

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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Pentecost Proper 7

June 22, 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: *Jesu, the very thought of thee* C.S. Lang

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell.
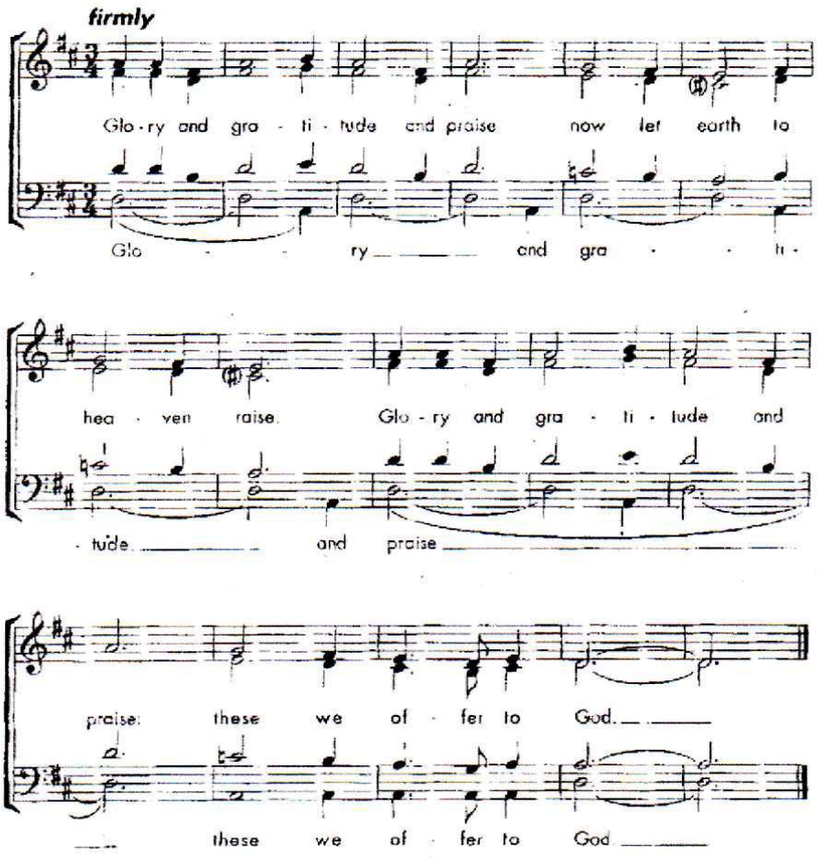
Opening Hymn 420 *When in our music God is glorified (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences
Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Congregation: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise *(next page)*

Glory and gratitude

Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule
Music: John L. Bell



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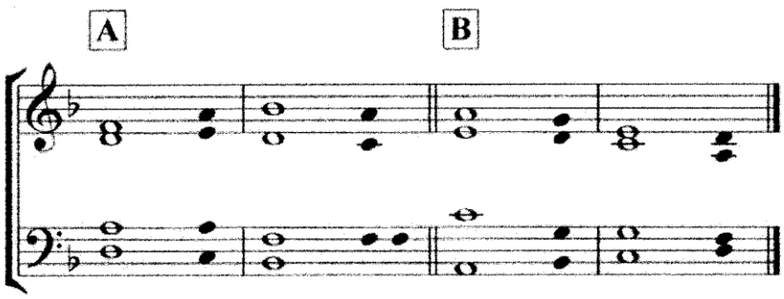
The Collect of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 65: 1-10
I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.
I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.
Sharon shall become a pasture for flocks,
and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down,
for my people who have sought me.
Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 22: 1-2; 16-31



My God, my God,
why have you for-saken me?
Why are you so far from helping me,
from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day,
but you do not answer;
and by night
but find no rest.

For dogs are all a-round me;
a company of evildoers en-circles me;
they bound my hands and feet;
I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my clothes among them-selves,
and for my clothing
they cast lots.

A But you, O Lord, do not be far a-way!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
A Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
B Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen.

----------Brief interlude----------

You have heard me!
I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congre-gation
I will praise you:

You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him,
all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or ab-hor
the affliction of the af-flicted;
he did not hide his face from me
but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congre-gation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for-ever!

All the ends of the earth shall re-member
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship be-fore him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.
To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even those who did not stay a-live.

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet un-born,
saying that he has done it.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29
Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.
Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: WLP 772 *O Christ, the healer (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ**
Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.
Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.
When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.
The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Michael Ambler

Affirmation

We believe that God the passionate creator acts with undying compassion,
so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.
We believe that Jesus gave himself to the weak, the abandoned and the distressed,
so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.
We believe that the Holy Spirit, elusive and uncontrollable, comforting and disturbing,
kindles the fires of passion and integrity,
purges our delusions with fire
and whispers grace with a lover's breath,
empowering us to refuse what is evil,
and be taken up with praise.
Though sometimes fearful,
we lay ourselves open to the Spirit's touch
offering our life for the life of the world.

Adapted from Nathan Nettleton

Prayers of the People

Let us invite the Spirit to blow through our lives and our world, as we lift our needs in prayer.
We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost faith in themselves, in others, and especially in you.
Congregation: **May the Spirit renew and inspire us.**

We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost their hope in what life can become for themselves and for all people.
Congregation: **May the Spirit encourage and challenge us to break new ground with you.**

We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost their ability to love freely and recklessly.
Congregation: **May the Spirit comfort and soften us.**

We remember those who have died and give thanks for their presence in our lives.
Congregation: **May the Spirit keep us united with them in your everlasting love.**

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: Holy, uncontainable fiery Spirit,
Congregation: **Fill the world with your peace, fill communities of faith with your purpose, and fill us with your power, for the sake of your Reign. Amen.**

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: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
You have been set free by the love of God made known in Jesus and by the power of God's creating, liberating Spirit. Rise from what binds you into the love that calls you, and burn with God's Holy Spirit in all that you do. In the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.
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: WOV 800 *Each morning brings us (in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer *Enriching our Worship #3*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**
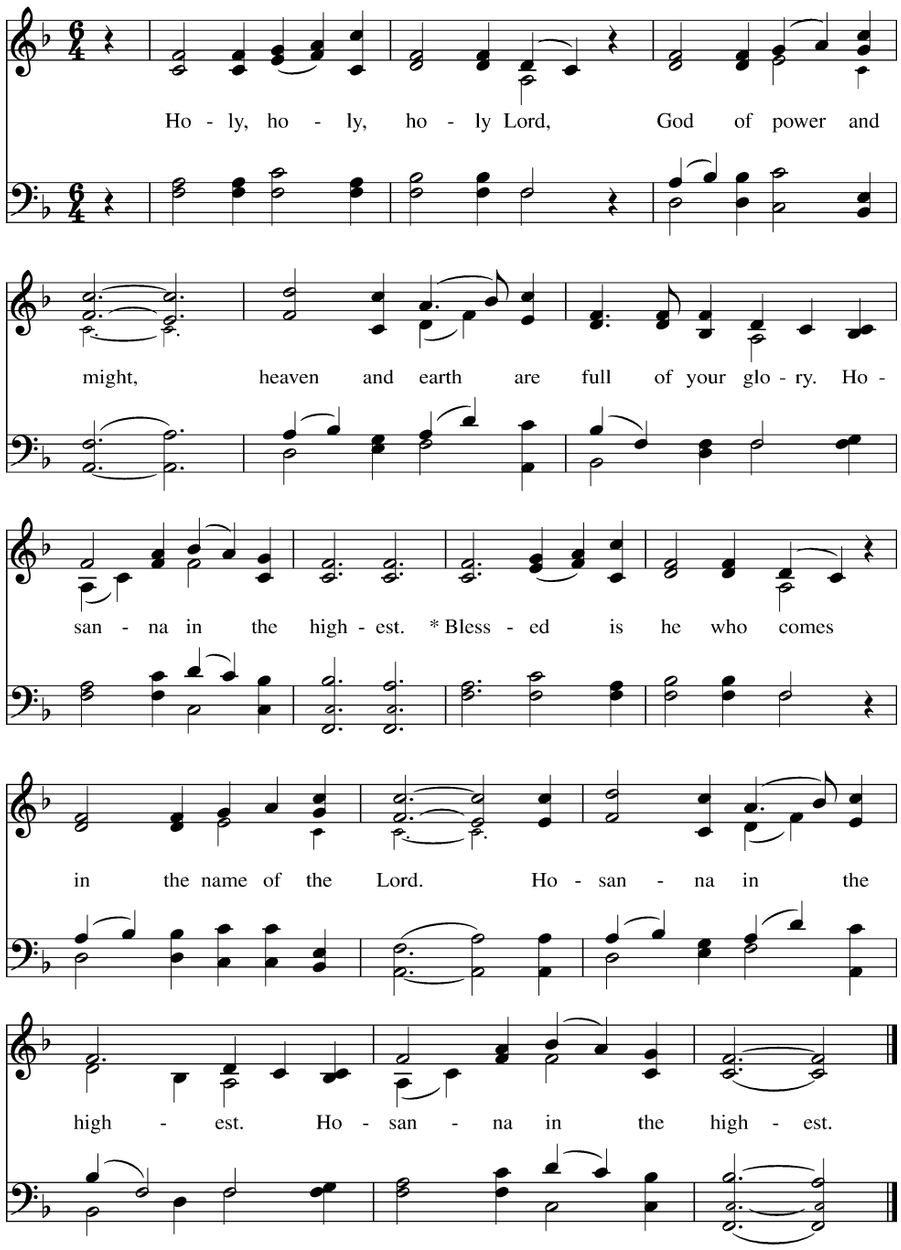
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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: WLP 858



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:

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.
Congregation: **Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.

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
Celebrant: We give thanks for this meal of Holy Mystery and remembrance,
and for coming to us as we have shared it.
Congregation: **May the love we find at this table**
be reflected in our lives;
May the power we receive at this table
make us peacemakers and healers;
And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table
lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign
in every word we speak and in everything we do.
Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn 679 *Surely it is God who saves me (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *O God, our help* C. S. Lang

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Justice for All

In recognition of June as PRIDE month and the need for justice for racial and tribal groups in Maine, as well as gender, you are invited to support Maine organizations that specifically advocate for racial, gender, and tribal justice.

Maineequaljustice.org

OUTmaine.org

Equalitymaine.org

MaineInitiatives.org

On **Sunday, June 22**, the Deer Isle/Stonington Pride Motorcade starts at noon at the Stonington Ball Field. A family-style picnic and festivities will follow at 1:00 p.m. with games, music, vendors, and keynote speaker, Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives.

Bring your picnic lunch and blanket or chairs to sit on!

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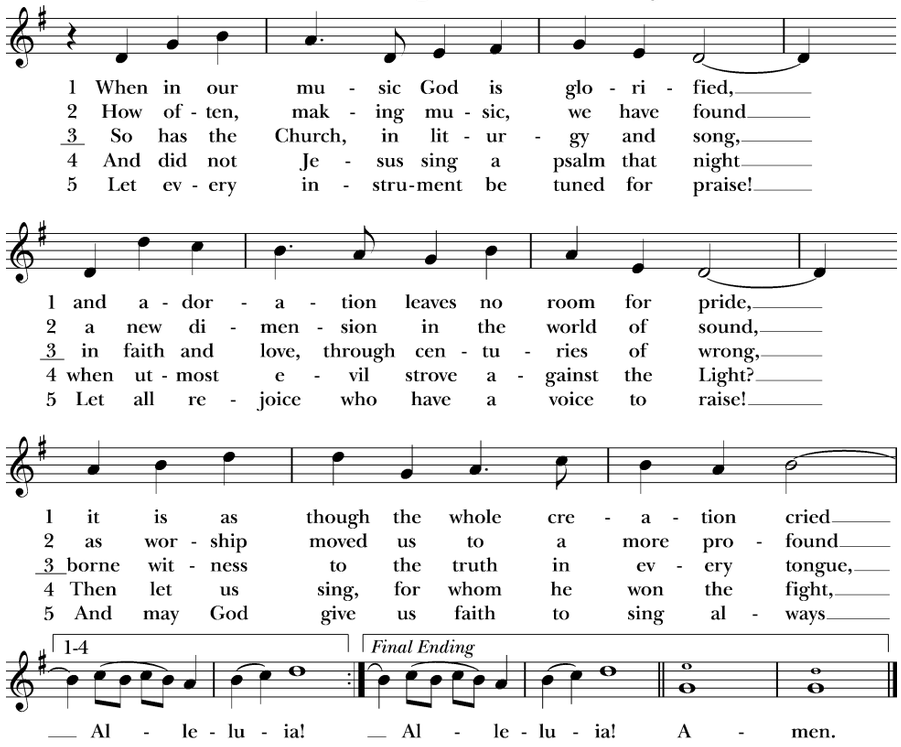
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Sunday, June 22	5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide
Monday, June 23	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, June 24	1:30 p.m. Worship and Music Ministry meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, June 25	10:00 a.m. In Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, June 28	11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life for Stewart Pierson
Sunday, June 29	10:00 a.m. Healing Service with Holy Eucharist Cindy Beyer reflector and The Rev. Brent Was celebrant 11:30 a.m. A conversation about ways of supporting the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank.

Looking Ahead
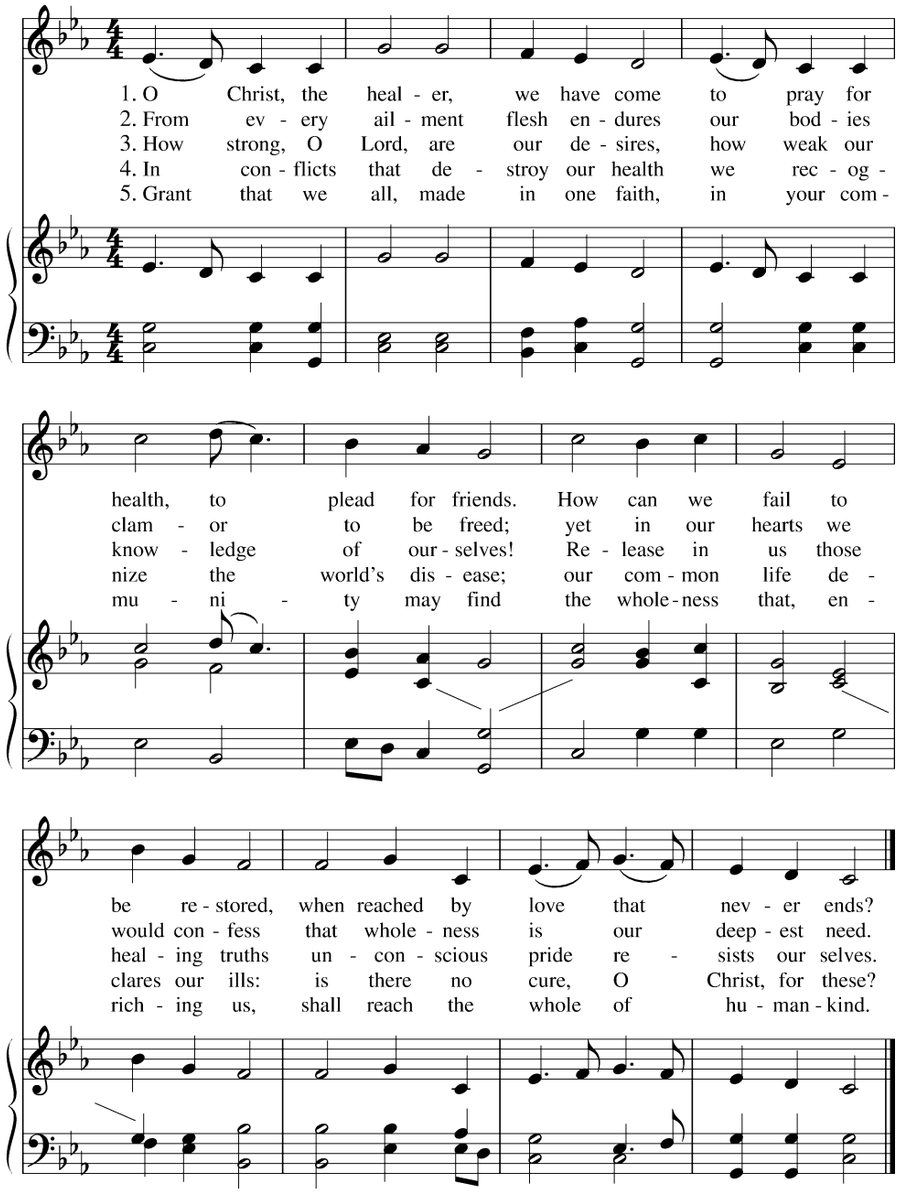
Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30	10:30 a.m. Philosophy of Love led by Prof Peter Antich
Saturday, July 12	2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Susan Wade

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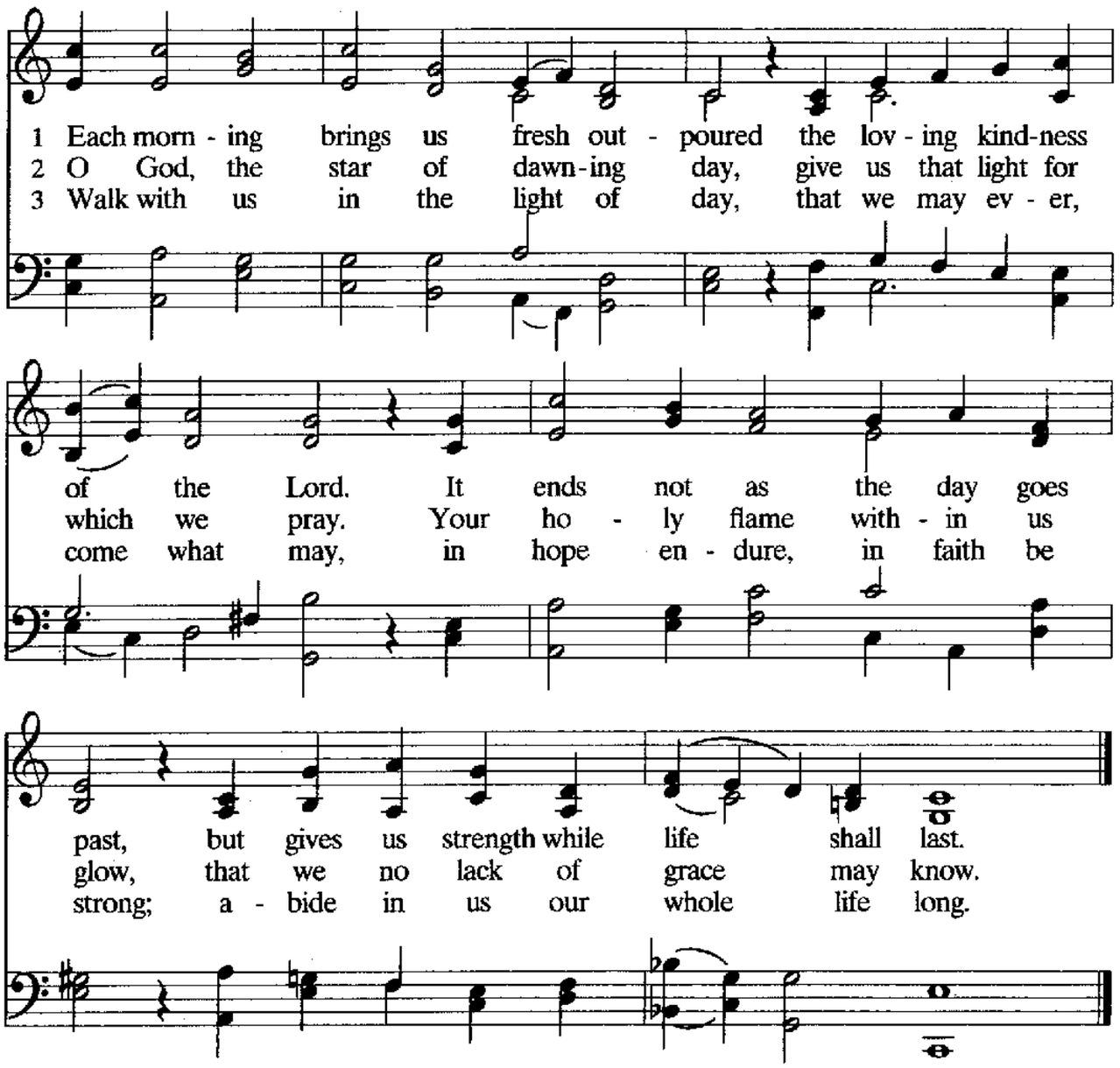


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O Christ, the healer *Wonder Love and Praise*, #**772**



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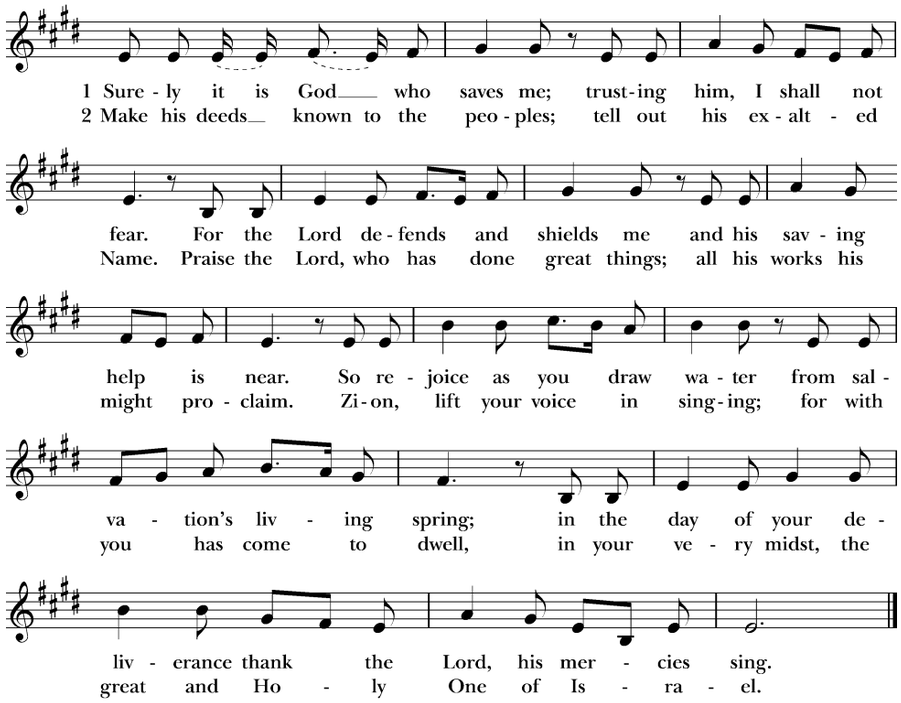
Each Morning Brings Us 800



Text: Johannes Zwick, 1496–1542, tr. Margaret Barclay, alt.
Music: Johann Walter, 1496–1570

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Surely it is God who saves me *The Hymnal 1982,* #679



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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**.