forgiveness and renewal, that we may better follow you. In the name of your Son, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: We have this assurance that no matter how far we wander, or how far away we feel from God, we never move outside the boundaries of God's gracious love for us. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are blessed. We celebrate open communion here at Mayflower Church, in the tradition of our Beloved Teacher who welcomed all to the Supper, even those who betrayed him, or ran away in fear.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

THE INVITATION

Minister: We welcome you to this table, whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church. All you need is faith, or a desire for faith. This is the time when we all acknowledge our past failures, sins, and disappointments, and present ourselves to God, who offers us love, forgiveness, and wholeness. Remember, God accepts us just where we are and who we are at this very moment in our lives.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Minister: On the night when He was betrayed, as Jesus sat at supper with His disciples, He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and said to them, "Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and blessed it, saying, "This is the cup of the new testament in My blood: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this memorial of your love, and have granted to us the presence of your Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask you to strengthen our faith in you and to increase our love toward one another, through Him, our Redeemer. Amen.

1. Be - fore the cross of Je - sus Our lives are judged to - day;
 2. The hopes that lead us on - ward, The fears that hold us back,
 3. Yet hum - bly, in our striv - ing, O God, we face its test.

The mean - ing of our ea - ger strife Is test - ed by His Way.
 Our will to dare great things for God, The cour - age that we lack,
 We crave the pow'r to do Thy will With Him who did it best.

A - cross our rest - less liv - ing The light streams from His cross,
 The faith we keep in good - ness, Our love, as low or pure—
 On us let now the heal - ing Of His great Spir - it fall,

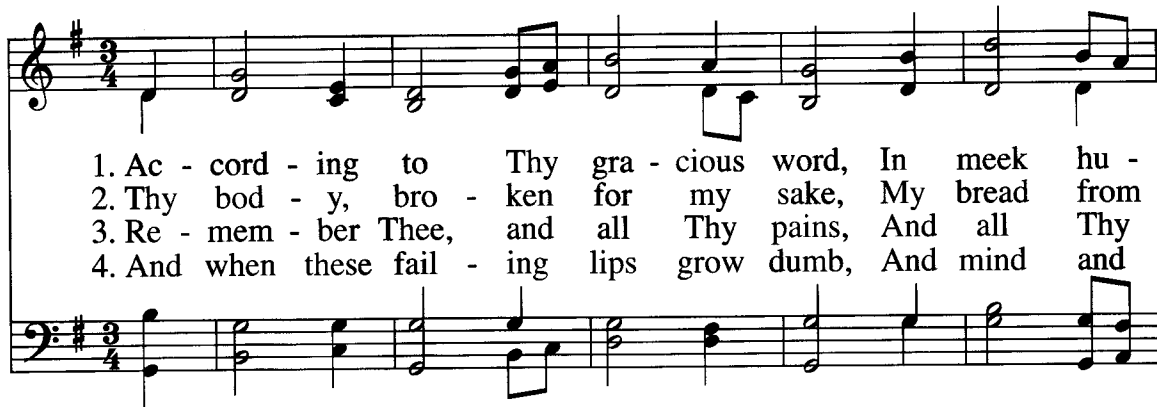
And by its clear, re - veal - ing beams We meas - ure gain and loss.
 On all, the judg - ment of the cross Falls stead - y, clear, and sure.
 And make us brave and full of joy To an - swer to His call.

According to Thy Gracious Word


520

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824



1. Ac - cord - ing to Thy gra - cious word, In meek hu -
2. Thy bod - y, bro - ken for my sake, My bread from
3. Re - mem - ber Thee, and all Thy pains, And all Thy
4. And when these fail - ing lips grow dumb, And mind and



mil - i - ty, This will I do, my dy - ing
heav'n shall be; Thy tes - ta - men - tal cup I
love to me; Yea, while a breath, a pulse re -
mem - 'ry flee, When Thou shalt in Thy king - dom



Lord, I will re - mem - ber Thee.
take, And thus re - mem - ber Thee:
mains, Will I re - mem - ber Thee.
come, Je - sus, re - mem - ber me. A - men.