

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling, Celebrant

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Pentecost Proper 14

August 10, 2025

Celebrant: We acknowledge that the land we now occupy is the ancestral home of the Wabanaki People. We grieve the history of greed and violence that led to their loss of life, land, language and culture.

Congregation: **We pray for the courage to find ways to support our indigenous neighbors who still face injustice and prejudice. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we belong to the Earth.**

The bell is rung three times before the Prelude

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

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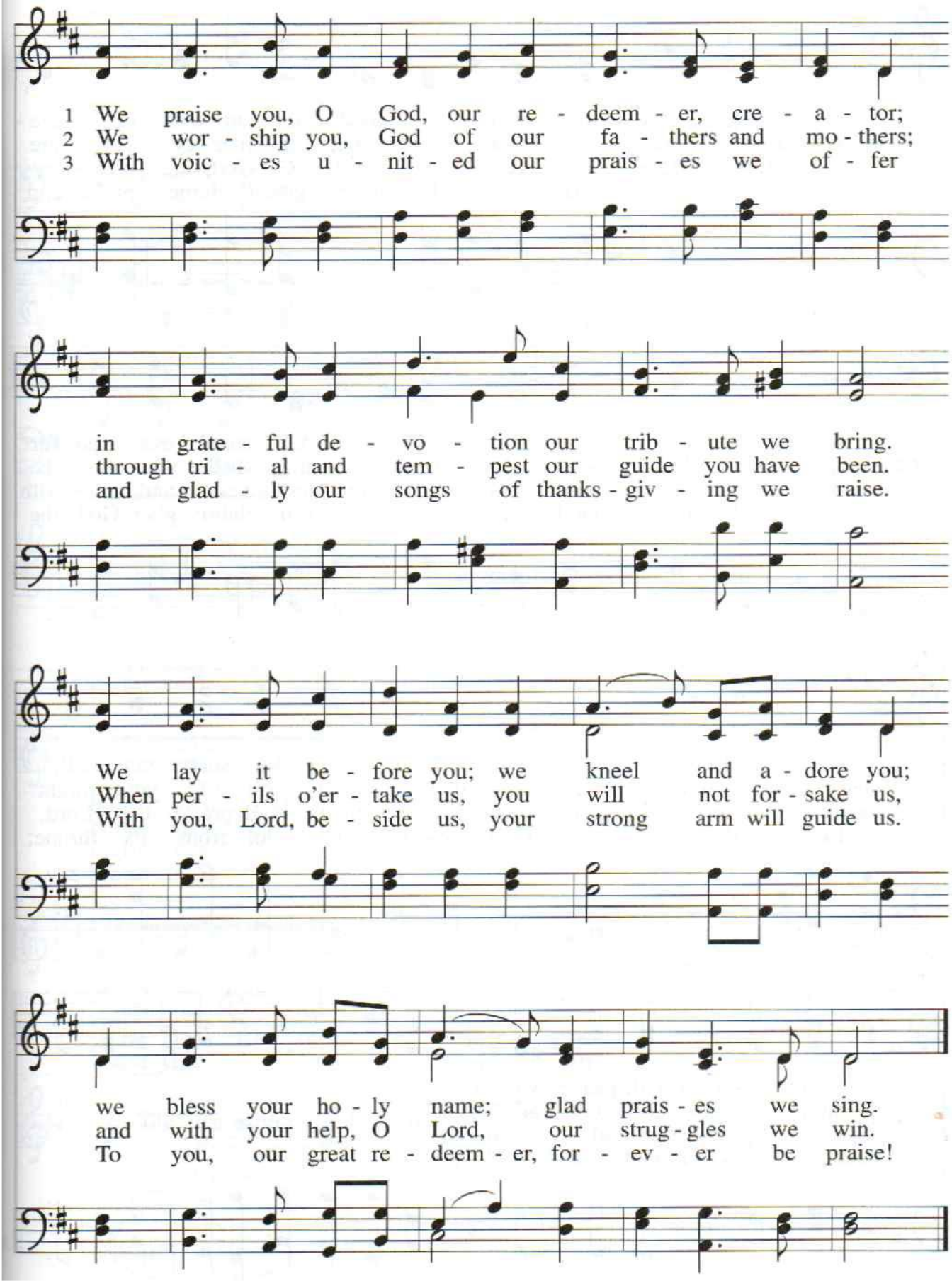
Opening Hymn: 637 *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Congregation: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**
Celebrant: God of grace,
Congregation: **you have given us minds to know you,**
hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you
in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise *(verse 1 only, next page)*

We Praise You, O God 870

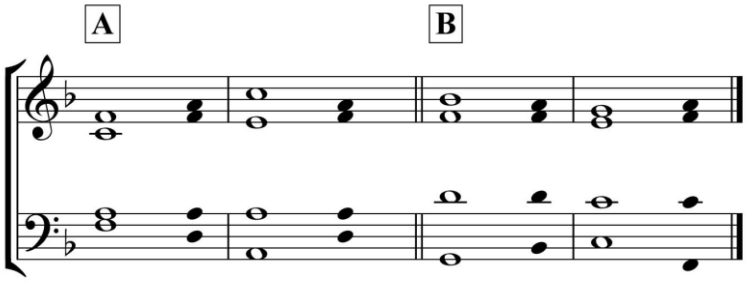


The Collect of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6
The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.
Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 33: 12-22



Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own! ‖
The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth. ‖
He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength. ‖
The horse is a vain hope for de-liverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love, ‖
To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

A Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield. *(return to A)*
A Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust. ‖
B Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be up-on us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."
All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.
Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: 634 *I call on thee, Lord Jesus Christ (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ**
Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.
"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling

Silence will begin and end with ringing of bell

Affirmation 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.

Prayers of the People

God of joyous love, hear our prayers and be swift to answer us as we say, *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer*. Embolden your church. Let it seek to bring the healing power of the living Christ to a wounded world. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: In our nation grant courage to those who stand for the equality of all persons and who advocate justice for all. Strengthen us to stand up and speak out against all efforts to dehumanize others, especially those on the margins of our society. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Strengthen the faith of those gathered here today that we might be encouraged in the work you have called us to, even in these uncertain and frightening times. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We offer thanksgiving for the rich bounty of your creation. Guide us in working to ensure its abundance is shared equitably and sustainably. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Relieve the suffering of those impacted by illness, despair, hunger, war and violence, and grant them a share in the peace which passes understanding. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We continue to remember Elaine and all the Hewes family as they and we grieve the loss of Michael. We hold fast to your promises, especially your care for those whose earthly journey has ended. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Please offer your prayers and thanksgivings at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

Leader and Congregation: **Throughout history, you have empowered your people to make your love manifest in the lives of those who have known suffering. Empower us today to be agents of your love and heralds of your gospel to a world in need of both; and all this we ask through our Lord, Jesus, who is your Christ and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit eternally. Amen.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts
through faith.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Peace within yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with you who are with us remotely today.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: MHSO 123 *God, when I came into this life (in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer *Enriching our Worship #1 modified*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

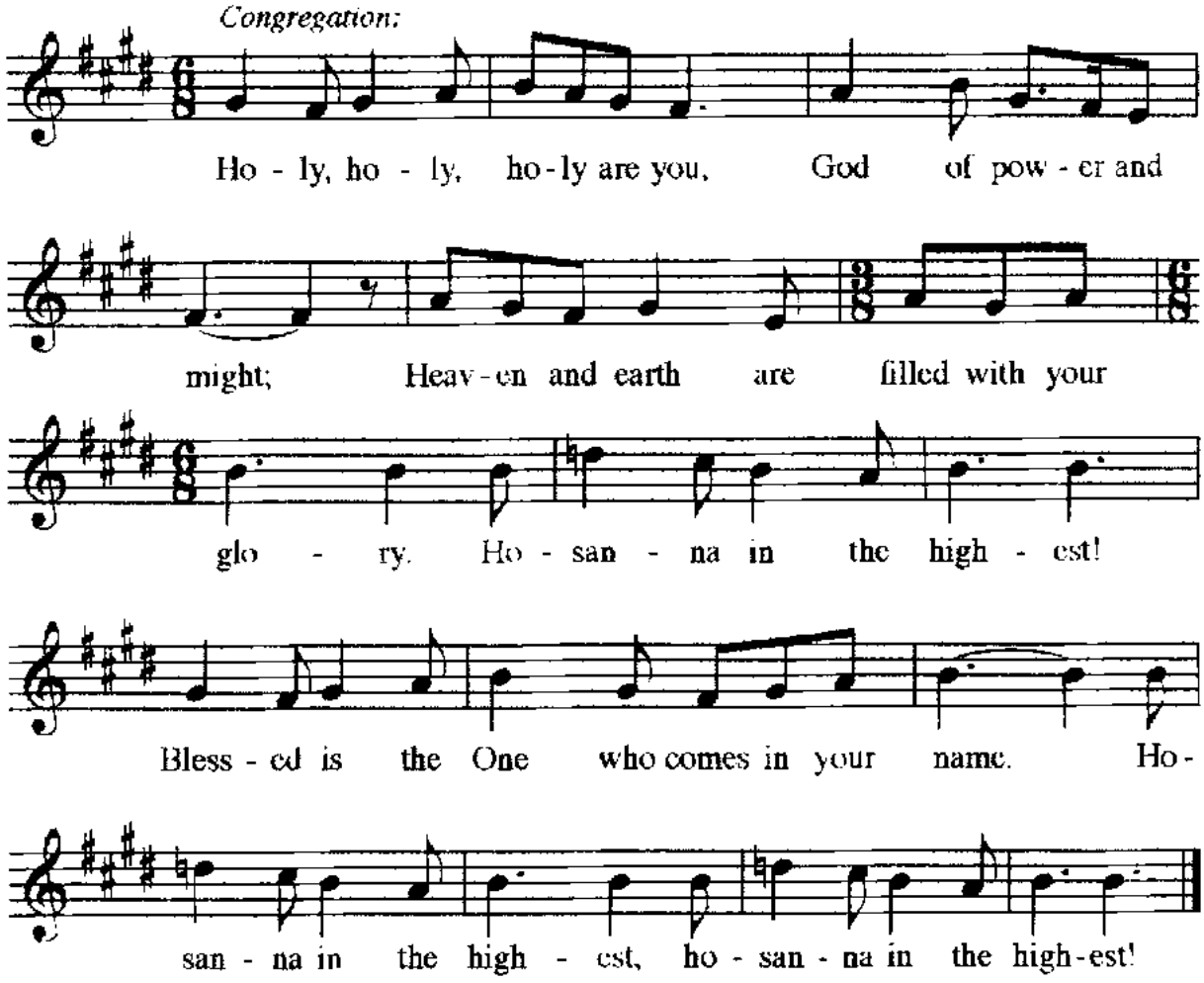
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: ELW 191



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The Celebrant continues: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and Congregation:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

Celebrant and Congregation: **By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St Brendan and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.**

Celebrant: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

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.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Congregation: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. United by the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we acknowledge the Holy Sacrament of communion and the fullness of Christ's presence in the gifts of the bread and the wine and in countless other ways in our lives. As a community of faith, nothing can separate us from the love of God nor are we separated from one another.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God …

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.

Celebrant: And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: 522 *Glorious things of thee are spoken (verses 1 and 2, in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Voluntary on Austria*

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Love in Action

In August, our flag will be the Episcopal Flag, and our GPS focus is Love in Action, or we could call it Faith in Action, as Episcopalians and followers of the Gospel. Advocacy for the common good is one way to practice our faith – our call to love, compassion, and justice. You are invited to research the Episcopal Public Policy Network on Facebook or their website, https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/, and choose an action that resonates with your concerns for the well-being of our world.

There is an Action Alert this week from EPPN to ask your representative to support the bipartisan Dignity Act of 2025 (HR4393). This proposed legislation addresses our broken immigration system with a balanced and comprehensive bill that creates a fair path to citizenship and upholds human dignity. Call the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask to be connected to your representative (Jared Golden for Deer Isle and the Blue Hill Peninsula).

CALENDAR
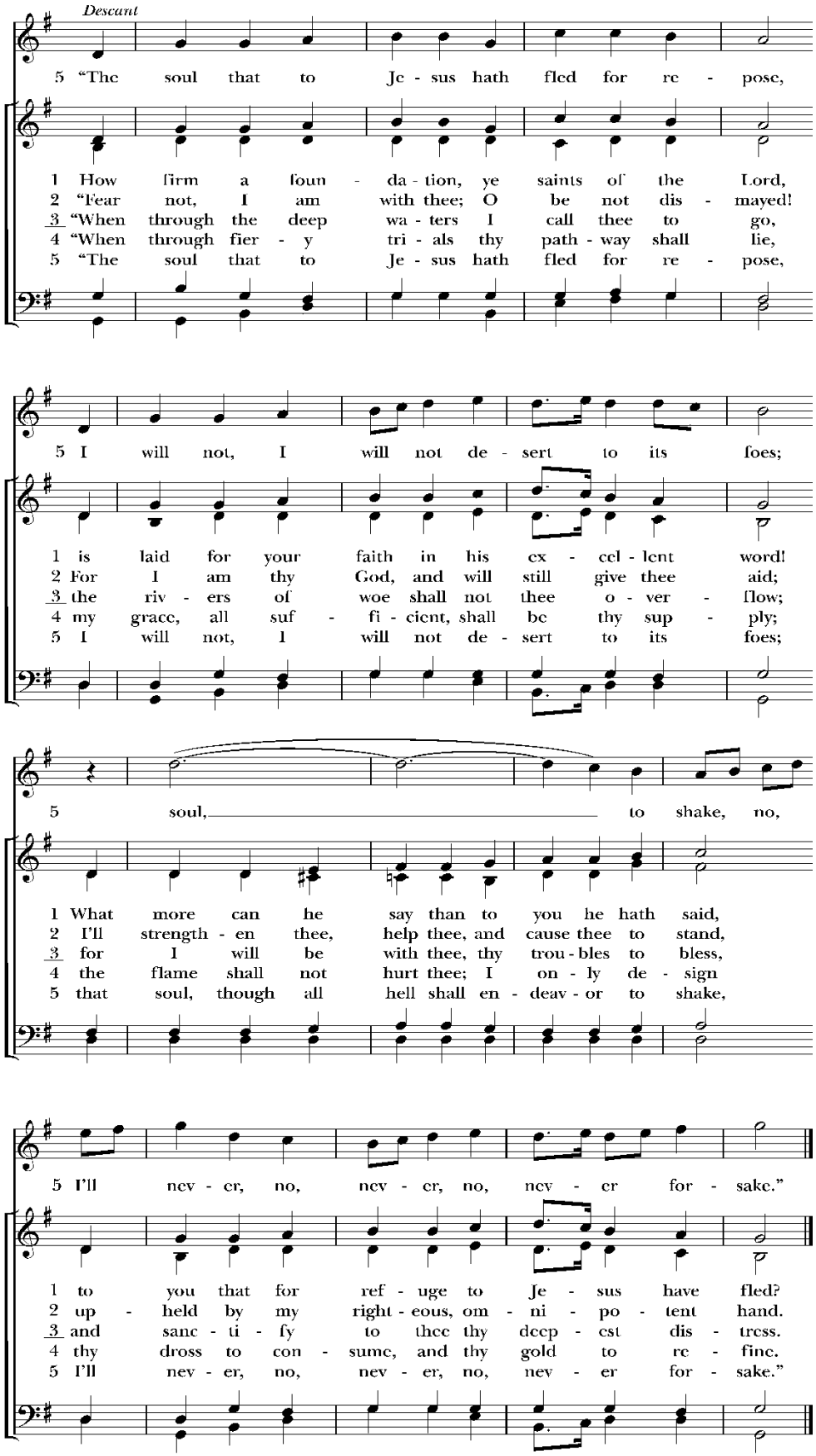
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Sunday, August 10	11:15 a.m. Annual HOME craft fair in the parish hall 5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide—Pastor Elaine Hewes, Reflector
Monday, August 11	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, August 13	9:00 a.m. Outreach Ministry meeting 10:00 a.m. In Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Opening session of Matters of Life and Death led by The Rev. Alice Hildebrand 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, August 16	8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sunday, August 17	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes, Celebrant

Looking Ahead
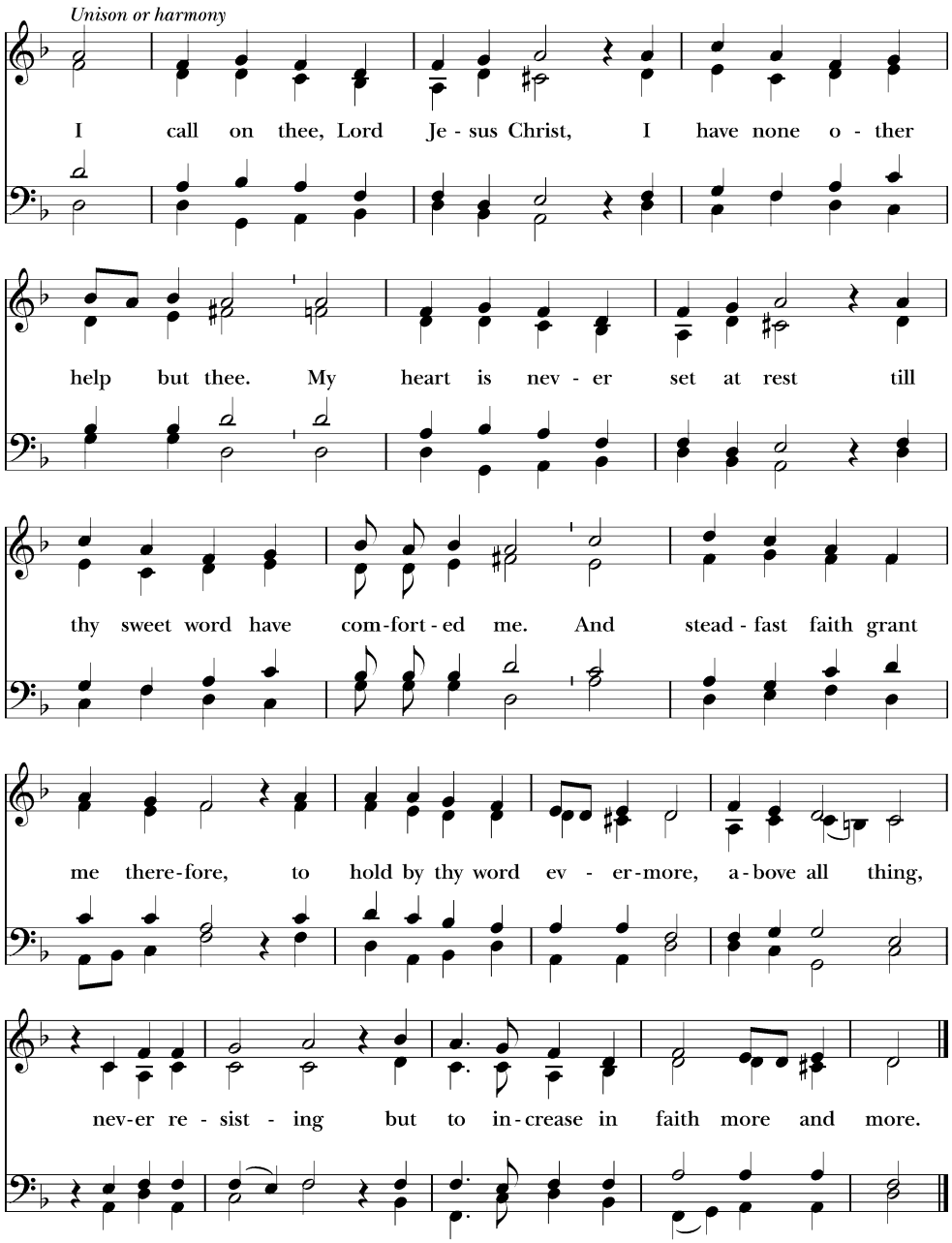
Wednesdays, August 20 and 27	10:30 a.m. Matters of Life and Death with The Rev. Alice Hildebrand
Monday, August 18	5:00 p.m. Pop-up group potluck and conversation at Elaine's home
Friday, August 22	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mandala workshop
Monday, September 8 to Thursday, September 11	Women's Retreat at Bishopswood
Saturday, September 20	10:00 a.m. Service of Celebration for Michael Hewes at the Blue Hill Congregational Church

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord *The Hymnal 1982,* #**637**



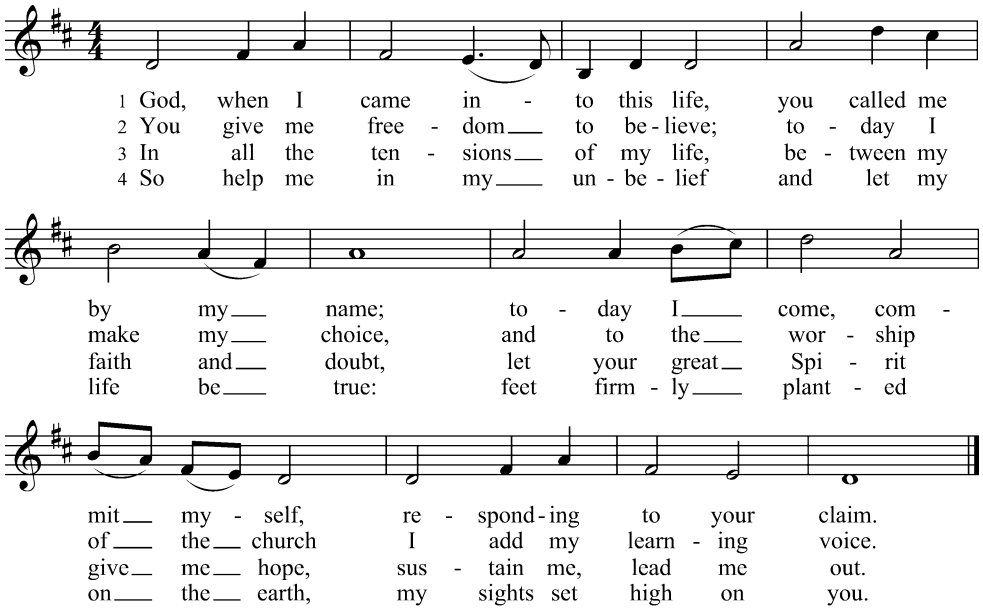
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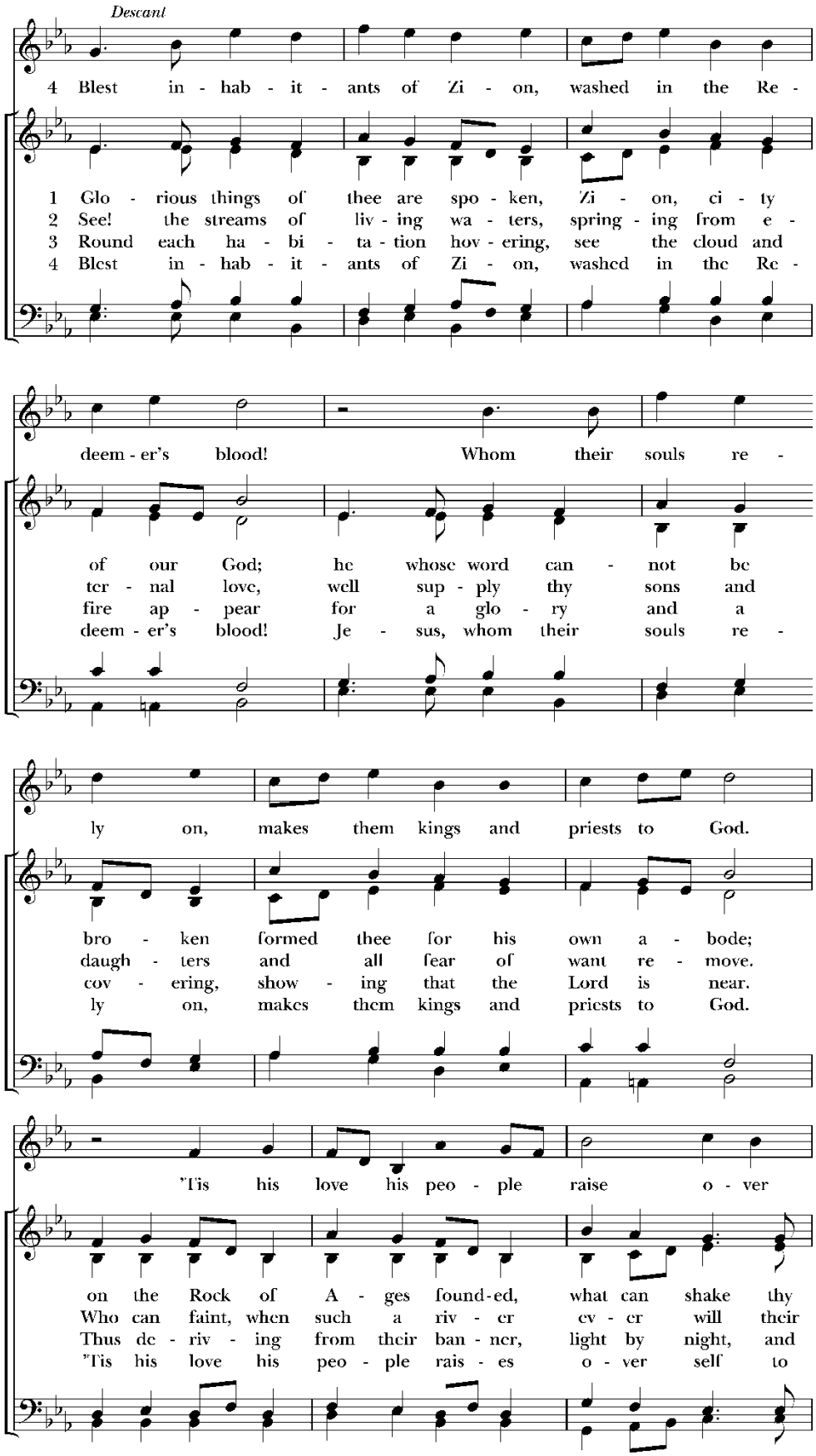


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God, when I came into this life *My Heart Sings Out,* #123
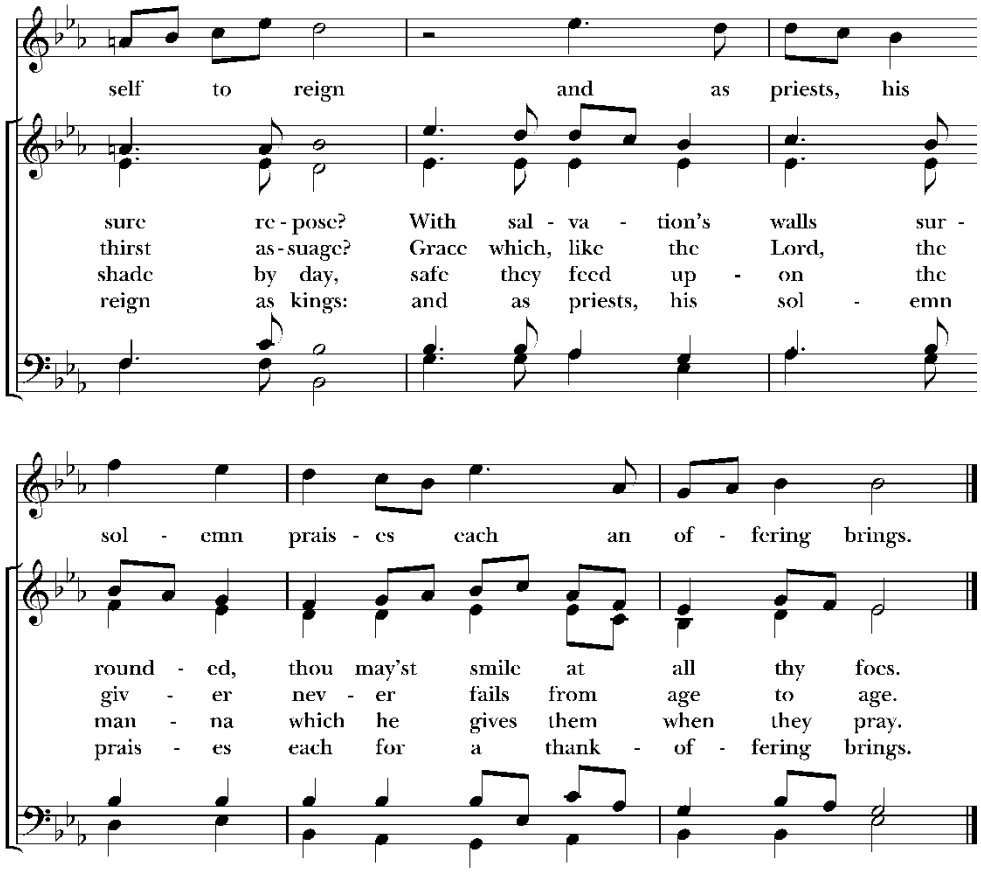


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Glorious things of thee are spoken *The Hymnal 1982*, #**522**



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Our Values

These are our **values** at St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church.

We will:

Welcome others with **respect** and **compassion**;

Listen to others with **trust** and **appreciation**;

Seek God's goodness in each person;

Strive for **consensus** and work **collaboratively**;

Join in acts of **loving kindness**;

Share our faith joyfully across the generations;

Engage as many of our **parishioners** as possible, **year-round**,
in our common life and ministries;

Learn from our past and look to the future with **hope**.