

The Prayer of St. Brendan

Lord, we will trust You,
help us to journey
beyond the familiar and into the unknown.
Give us the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You.
Christ of the mysteries,
we trust You to be stronger than each storm within us.
We will trust in the darkness
and know that our times are in Your hand.
Tune our spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make our obedience count for You.

A Celebration of Our New Ministry with Pastor Elaine Hewes

June 14, 2020

Morning Prayer

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude *Andante from Op. Post. 120* Franz Schubert

A brief silence

Mickey Jacoba: "Echoes of St. Brendan's Prayer"

Leader: Alleluia! A sound like a violent wind has rushed upon us!
Congregation: **The Holy Spirit has filled this house! Alleluia!**
Leader: May we hear what is being spoken to us in our own language.
Congregation: **Come, let us praise God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Congregation: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you**
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader: May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen.

Opening Hymn 8 *Morning has Broken (in back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory

Leader: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:
Congregation: **Come let us adore her. Alleluia.**
Leader: Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:*
Congregation: **as it was in the beginning, is now,**
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Canticle 13
A Song of Praise
Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

First Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 116

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.
I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";
I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar."

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.
O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: Matthew 9:35-10:23

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

A brief silence

Introduction by the Senior Warden concluding with:
Senior Warden: **Elaine, we have chosen and called you to be our Pastor,**
and you have accepted.
Junior Warden: **We are ready to continue in our ministry with you.**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Elaine: People of St. Brendan's: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit, and sent into the world to proclaim the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God.

As we enter into mutual ministry together on behalf of God's kingdom of justice, mercy, and reconciliation, let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

I ask you to join with me in affirming the faith which claims us, names us, and sends us out into the world in the name of Jesus to walk in the ways of justice and love.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Congregation: **We do.**

Elaine: Do you believe in God the Father?
Congregation: ***We*** **believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Elaine: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
Congregation: ***We*** **believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Elaine: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
Congregation: ***We*** **believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Elaine: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
Congregation: ***We*** **will, with God's help.**

Elaine: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
Congregation: **We will, with God's help.**

Elaine: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
Congregation: **We will, with God's help.**

Elaine: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
Congregation: **We will, with God's help.**

Elaine: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
Congregation: **We will, with God's help.**

Elaine: Having affirmed the faith which makes us one in wonder and in witness to the fierce and tender love of God, let us speak this blessing to one another and enter into the covenant of mutual ministry in the name of Jesus.
Elaine and Congregation: **God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. Amen.**

Elaine: The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
Congregation: **And also with you.**

The Prayers
Leader: The Lord be with you
Congregation: **And also with you**
Leader: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord;
Congregation: **And grant us your salvation.**
Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Congregation: **Let your people sing with joy.**
Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
Congregation: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
Congregation: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Leader: Let your way be known upon earth;
Congregation: **Your saving health among all nations.**
Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Congregation: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Congregation: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

For the sick

Leader: O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly ask you to behold, visit, and relieve all those who are ill, remembering especially those infected with COVID-19. Look upon them with mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under affliction. In your good time, restore them to health and enable them to live in your Way, and grant that finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For those who serve in this time

Congregation: **Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, to the prevention of disease and pain, to all who keep our hospitals running, and to all performing essential tasks. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that while they minister, they may be protected, the health of the community may be promoted, and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Prayer for People Facing Great Uncertainty

Leader: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you.

For the human family

Congregation: **O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy Spirit, we circle the world with the flame of your love
and pray for peace and justice where there is inequality and war;
for dancing and joy in place of oppression and the daily grind of poverty.
May all enjoy the feast of life.
Your will be done,
Congregation: **on earth, as in heaven.**

Leader: Lady Wisdom, we circle this gathering with the flame of your love
and thank you for friends and family, for gifts and talents.
We pray for your peace in our hearts as we journey along together
and for a knowledge of your gifts within us.
Your will be done,

Congregation: **on earth, as in heaven.**

Leader: Healing Spirit, we circle with your blessing all those who will be born today.
Protect and cherish them, loving God.
We circle with your healing love all those who are enduring illness or disease
Be with them in their suffering, O God.
And we circle with your glorious light all those who will die today.
Take them into your arms and embrace them, O God.
Your will be done,
Congregation: **on earth, as in heaven.**

Leader: Please add your own prayers

People are invited to add their own prayers

Leader: Hear our prayers, and bless us, living God.
Hold the secret longings of our hearts in the mystery of your love,
that the light of the Kingdom will continue to shine on earth.
Congregation: **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God
Leader: God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Congregation: **Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.**
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Leader: Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 379 *God is Love (in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude *Bagatelle, Op. 33, No. 3* Ludwig van Beethoven

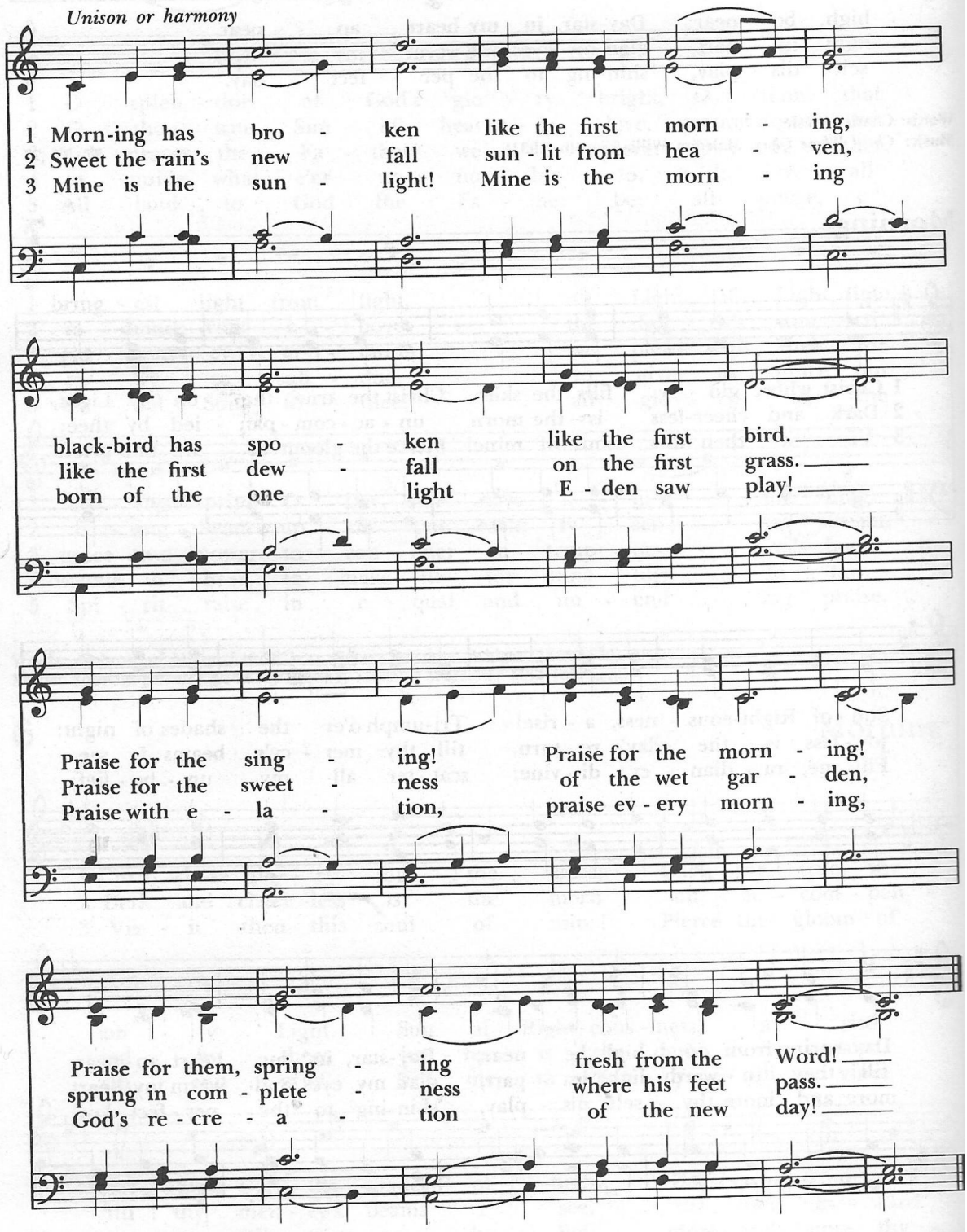
Announcements

Dismissal

You are invited to stay for virtual Coffee Hour

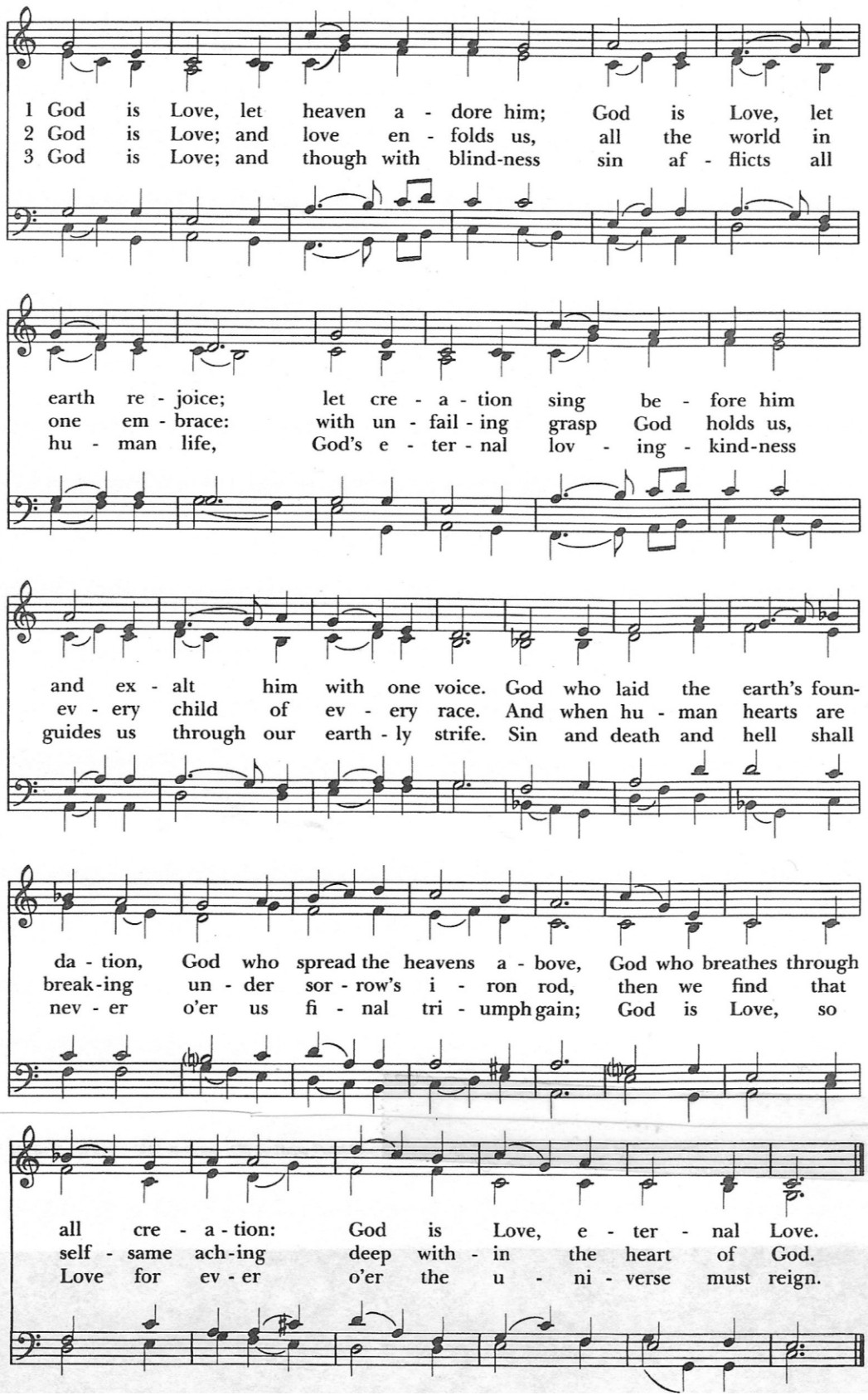
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Unison or harmony



Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), alt.
Music: *Bunessan,* Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

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1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness
and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall
da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove, God who breathes through
break-ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so
all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach-ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.