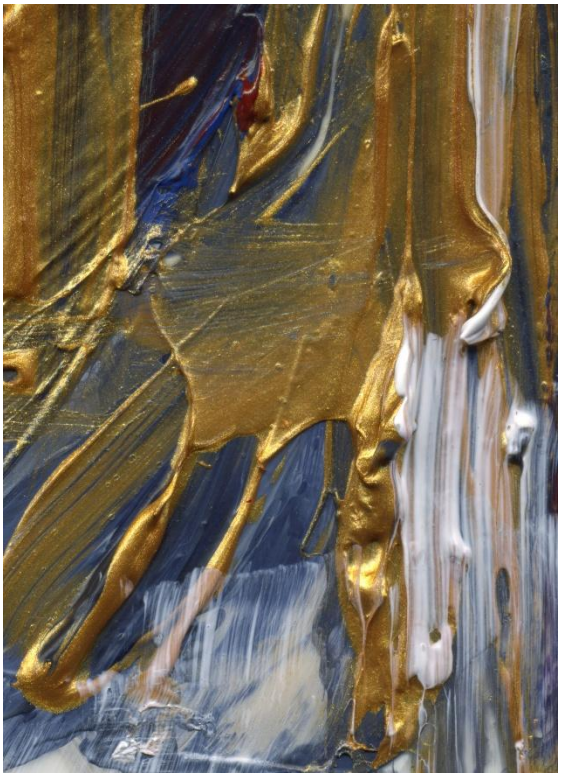


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ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

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 and Organist
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Preparing for Resurrection in a Time of Lament
April 6, 2025

The Gathering of the Community

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 of supporting 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 service begins with the ringing of the bell three times.

Prelude: *Adagio* W. A. Mozart

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell.

Opening Hymn ELW 796 *How firm a foundation (in back of bulletin)*

Celebrant: We lift our voices in deep lament for the suffering of our world.
Congregation: **Even as we dare prepare our hearts for resurrection.**

Celebrant: We lift our voices in deep lament for the fears that keep us bound.
Congregation: **Even as we dare prepare our hearts for resurrection.**

Celebrant: We lift our voices in deep lament for all things closed, unjust, unkind.
Congregation: **Even as we dare prepare our hearts for resurrection.**

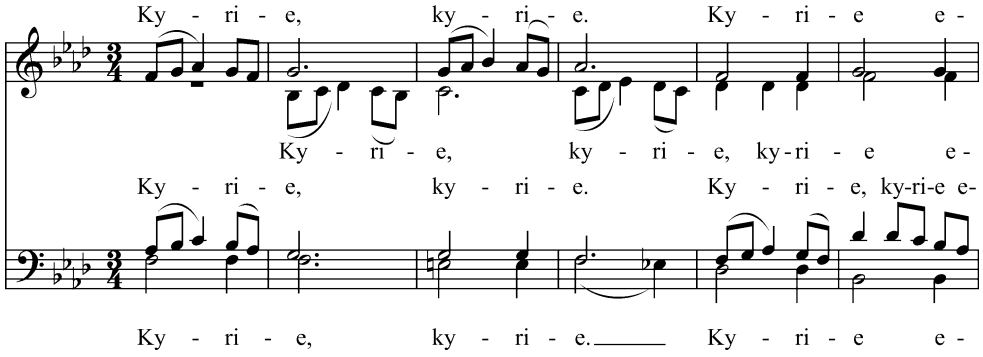
Celebrant: We lift our voices in deep lament and ask Love's visitation.
Congregation: **For only love can open hearts to prepare for resurrection.**
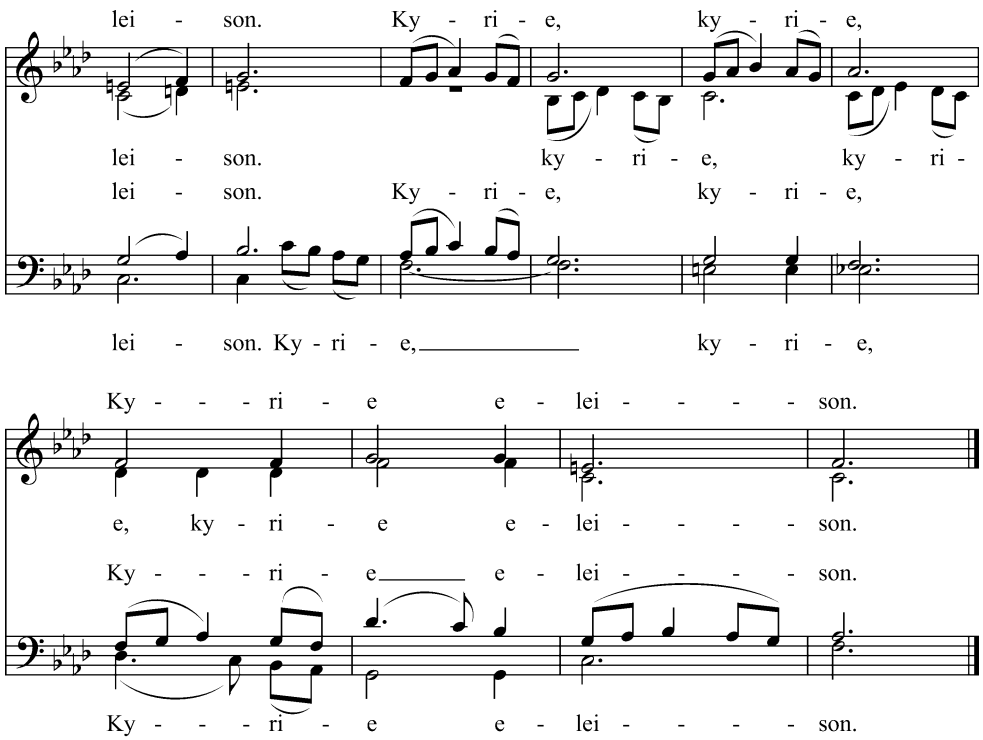
Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Celebrant and 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.**
Celebrant: Almighty 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.**

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison My Heart Sings Out, *#14*





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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126



When the Lord restored the fortunes of | Zion, || we were like | those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with | laughter, || and our tongue with | shouts of joy;
then it was said among the | nations, || "The Lord has done great | things for them."
The Lord has done great | things for us, || and | we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O | Lord, || like the watercourses | in the Negeb.

May those who sow in | tears || reap with | shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for | sowing, ||
shall come home with shouts of joy, | carrying their sheaves.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Philippians 3:4b-14
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn ELW 814 *Take O take me as I am (sing three times, in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: John 12:1-8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

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

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence will be commenced and ended with the sounding of a bell.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: All here and on Zoom are asked to offer your prayers after each invitation.

(Note: examine the seven invitations and see where your prayers best fit)

Leader: I invite your prayers for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers for our nation.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers for the welfare of the world and the health of our suffering planet.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers for the concerns of this Island and Peninsular community.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers for those who suffer and those in any trouble.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers of lament.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers for those who have died and those who mourn.

People offer prayers

Leader and Congregation: **Oh Lord our God, who takes notice of the marginalized, the alien and the powerless, do not let us forget those who cry out to you. Accept their prayers; look with compassion upon all who turn to you for help; for you stand under us all, and to you we give glory, now and forever. Amen.**

We remember those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other special events in April

The Peace

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 exchange the peace.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn ELW 800 *Spirit of God, descend upon my heart (in back of bulletin)*

The Great Thanksgiving

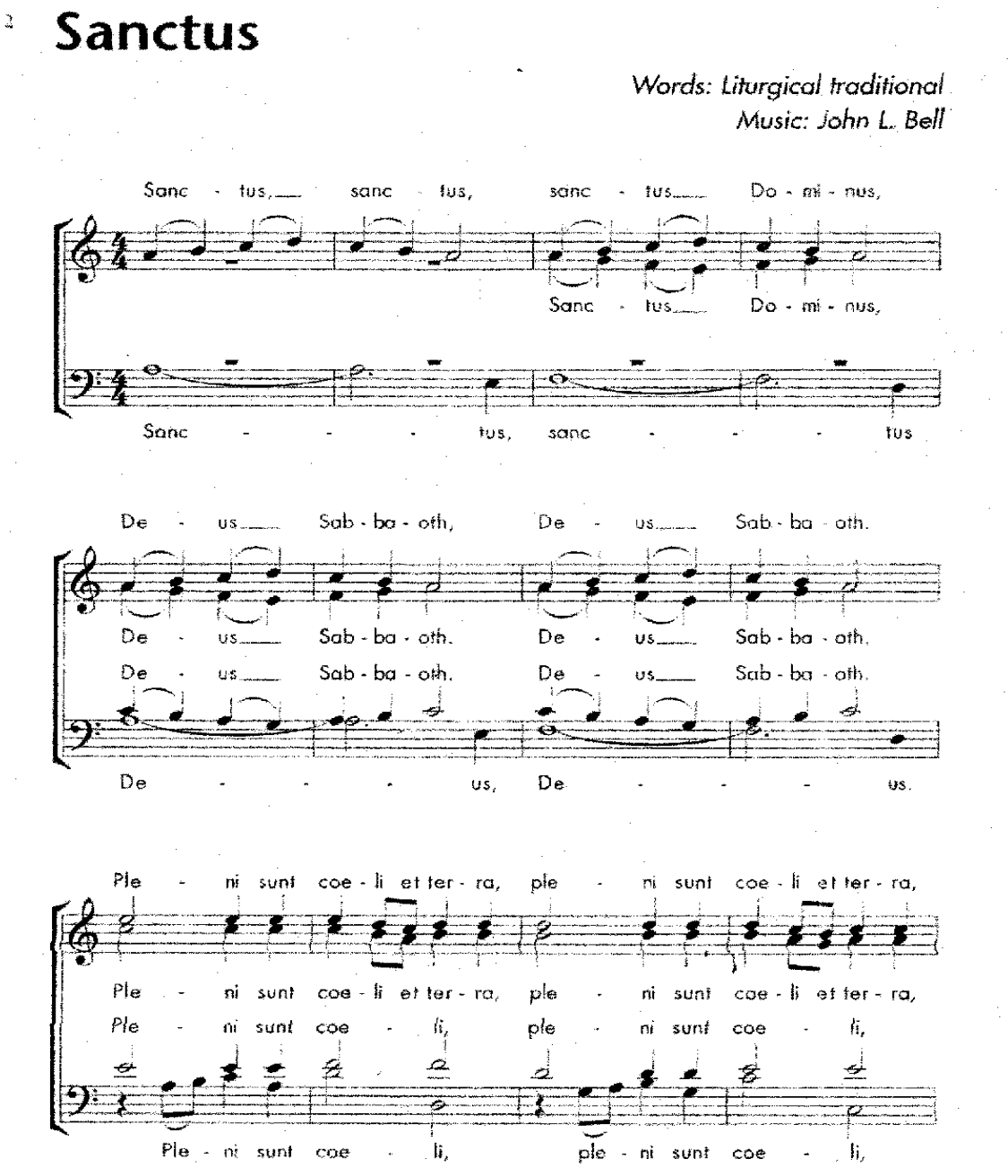
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**
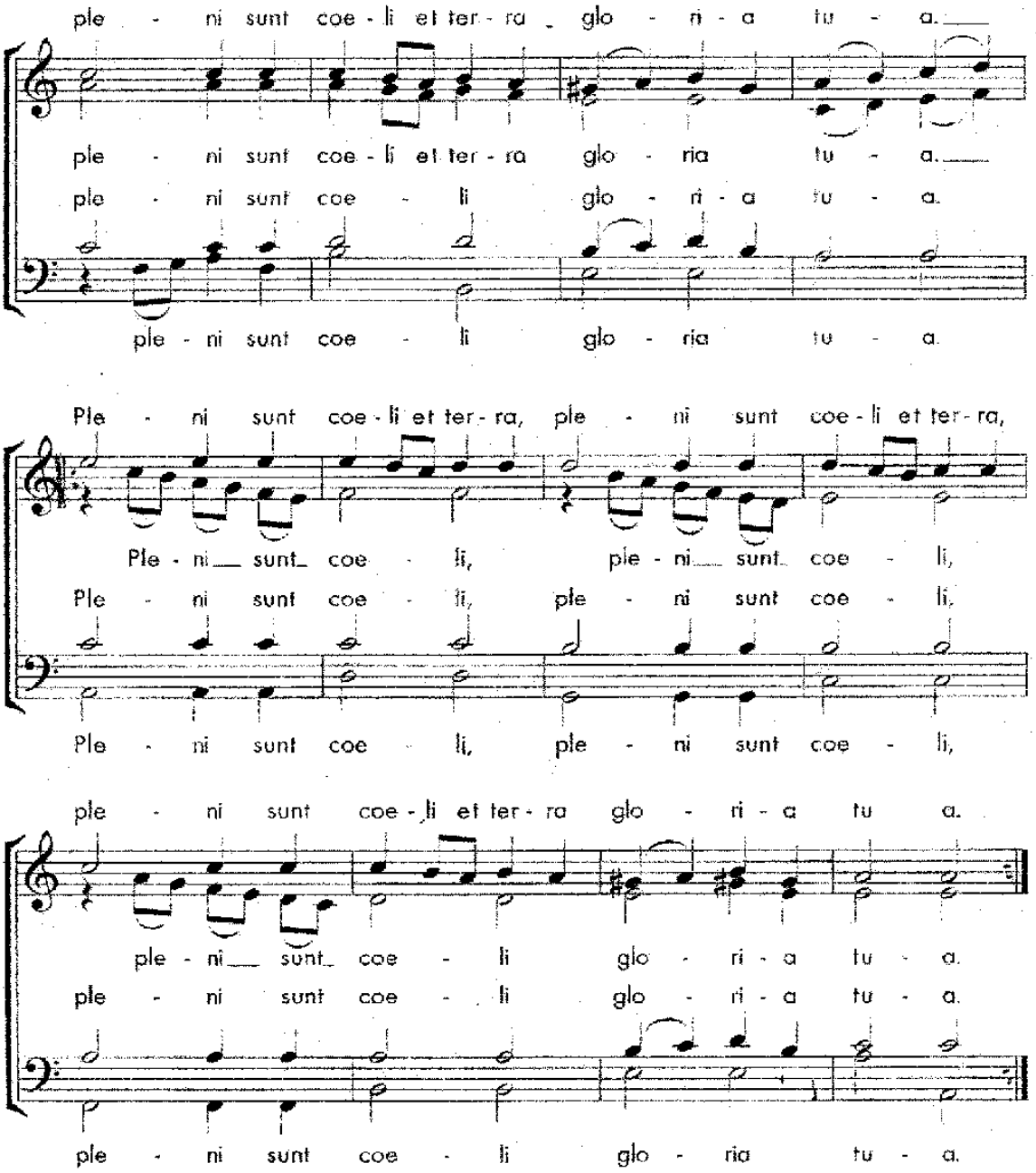
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant: Lord God, you have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have reconciled us to you and to one another in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name singing…

Sanctus



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Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and on the cross opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this is remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore, his life, death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Congregation: **Pour out your Holy Spirit, O Lord, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all of your people and of your creation in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
Congregation:

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
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.**

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, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,
the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.
Give us grace in this season, as we walk with Jesus toward the cross,
to fast from anything that leads us away from you and
to feast on those things that draw us nearer to you,
so we might be signs of your healing and redeeming love for all the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn ELW 763 *My life flows on in endless song (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Andante* Franz Schubert

Announcements

Dismissal

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CALENDAR

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

Monday, April 7	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, April 9	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study -- Final session with The Rev. Timothy Ensworth 12:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry meeting 3:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers – The Rev. Timothy Ensworth reflector
Sunday, April 13	10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday and Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Donna Downs presiding

Looking Ahead

Thursday, April 17	5:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding
Friday, April 18	5:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling presiding
Tuesday, April 22	A Journey of Peace begins at the Penobscot Nation boat landing
Sunday, April 27	Two Ukrainian students who are studying at George Stevens Academy will share with us their experiences in Ukraine and the current situation.
Sunday, June 22	The Rev Michael Ambler will share with us again his recent experiences in Laos helping to remove land mines.

GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM
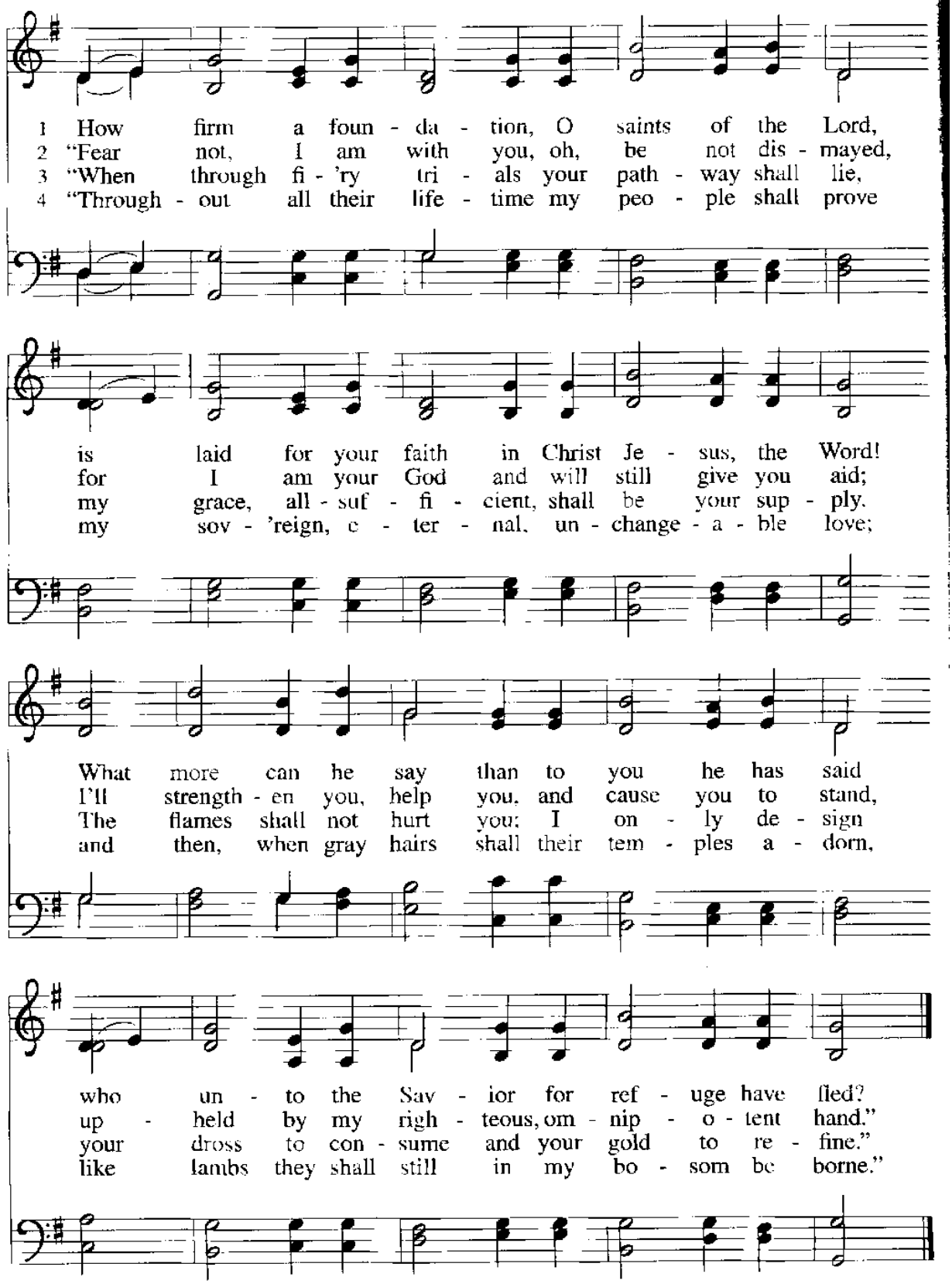
Care for Creation

Save the Date

In April and into May, GPS will focus on actions and activities that prioritize Care for Creation. Please save the date for Earth Day, April 25, 26, and 27. See the poster in the Navigator. A team from St. Brendan will clean up along Route 15 near the church. More information will follow next week.

Check the events for April at Island Heritage Trust. Every Tuesday in April and beyond, there is an opportunity to join a trail maintenance crew: https://www.islandheritagetrust.org/programs-and-events/
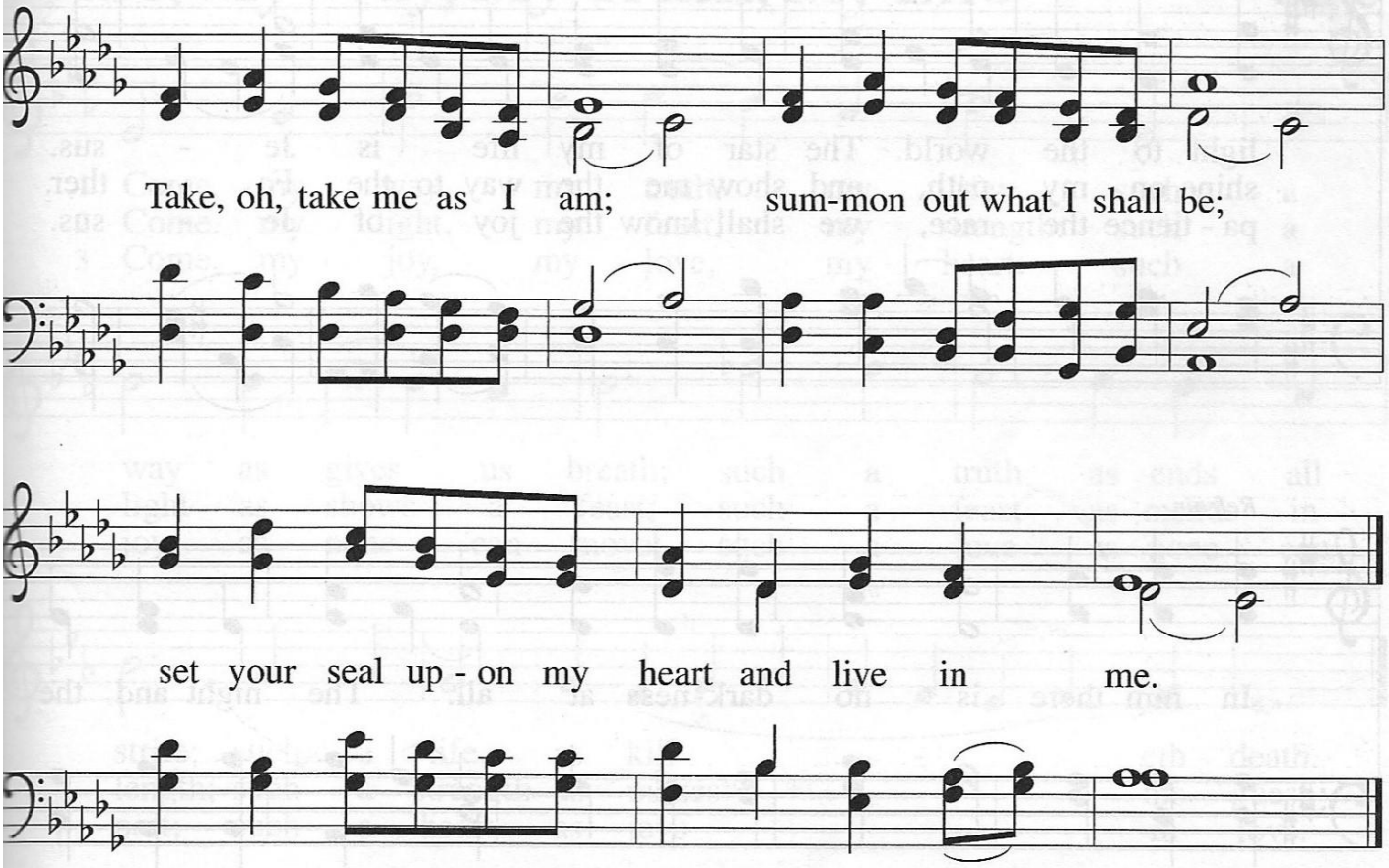
796 How Firm a Foundation



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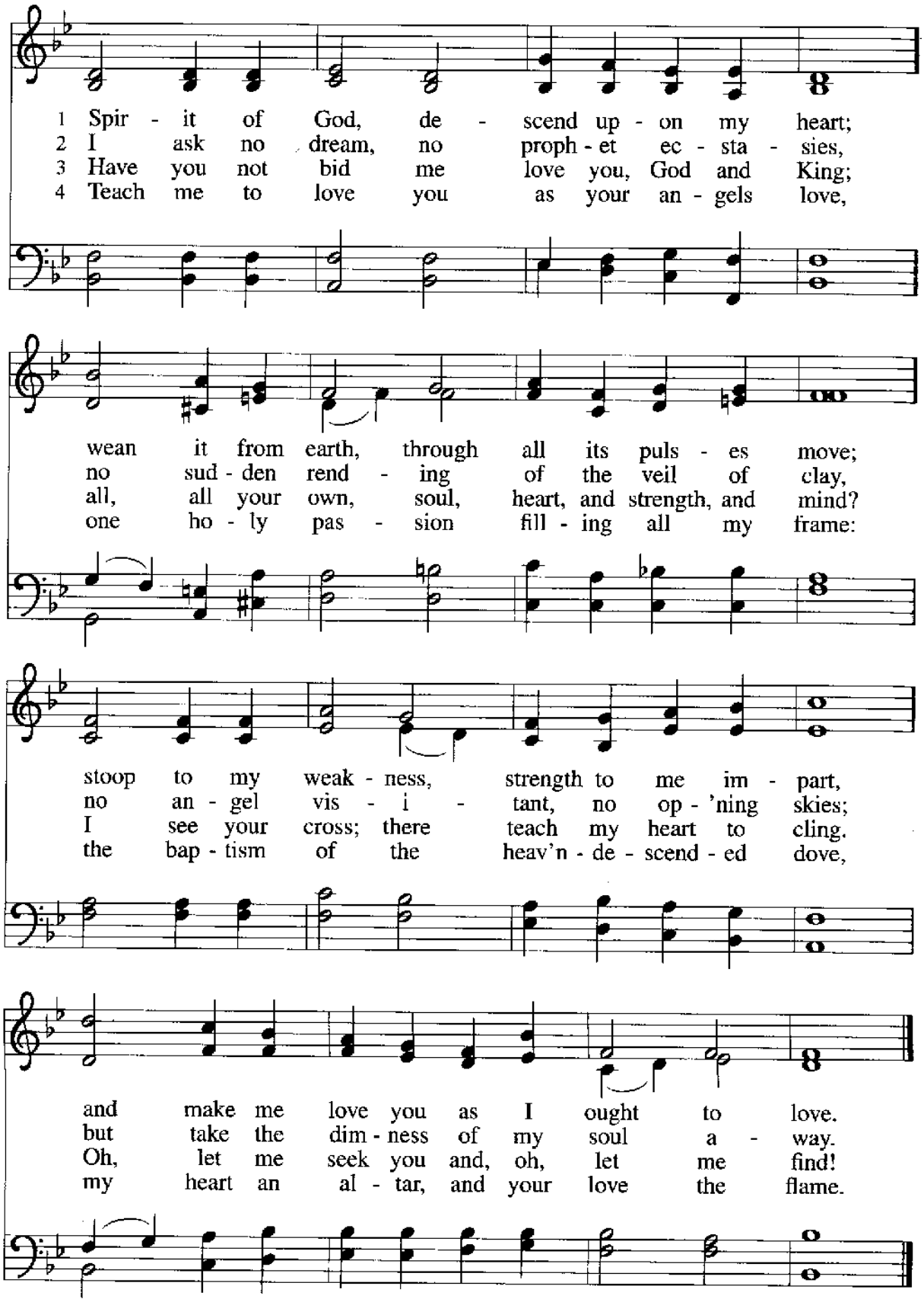
Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am 814



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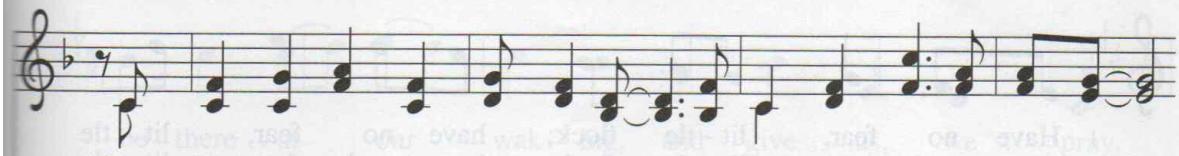
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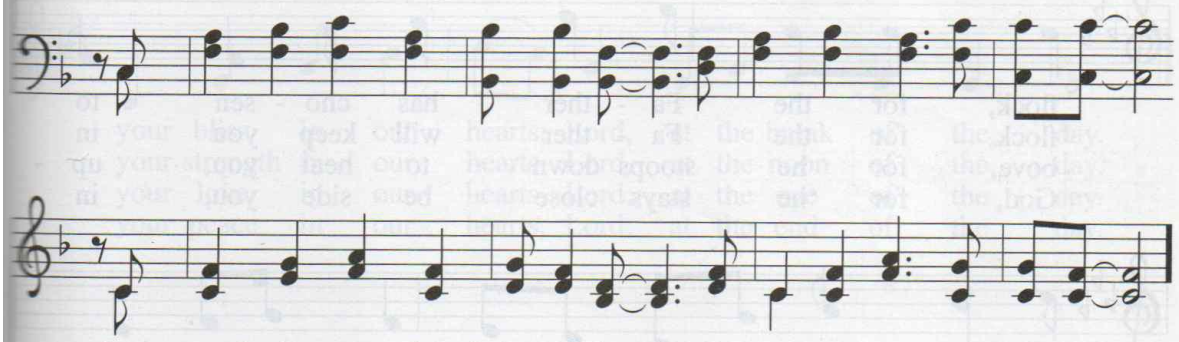


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Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–1897

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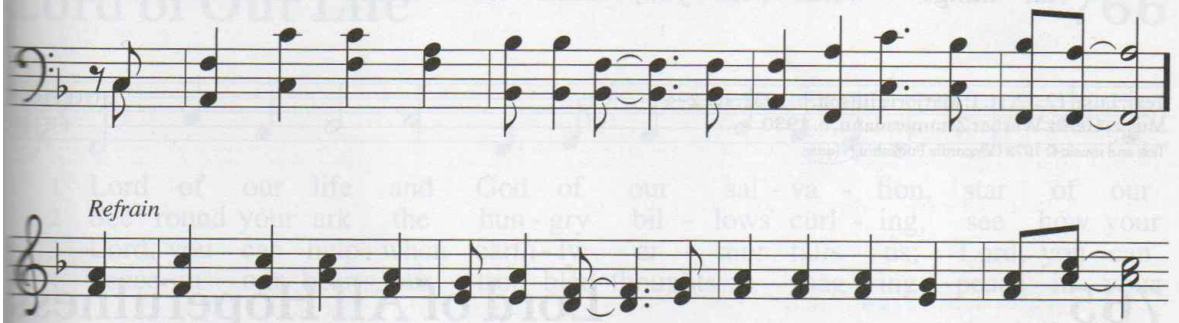
My Life Flows On in Endless Song 763



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!

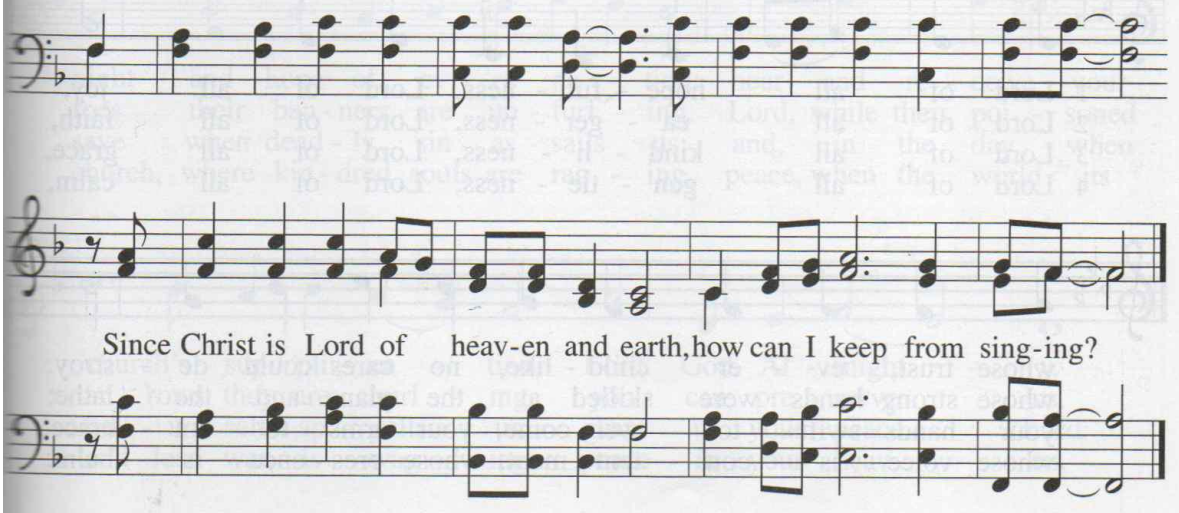


I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: Robert Lowry, alt.

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
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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;