

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.

Pastor Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge and Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Pentecost Proper 24
October 19, 2025

The Gathering of the Community

9:30 a.m. Gathering at the Meditation Garden

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

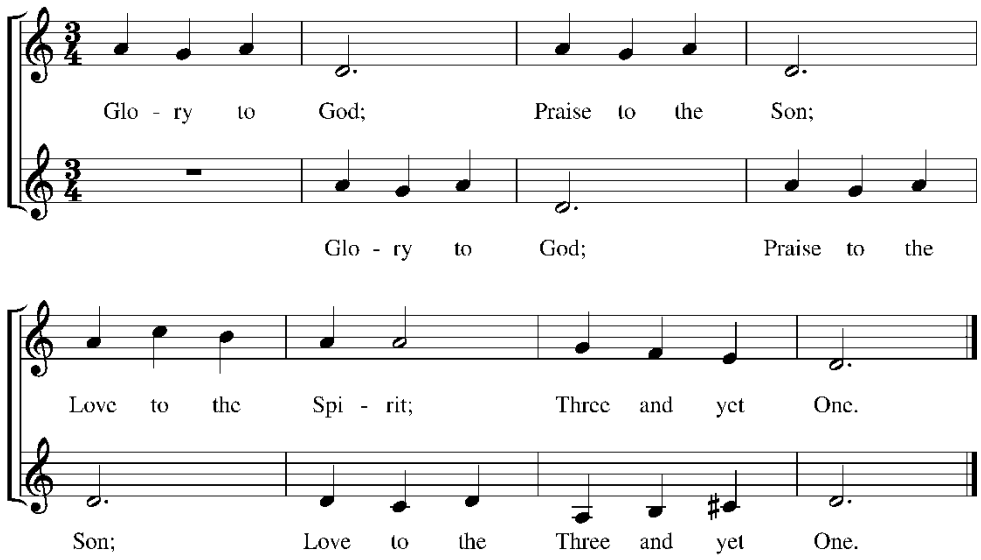
Prelude: *Gymnopedie No. 3* Erik Satie

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn ELW 722 *O Christ, your heart, compassionate (vss. 1-3, in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences
Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.
Congregation: **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

Song of Praise: WLP 821



Music: John L. Bell and the Wild Goose Worship Group from *Come All You People.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31
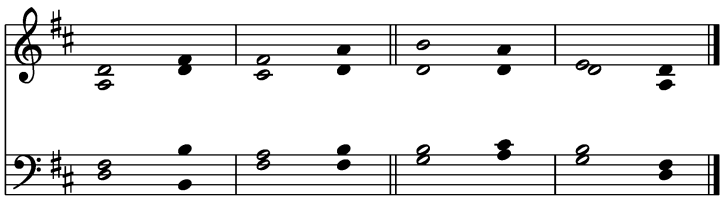
The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 S-410

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



I lift up my eyes to the hills *
from where will my help come? ‖
My help comes from the Lord, *
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; *
he who keeps you will not slumber. ‖
He who keeps Israel *
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;*
the Lord is your shade at your right hand. ‖
The sun shall not strike you by day *
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; *
he will keep your life. ‖
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in *
from this time on and forever-more.

Second Lesson: Second Letter to Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn ELW 528 *Come and fill our hearts (sing 3 times, in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ.**
Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence

Affirmation
We trust in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We trust in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We trust in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.
And we trust in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We trust in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and moves among us today.
We trust in everlasting life in God,
and we look forward to that time
when all of creation will be gathered
in the embrace of God's expansive love.

Prayers of the People
As we enter the last 6 weeks of Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar, let us invite the Spirit to blow through our lives and inspire us to live and practice our faith in ever more **extra ordinary** ways.
We pray for the Church throughout the world, for this community of St Brendan, and for all members of God's family that we witness more vividly the presence of God and God's love for all.

Hear us O God and may we always be thankful for your presence with us.

We pray for the sick, for the lonely, and for those grieving the loss of a loved one.
Hear us O God and may we be ready to offer your love and compassion where it is needed.

We pray for justice and peace for all nations and persons, for a world without conflict.
Hear us O God and give us the courage to advocate for those who are oppressed.

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth and for all peoples impacted by our changing climate, especially by the scarcity of water and other basic resources.
Hear us O God and help us to understand that we can and must live more simply so that others may simply live.

We remember those who have died and give thanks for their presence in our lives. We hold up all who mourn.
Assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us united with them in your everlasting love.

We remember those on our Prayer List

Harry Vickerson, Helen and Gibbie Nauman, Mimi Gerstell, Agnes and Billy, Barbara K., Julie and Tom, Gwen Murray, Sally, Beth Kyzer, David, Preston Henderson, Mollie Ann Meserve, Heidi (Jonny's mother), Tammie and Jason Cox, Tyler Goss, Kate Hallen and Bob Blum, Judith Jerome, Mimi Maslan, Semantha, Judy, Megan, Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Bill Scaife, Brent Was, Gary and Wellesley, Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Mary Ann Shaw, Lindsay Bowker, Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner, Carol Stoneburner

Leader: I invite you to add your own prayers and thanksgivings.

Members of the congregation are invited to add prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

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

Together we pray,
Holy One, in love you created us. Grant us the wisdom of your love wherever it leads us and may we always be nourished and energized by your Spirit.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: God of wild, windy and prodigal love,
Congregation: **We confess our bondage to fear,**
Our smallness of heart,
Our lack of imagination,
Our guardedness in giving,
Our complicity in systems of racial and economic injustice,
Our misuse of the gifts of creation,
Our resistance to the Way of Jesus.
We ask your mercy and the power of your Wholly, Holy Spirit
to burn through our defenses,

to break open our hearts,
to ignite our imaginations and
to raise us from the dead,
that we might be signs of your healing and liberating love in the world.

Celebrant: Creator God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
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.**

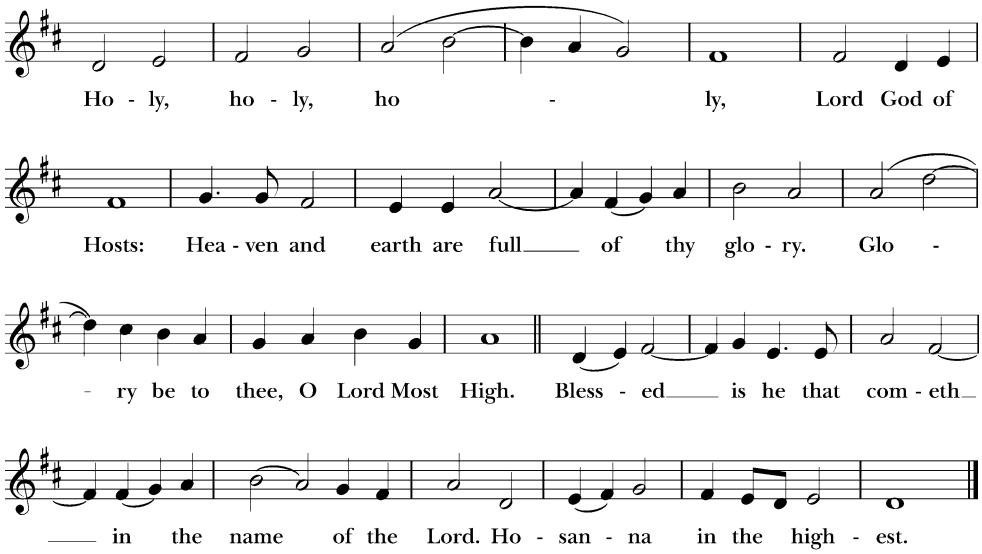
The people are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn ELW 472 *Eat this bread (Sing 3 times, in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer
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: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus S 114



Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Celebrant continues: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.
We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

"Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:
Celebrant and Congregation:

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People: **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

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
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all of creation. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn ELW 843 *Praise the one who breaks the darkness (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Two-part Invention* J. S. Bach

Announcements

Dismissal

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Confession written by Elaine Hewes

GPS (Giving Our Priorities Shape) Action Item

Love Thy Neighbor

For the last six weeks of Ordinary Time before the first Sunday of Advent, you are invited to engage more deeply in your "practice" of faith, your heart's commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in particular to the call to "Love Thy Neighbor." There are so many opportunities near and far:

the WindowDressers Build starting November 1,
Simmering Pot recipients,
vulnerable immigrants,
the children in your life,
Alfred's Box donations,
a meal shared,
a letter written,
a phone call made,
a smile,
a kind word,
a gesture of forgiveness….

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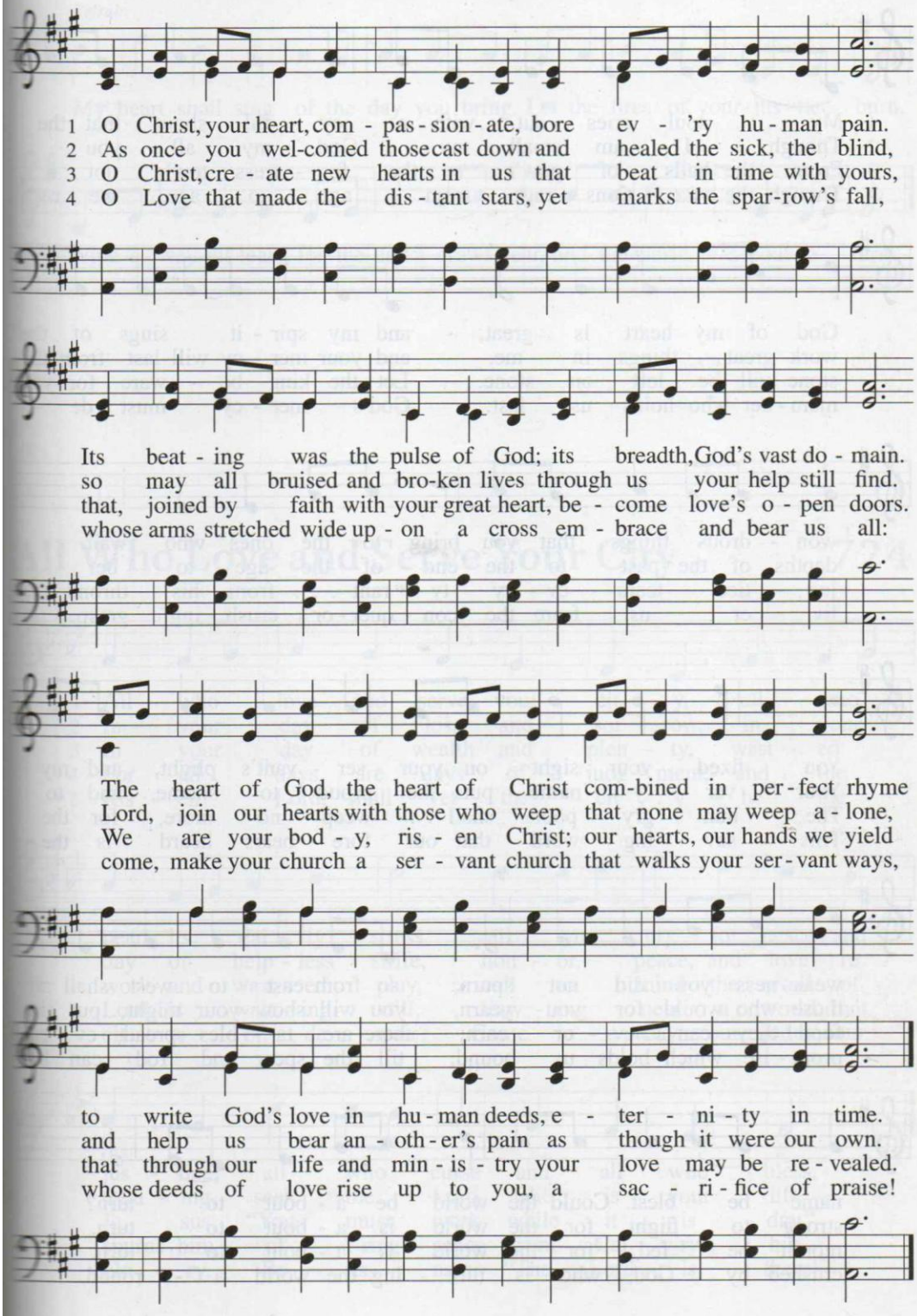
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Sunday, October 19	11:15 a.m. Coffee and Tea with Pastor E 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner at the Deer Isle Sunset Congregational Church to benefit the Mariners Soar! After School Program
Monday, October 20	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, October 22	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study: Fourth Session Bible 101 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, October 25	10:00 a.m. Experimental Workshop on prayer and movement Congregation Beth El, 183 French Street, Bangor 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Diocesan Convention, Bangor
Sunday, October 26	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Brent Was presiding and The Rev. Alice Hildebrand preaching

Looking Ahead

October 31-November 6	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. WindowDressers Community Build
Sunday, November 16	9:30 a.m. Gathering at the Meditation Garden

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate 722



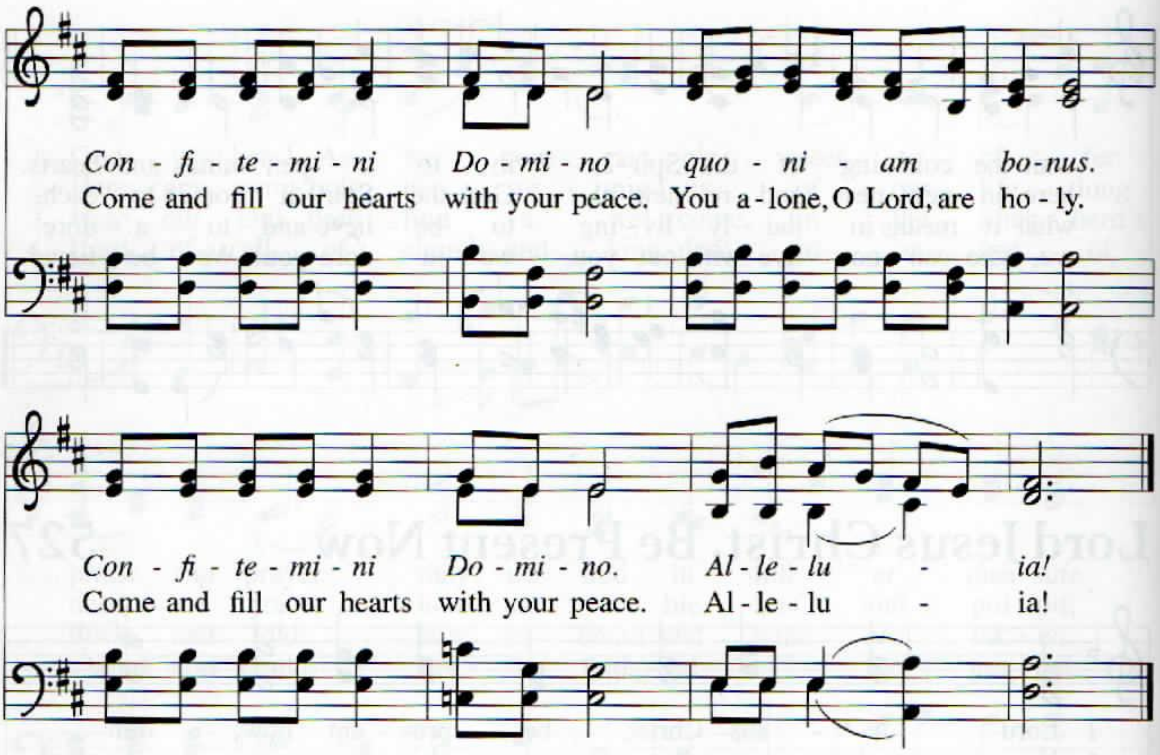
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GATHERING

528 Come and Fill Our Hearts

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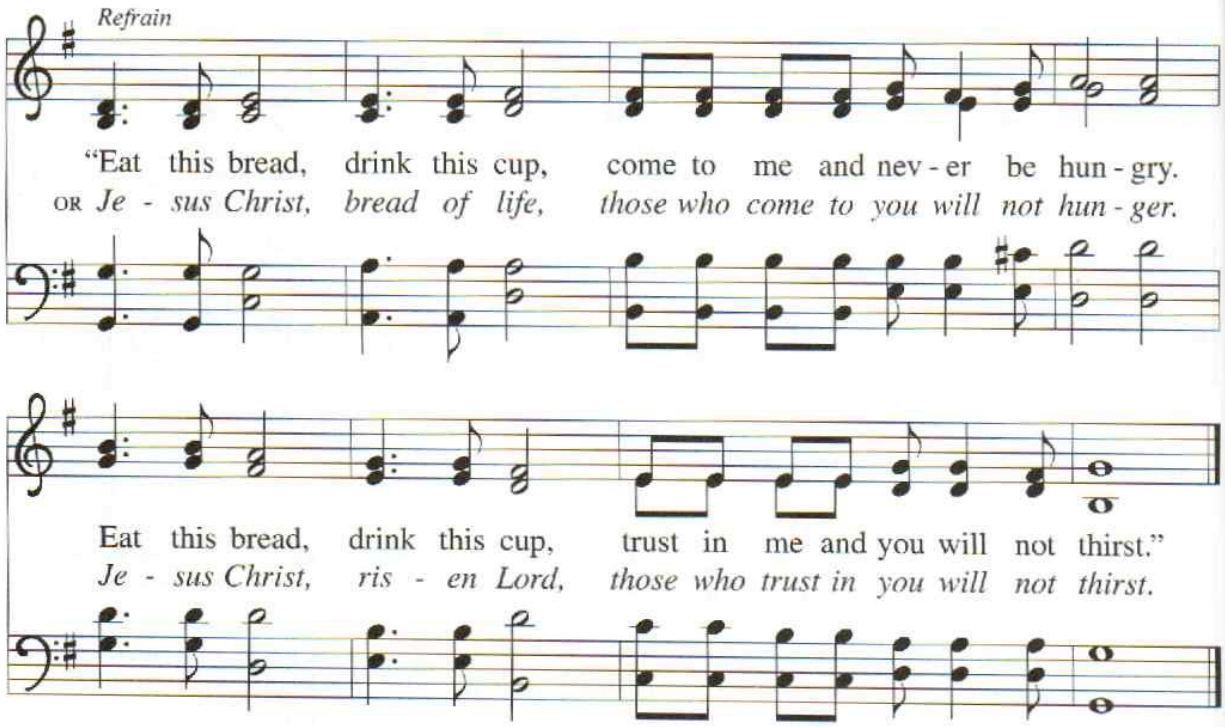
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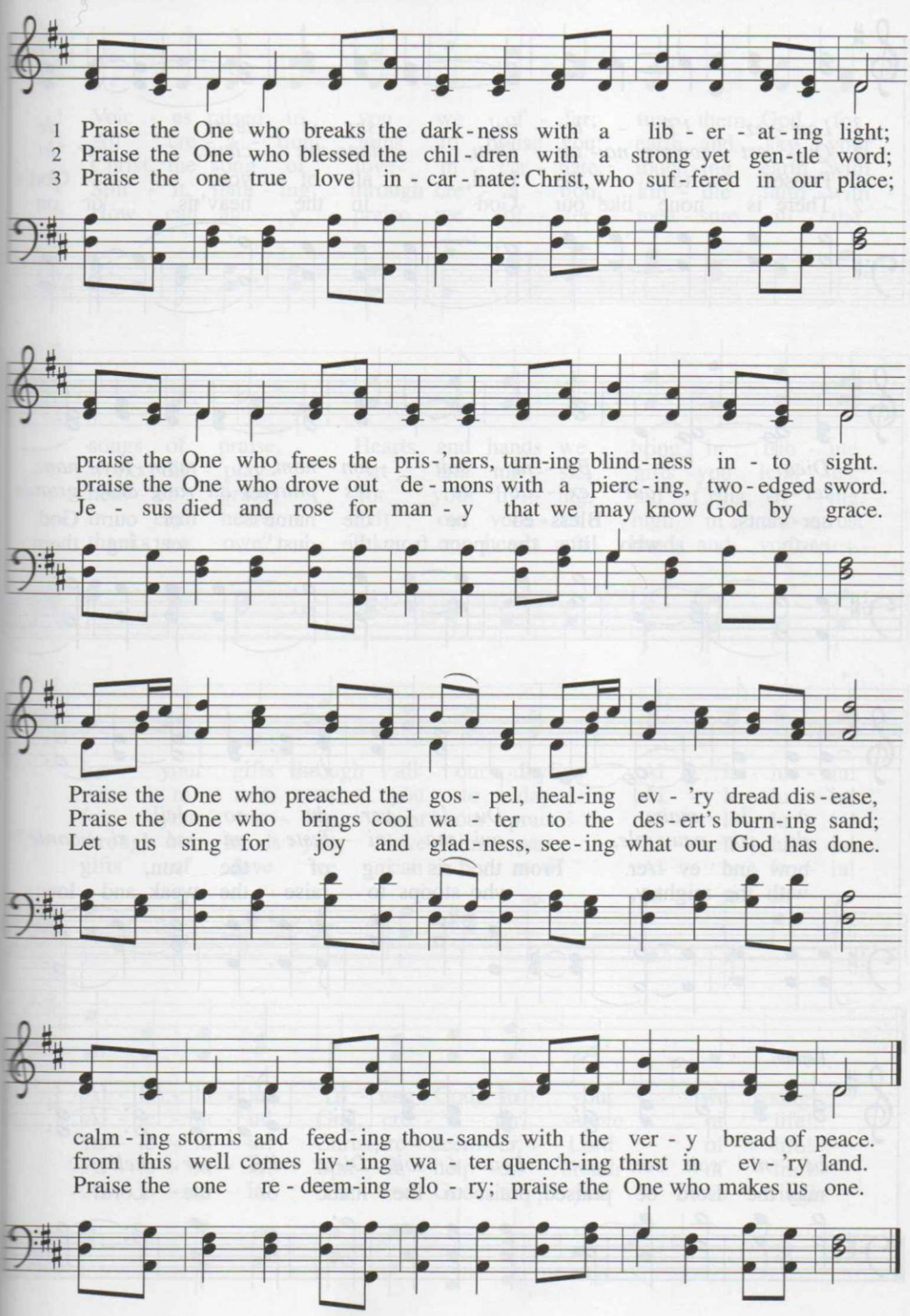
Jesus Christ, Bread of Life



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Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 843



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