

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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Pentecost Proper 16

August 24, 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: *O Lord, in thee is all my trust* Thomas Tallis

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

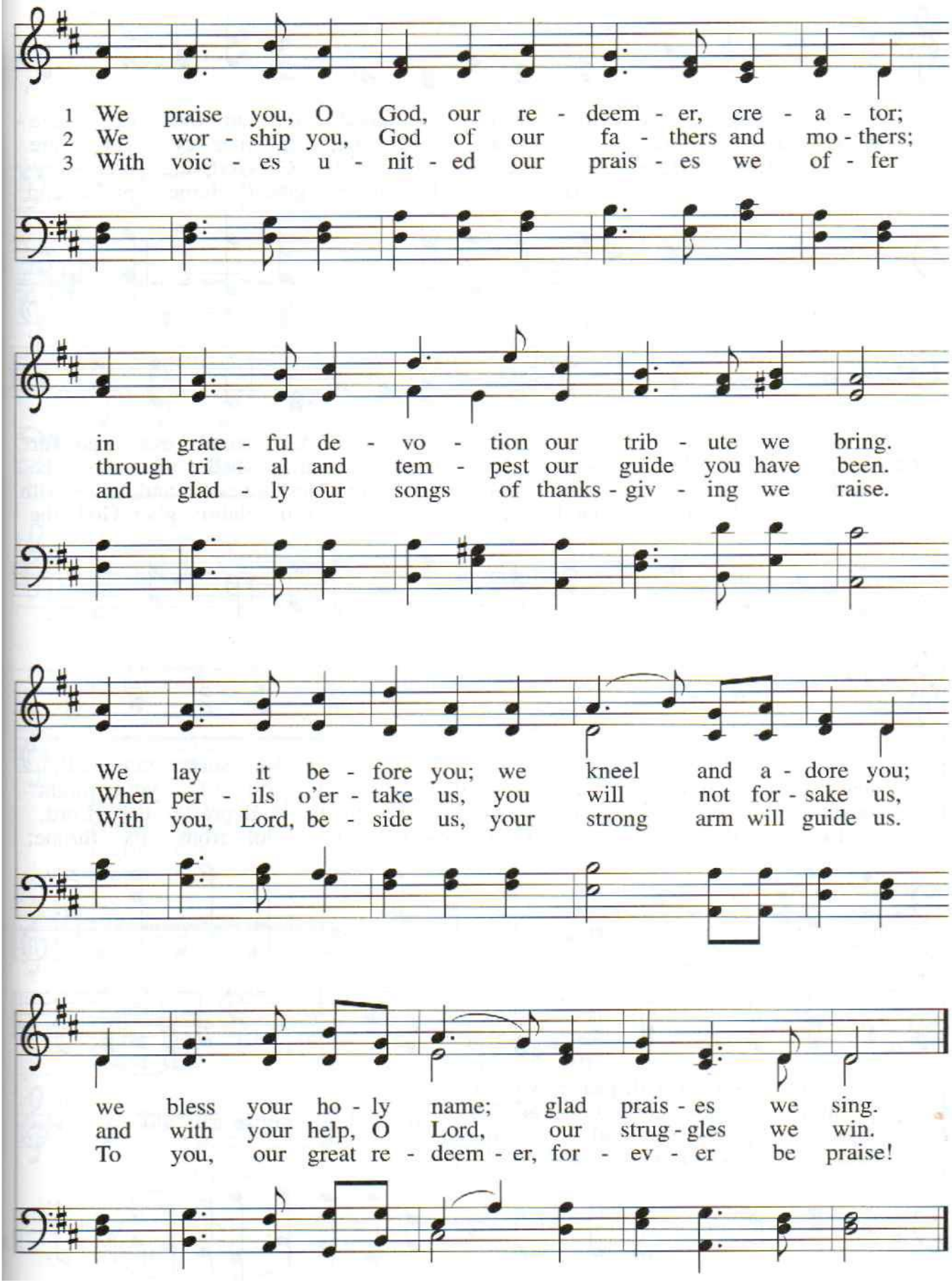
Opening Hymn: 427 *When Morning Gilds the Skies (in back of bulletin)*

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.
O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10
The word of the LORD came to me saying,
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
Then I said,
"Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."
But the LORD said to me,
"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD.
Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth;
and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."
Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 71
In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

From my birth I have leaned upon you,
my protector since my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.
I have been like a portent to many,
but you are my strong refuge.
My mouth is filled with your praise
and with your glory all day long.

Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
do not forsake me when my strength is spent.
For my enemies speak concerning me,
and those who watch for my life consult together.
They say, "Pursue and seize that person
whom God has forsaken,
for there is no one to deliver."

O God, do not be far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me!
Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed;
let those who seek to hurt me
be covered with scorn and disgrace.

But I will hope continually
and will praise you yet more and more.
My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation all day long,
though their number is past my knowledge.
I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God;
I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
So even to old age and gray hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might
to all the generations to come.

Your power and your righteousness, O God,
reach the high heavens.
You who have done great things,
O God, who is like you?

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities
will revive me again;
from the depths of the earth
you will bring me up again.
You will increase my honor
and comfort me once again.

I will also praise you with the harp
for your faithfulness, O my God;
I will sing praises to you with the lyre,
O Holy One of Israel.
My lips will shout for joy
when I sing praises to you;

my soul also, which you have rescued.

Leader and Congregation: **All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help,**
for those who tried to do me harm
have been put to shame and disgraced.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: 566 *From Thee All Skill and Science Flow (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

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 also grieve the death of Lev Sherman and remember Ann and all members of their family at this tender time. 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

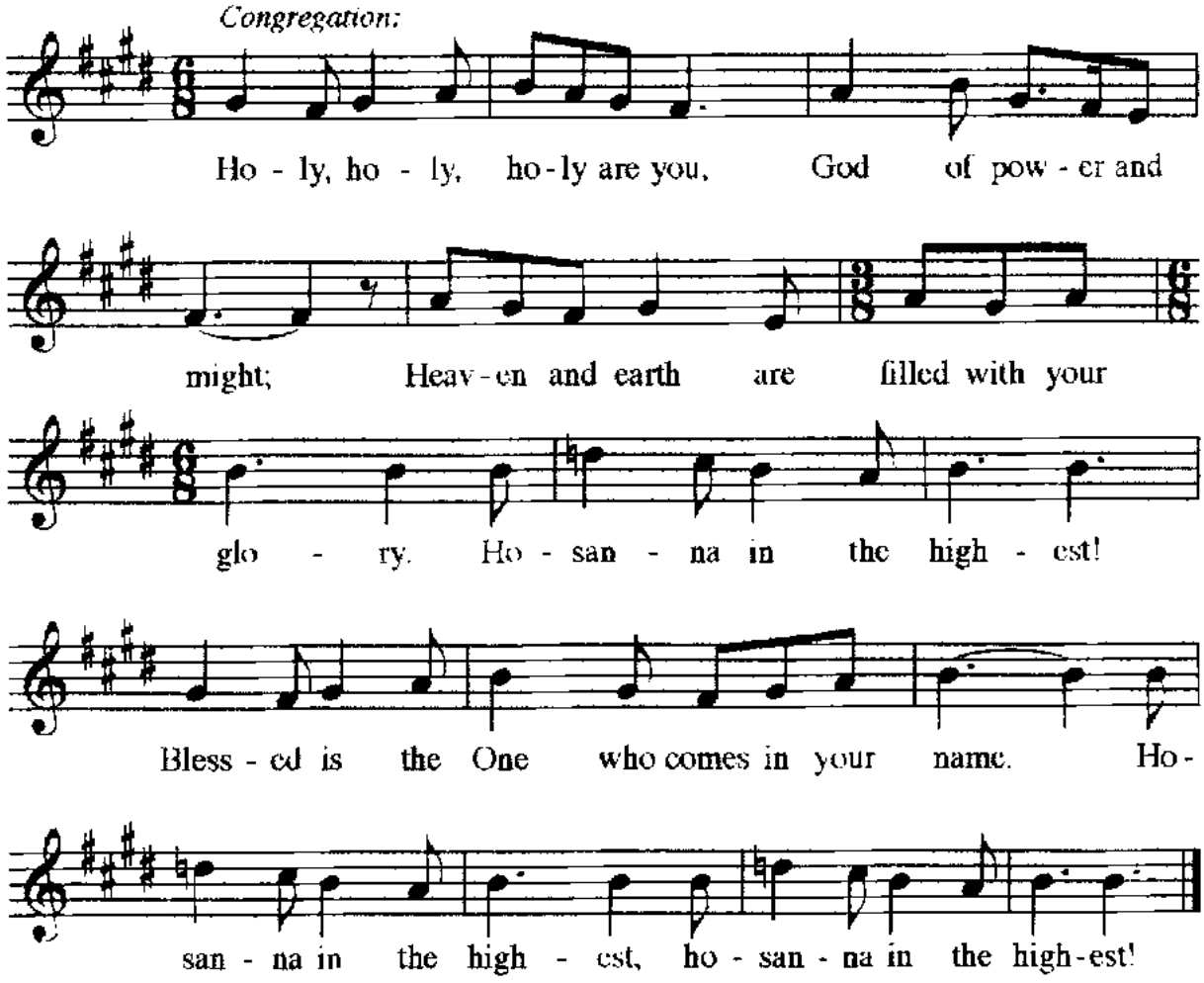
Offertory Hymn: 304 *I Come with Joy (in back of bulletin)*

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: 379 *God is Love (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Voluntary on Abbot's Leigh*

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Love in Action

St Brendan's Mission statement asks us to **Love, Praise, Welcome, and Serve.**

This week, as you awake each morning, choose one of those "action" verbs and plan how you are going to live it that day. In the evening, as you settle into sleep, reflect on how your day went, how the Mission statement came alive in you that day.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, August 25	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom) 5:00 p.m. Second Pop-up Book Group—potluck and conversation at Elaine's home
Wednesday, August 27	10:00 a.m. In Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Final session: Matters of Life and Death led by The Rev. Alice Hildebrand 12:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry meeting 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, August 31	10:00 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Brent Was, Celebrant

Looking Ahead

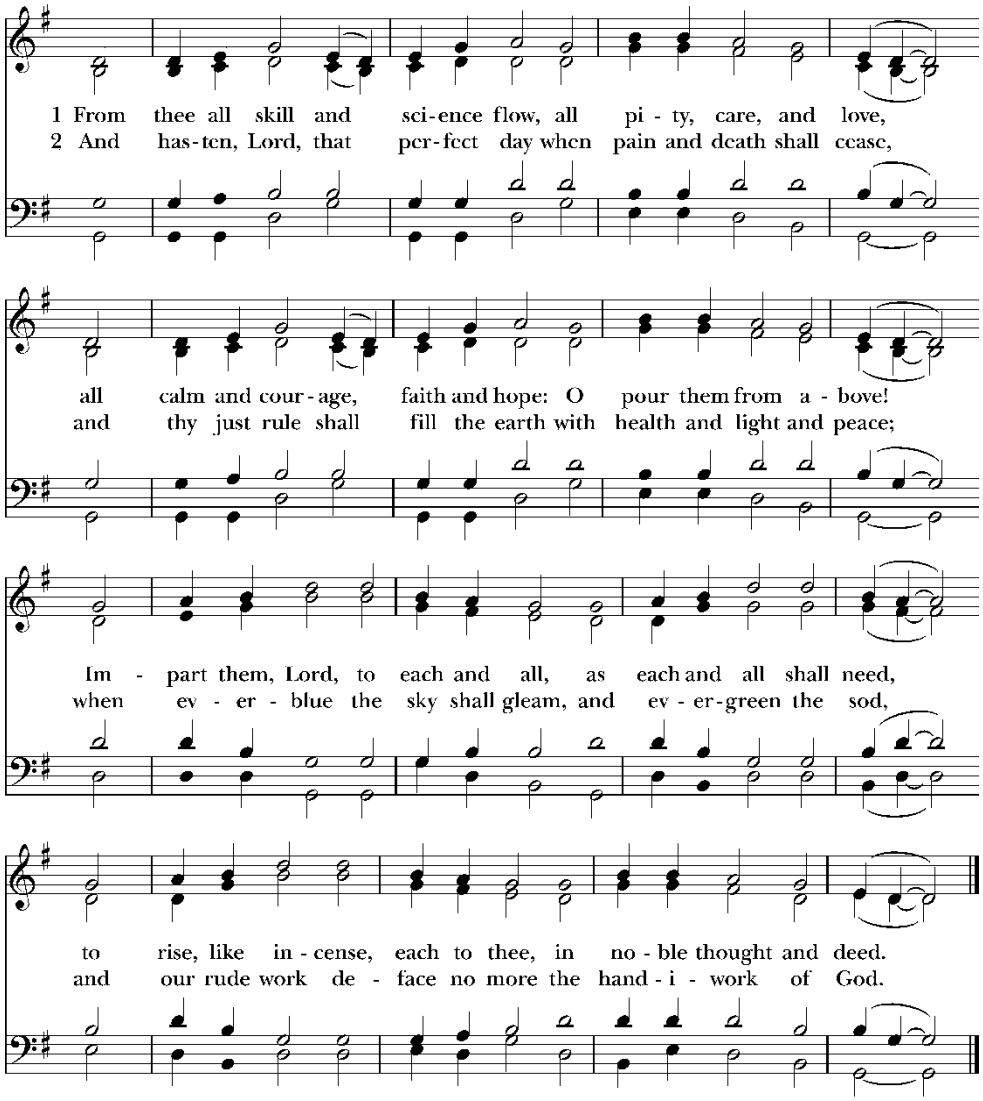
Sunday, September 7	12:30 p.m. "Interacting with Wabanaki-Maine history", Blue Hill Library. Registration required. See Navigator for link
Monday, September 8 to Thursday, September 11	Women's Retreat at Bishopswood (call Martha Dane 207-348-5245 with any questions)
Friday, September 12	7:00 p.m. Screening of the film *Echoes of the Forks of Cypress.* See Navigator for further details
Saturday, September 20	10:00 a.m. Service of Celebration for Michael Hewes at the Blue Hill Congregational Church

When morning gilds the skies *The Hymnal 1982,* #**427**



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From thee all skill and science flow *The Hymnal 1982,* #**566**



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I come with joy to meet my Lord *The Hymnal 1982,* #**304**



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God is Love, let heaven adore him *The Hymnal 1982,* #**379**



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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**.