

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, preaching
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Morning Prayer
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

Prelude: *Jesus Christ, be present now* Paul Manz

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV)

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**.

The Invitatory
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Congregation: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Leader: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
Congregation: **And your glory all the day long.**
Leader: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
Congregation: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn 192 *This joyful Eastertide, vss. 1 and 2 (in back of this bulletin)*

Lesson: 1 John 4: 7-12
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 16 *A miktam of David*

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.
Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Gospel: John 15: 1-8
Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**
Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."
Presider: The Gospel of the Lord
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence

A Creed from the Iona Community

We believe in God whose love is the source of all lifeand 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 earthand
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.

We recognize those having birthdays, anniversaries or other significant events this month.

Presider: 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 *(chanted – in back of bulletin)*
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.

The Collect of the Day
Leader: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever
Congregation: **Amen.**

Collect
Christ our life,
You are alive –
in the beauty of the earth
in the rhythm of the seasons
in the mystery of time and space
You are alive –
in the tenderness of touch
in the heartbeat of intimacy
in the insights of solitude
You are alive – in the creative possibility
of the dullest conversation
of the dreariest task
the most threatening event.

(Adapted from "Resurrection Prayer" a poem by Rev. Kathy Calloway)

The Prayers of the People
In this Easter season, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, those in need, and all the members of God's family.

We pray for all who are victims of war, for refugees who live with violence and uncertainty, for victims of domestic violence.
May we open our hearts to deeper compassion, awareness, and connection with those who live with threat and danger.

We pray for all who work tirelessly that justice may come, for renewed energy in their struggle and for discernment when the path of peace is hard to see, for those feeling outnumbered, out-argued or overwhelmed.
May we have the courage to say, I stand for peace.

We pray for guidance and a listening heart, that we may be ready in this Easter season to embrace your promise of rebirth.
May we be strengthened by your Spirit as we go on to do your work.

We remember those who have died.
Assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us united with them in your everlasting love.

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

Christ our life,
You are alive - to offer re-creation
to every unhealed hurt
to every deadened place
to every damaged heart

You set before us a choice.
May we learn to be that Grain of Wheat that dies in order to live.

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.

This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
We will not offer to God
offerings that cost us nothing.
Let us go in peace to love and to serve;
we will seek peace and pursue it.
In the name of the Trinity of love,
God in community, holy and one.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 213 *Come away to the skies, vss. 1-3 (in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude: *C Major Prelude* J.S. Bach

Dismissal

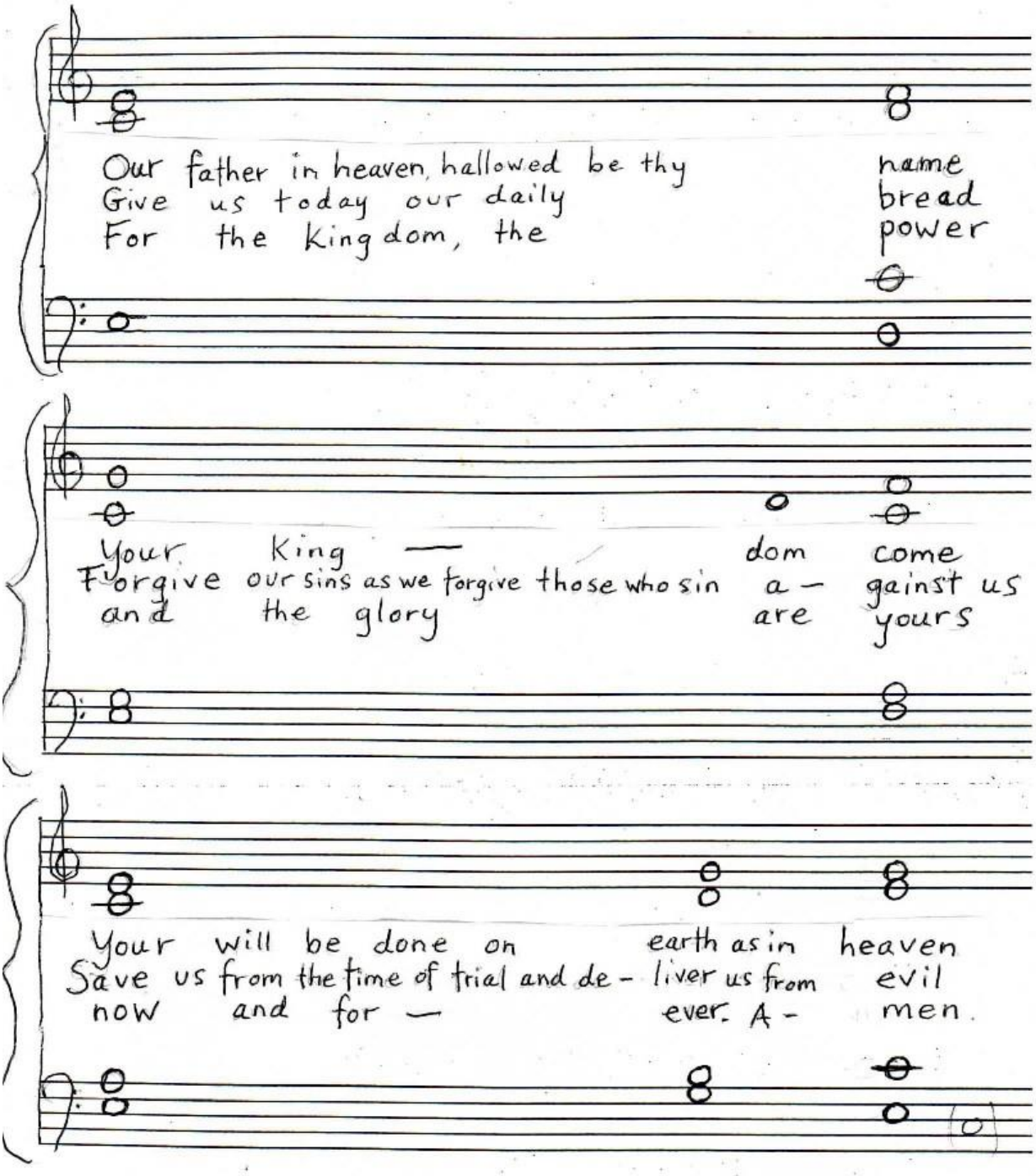
Announcements

You are invited to stay for Virtual Coffee Hour Discussion on Prayers of the People

Prayers of the People: Rev. Kathy Calloway "Resurrection Prayer" from *In Love With the Life of Life.*
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Music: *Vruechten*, melody from *Psalmen*, 1685; harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926) 67. 67 with Refrain


Our father in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Give us today our daily bread
For the kingdom, the power
Your king — dom come
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin a — gainst us
and the glory are yours
Your will be done on earth as in heaven
Save us from the time of trial and de - liver us from evil
now and for — ever. A - men.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: *Middlebury*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*; harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946)

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