

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Our **Mission** is to **love, praise**, **welcome,** and **serve**:
· to **love** one another as Christ loves us,
· to **praise** God in all things,
· to **welcome** and affirm all persons,
· to **serve** the needs of one another and of those
on the island, the peninsula, and throughout the world.

The Rev. Levering Sherman, preaching
Connie Mayo, Musical Director

Morning Prayer
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020

Prelude: Waltz in E Major, Opus 39, No. 5 Johannes Brahms
Connie Mayo, piano

A brief silence

Leader: Alleluia! Risen Lord, come be with us,
Congregation: **and teach our hearts to live in you. Alleluia!**
Leader: Jesus, divine companion: As the day unfolds, give us strength to understand and eyes to see, as you teach us to walk the soft earth, related to all that lives.
Congregation: **Amen.**
Leader: Let us pray.

O God, you are the creator of the world,
the liberator of your people,
and the wisdom of the earth.
By the resurrection of your Son,
free us from our fears,
restore us in your image,
and ignite us with your light,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen**.

Opening Hymn 215 *See the Conqueror mounts in Triumph (in back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader: Open our lips, O God,
Congregation: **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise**

Canticle 12 (Part II)

Leader: Let the earth glorify God
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Glorify God. O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Congregation: **Glorify God, O springs of water, seas, and streams,**
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify God,
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Leader: Glorify God, O beasts of the wild,
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify God.
Praise and highly exalt God for ever

Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 68 *(chopped up and sanitized)*

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Reader: The Gospel according to John.

Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in

the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon The Rev. Lev Sherman

A brief silence

A Creed from the Iona Community

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,
in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth
and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,
for the glory of God. Amen.

Leader: 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: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
Congregation: **Amen**

Prayers of the People

Leader: In this Easter season we pray for the church, the earth, the world, and those in need responding after, in your mercy, O God, with the words: Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for all churches and for people of all faiths around the world during this time of sorrow and distress. We pray for a deepening sense of your presence among us.
a brief silence
You are our Temple, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer**
Leader: We pray for the well-being of creation, for the health of seas and rivers and lakes and the will to care for your earth.
a brief silence
You are our Rainbow of promise, in your mercy, O God
Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer**
Leader: We pray for justice and peace in the world; an end to war and international turmoil.
a brief silence
You are our Mighty Fortress, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer**
Leader: We pray for all who are facing the coronavirus, for all who mourn their dead, for those who have contracted the virus, for those quarantined or away from home, for the homeless, and for those who fear the future. We offer special prayers for all health care workers. Fill the aching in our hearts with your merciful power.
a brief silence
You are our Everlasting Arms, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer**
Leader: We commend to your care all who have died that they may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

a brief silence

You are the Beginning and the End, in your mercy, O God,

Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer.**

Leader: Please offer your own prayers

The congregation is invited to offer their own prayers and petitions

Leader: Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy through your Son Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Congregation: **Amen.**

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.

Leader: In the work we do this day,

Congregation: **May the risen Christ teach us.**

Leader: In the challenges we face this day,

Congregation: **May the risen Christ guide us.**

Leader: Through the people we meet this day,

Congregation: **May the risen Christ renew us.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn 603 *When Christ was lifted from the earth (in the back of this bulletin)*

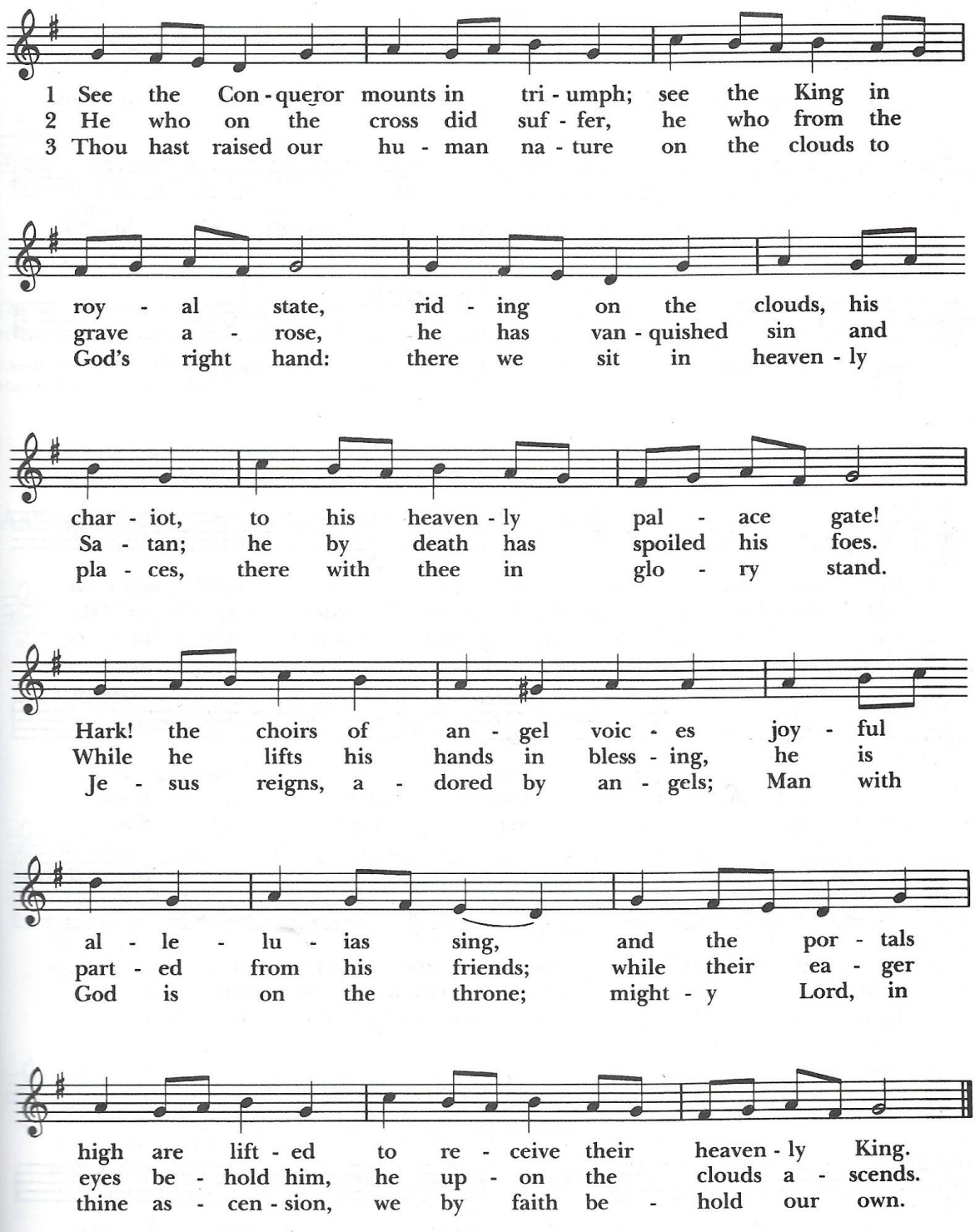
Postlude: Waltz in b minor, Opus 39, No. 11 Johannes Brahms

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Announcements

Dismissal

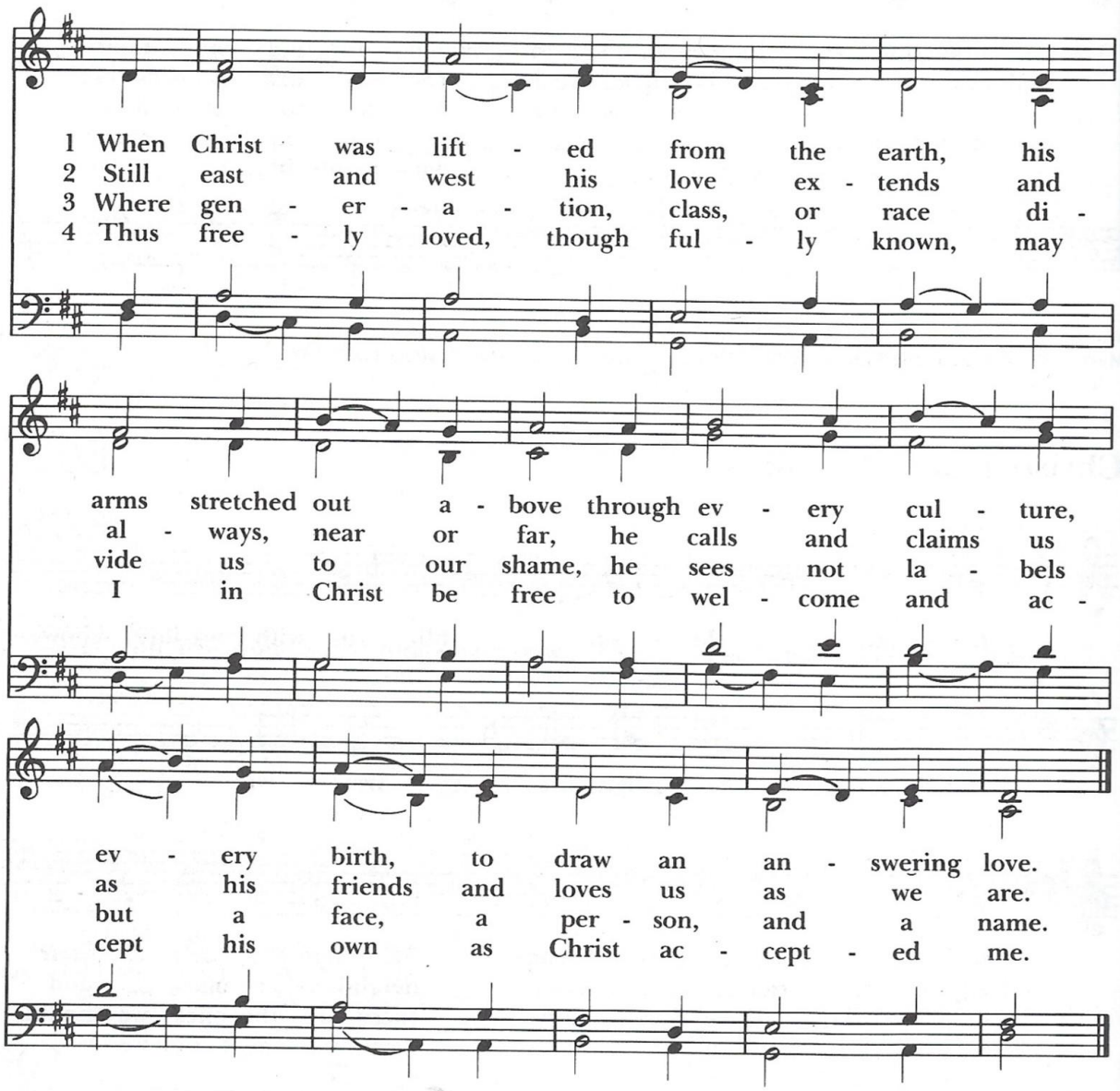
You are invited to stay for virtual Coffee Hour



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Christian Responsibility



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Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

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