

# 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
The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece, Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director

## Pentecost Proper 14

**August 11, 2024**

**The Gathering of the Community**

*Celebrant:* We honor the Indigenous people everywhere, particularly the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth.
*Congregation:* **May we learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

*The bell is rung three times*

**Prelude:** *In Evening Air* Aaron Copland

*Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell*
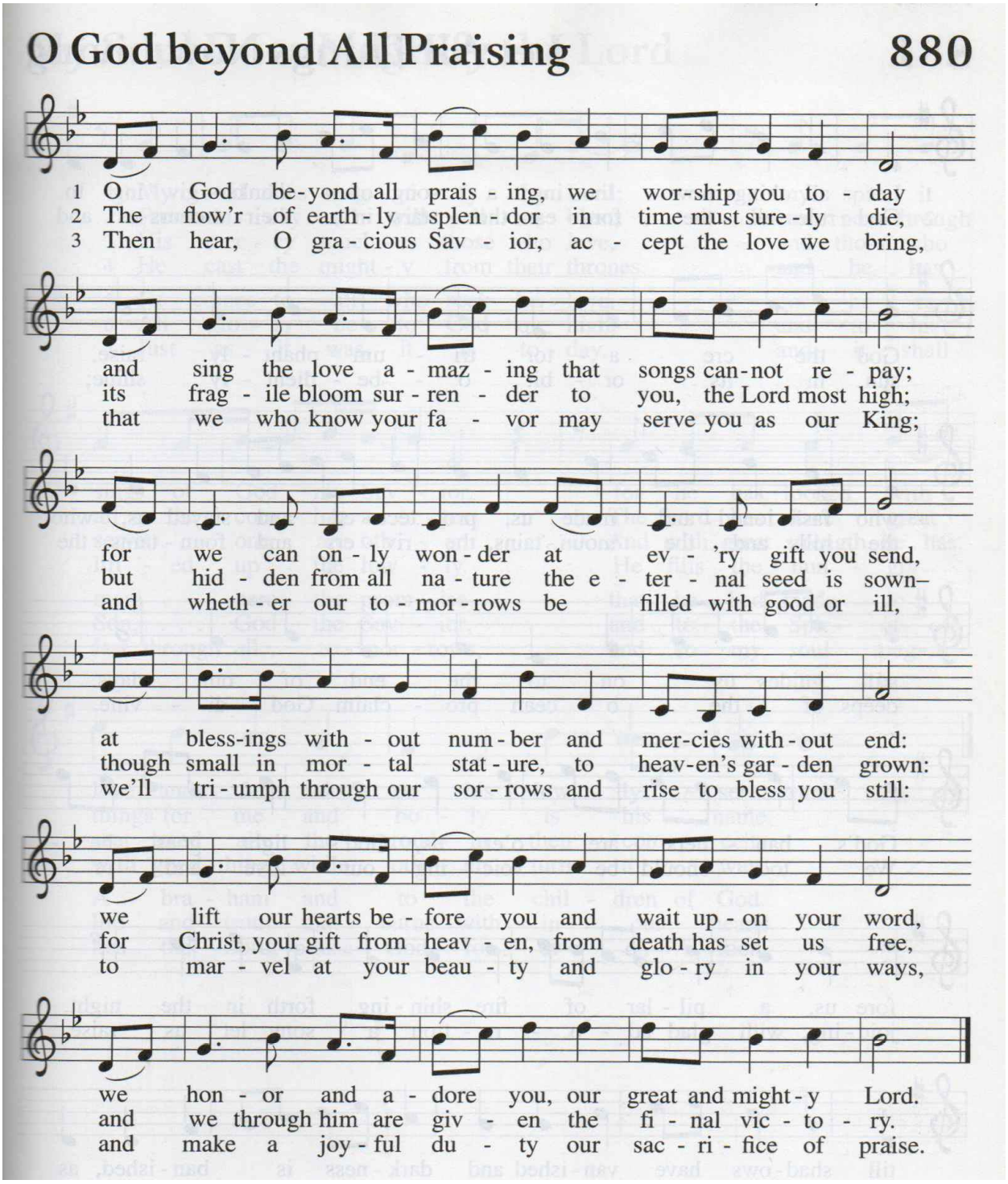
**Opening Hymn 376** *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee (in back of bulletin)*

**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: ELW 880** *(first verse)*



**The Collect of the Day**
*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.
*Congregation:* **And also with you.**
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.
Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

**First Lesson: First Book of Kings 19: 1-13**
Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.
At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.
*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34** *[Note: This psalm is an acrostic-using the 22 Hebrew letters in alphabetic order: the translation of the first word in the Hebrew text in the applicable line (which of course begins with the appropriate letter) is underlined]*

*Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech so that the latter drove him out and he went away.*

א I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
ב My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
ג O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**ד I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

ה Look to him and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
ז This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

**ח The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.**

ט O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
י O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

**כ The young lions suffer want and hunger,**
**but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

ל Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
מ Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?
נ Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
ס Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

**ע The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.**
**צ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.**
**פ The face of the LORD is against evildoers,**
**to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

ק The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.
ר Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

**ש He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.**
**ת Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**
**The LORD redeems the life of his servants;**
**none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

**Second Lesson: Letter to the Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 335** *I am the bread of life (verses 1,2,5 in back of bulletin)*

**Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51**
*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
*Congregation:* **Glory be to you, O Christ.**
Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.
*Congregation:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

*Silence*

**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**
*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, loving God.

*(Silence)*

*Leader:* For all people in their daily life and work.
*Congregation:* **May we, with God's grace, be present to, and aware of, the needs of our families, friends, and neighbors.**

*Leader:* For the leaders of our communities, the nation, and the world. May they act with wisdom to advance the cause of peace and justice for all.
*Congregation:* **With God's grace may we also speak up courageously for peace, justice and freedom from oppression.**

*Leader:* For the just and proper use of your creation;
*Congregation:* **May we look for ways to simplify our lives, curtail our consumption and advocate for just and creative solutions to the realities of climate change.**

*Leader:* For all who are in sorrow or any kind of trouble.
*Congregation:* **As people of faith in a God who loves all, may we practice the works of mercy- visit the sick, the imprisoned, the lonely.**

*Leader:* For peace and unity within all Christian churches.
*Congregation:* **May we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus in our actions and our words.**

*Leader:* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Thomas, our Bishop; and all priests and deacons who serve our churches.
*Congregation:* **We pray for their well-being, and may we give thanks for their commitment to serve the Church.**

*Leader:* For all who serve God in whatever way they can.
*Congregation:* **May we learn to accept our limitations of time and energy but also, in the name of Jesus, be generously engaged to the best of our ability here at St Brendan and in the surrounding community.**

*Leader:* For all who have died, for all who mourn their loved ones.
*Congregation:* **May we offer comfort to those who mourn.**

*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?

*Leader:* O Holy One, sustainer of the church, hear our prayers, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Set our hearts on fire with your love and give us the courage to speak and live that love as we minister to each other and the world.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**
We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**
**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.*
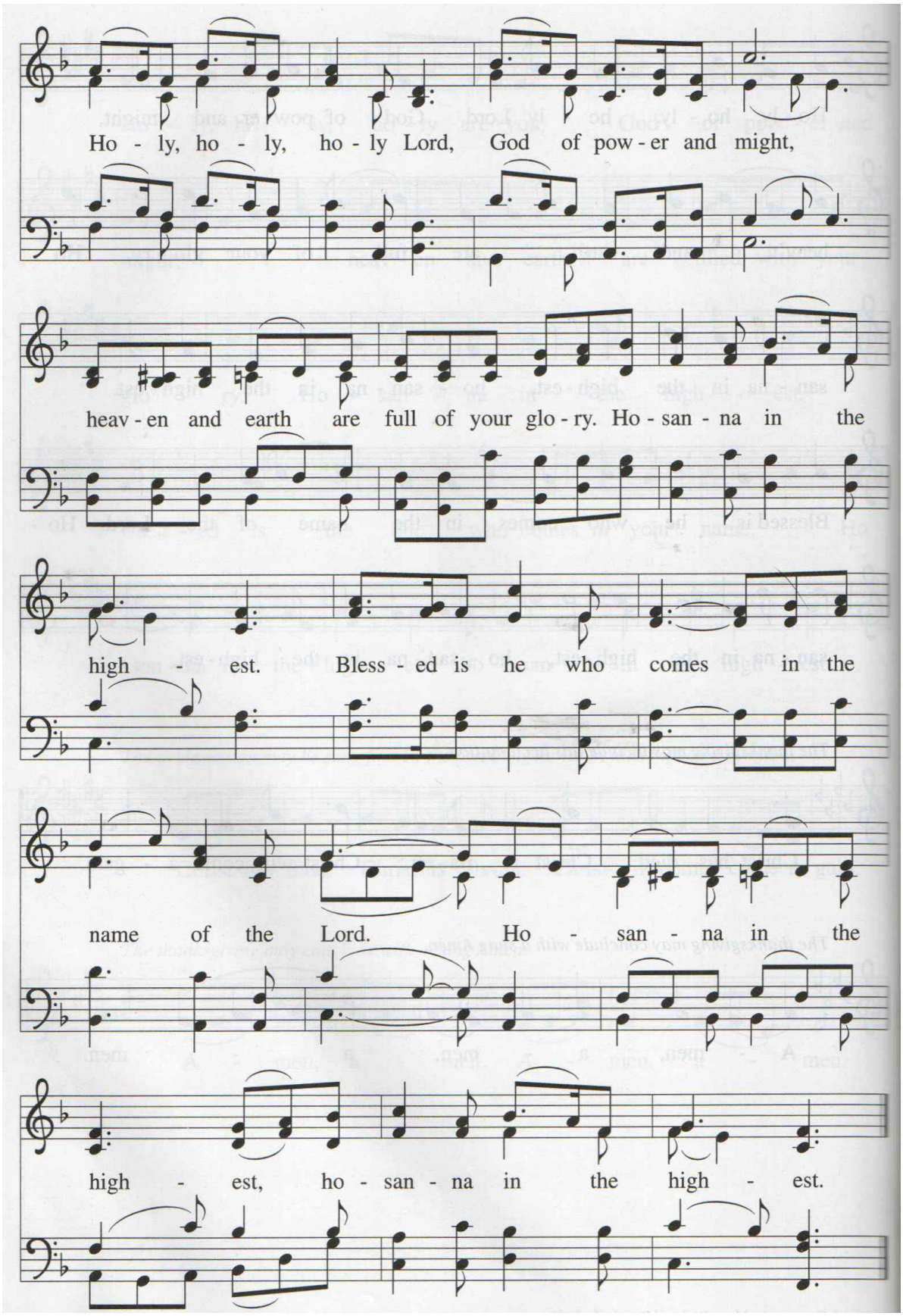
## The Holy Eucharist

**Offertory Hymn 339** *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (in back of bulletin)*

**Eucharistic Prayer**
*Celebrant*: The Lord be with you.
*Congregation:* ***A*nd 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 193** *(next page)*


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.**

*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.**

*Celebrant:* In recognition of and in solidarity with those who are worshiping with us remotely this morning, we pray this prayer of spiritual communion:
*Celebrant and Congregation*: **In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of the Church where the bread and wine are offered, and in union with those who are with us today by the internet, we offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. We believe that Jesus is present in the Breaking of the Bread, the Holy Sacrament of Communion and in ways more numerous and mysterious than we can imagine. We embrace you, Jesus, with all our hearts, souls and minds. Nothing can separate us from you, nor are we separated from one another.**

*Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.*

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.**

**Blessing**

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

**Postlude:** *Two Waltzes* 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.**

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| Sunday, August 11 | 7:00 p.m. Kate Caldwell concert *Blue Jean Day* CD release<br>Deer Isle - Sunset Congregational Church<br>CD sales and free will offerings will support Island Heating Assistance Program |
| Monday, August 12 | 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom) |
| Wednesday, August 14 | 10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person)<br>10:30 a.m. No Bible Study this week<br>4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal |
| Saturday, August 17 | 3:00-5:00 p.m. Art of Siri Beckman Opening Reception |
| Sunday, August 18 | 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Barbara Lundblad preaching<br>5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide |

**Looking Ahead**

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| Saturday, August 17 through August 30 | Art of Siri Beckman Gallery Hours posted |
| Wednesday, August 21 and September 4 | 10:30 a.m. "Exploring Healing Prayer", facilitated by Joan Maxwell |
| Saturday, August 24 | 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast |
| Tuesday, August 27- 30 | Women's Retreat. All women invited. |
| Wednesday, September 11 | 10:30 a.m. Dr. Sam Harrington—"Tough Questions, Helpful Answers: Hope alone is not a viable plan for the life completion you envision" |
| September 13-15 | Reggie Harris visit. |

**GPS (Giving our Priorities Shape) Action**
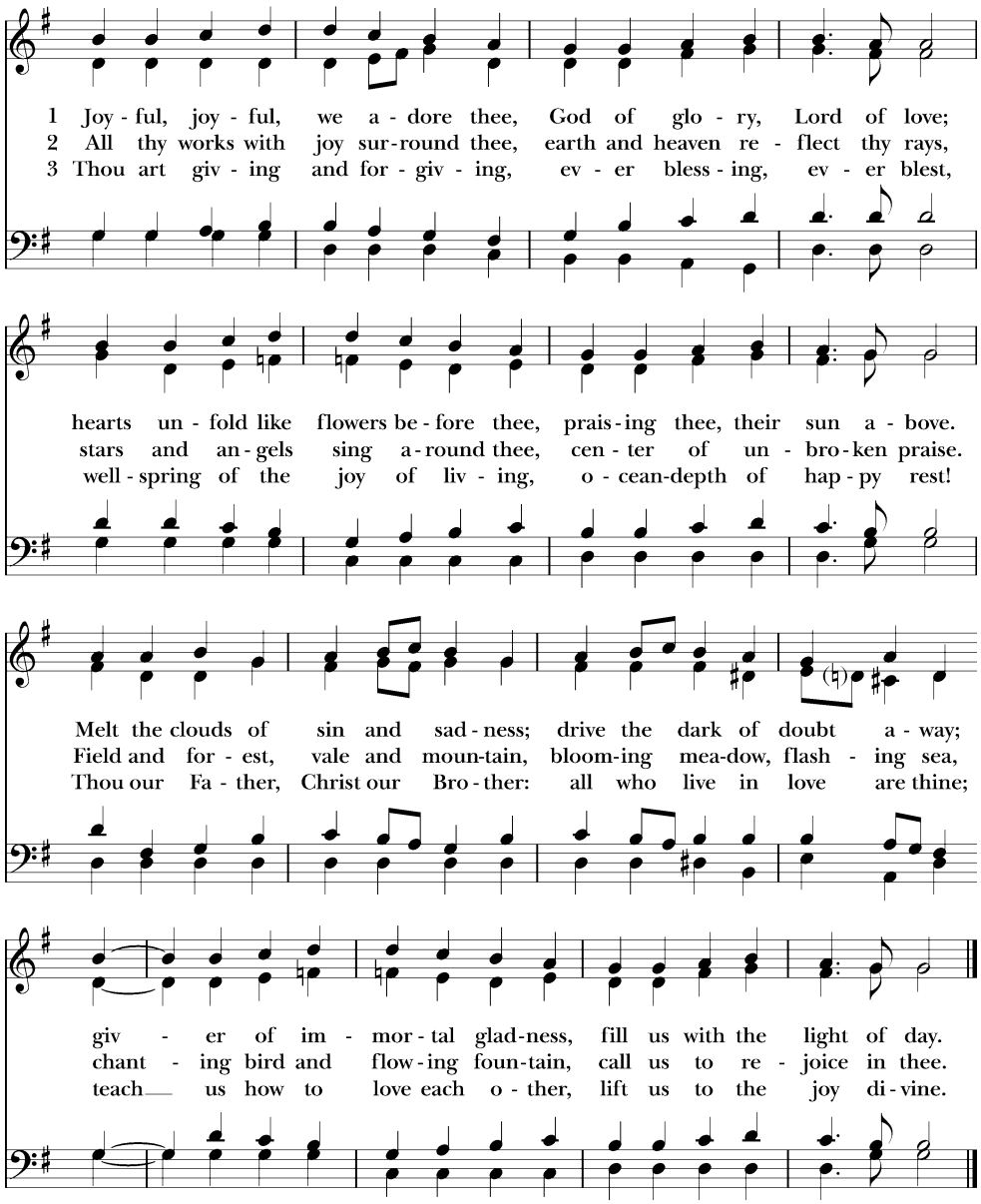
**Love Thy Neighbor**

For August, our GPS focus will continue to be "Love Thy Neighbor" with an invitation to cross the Bridge and reach out to the community of H.O.M.E. Thank you for your support of the H.O.M.E. Craft Fair in the Parish Hall this past Sunday.

H.O.M.E. runs the only homeless shelters in Hancock County, three in Orland and one in Ellsworth, the Emmaus Homeless shelter at 51 Main Street. This is a 25-bed shelter for men, women, and families.
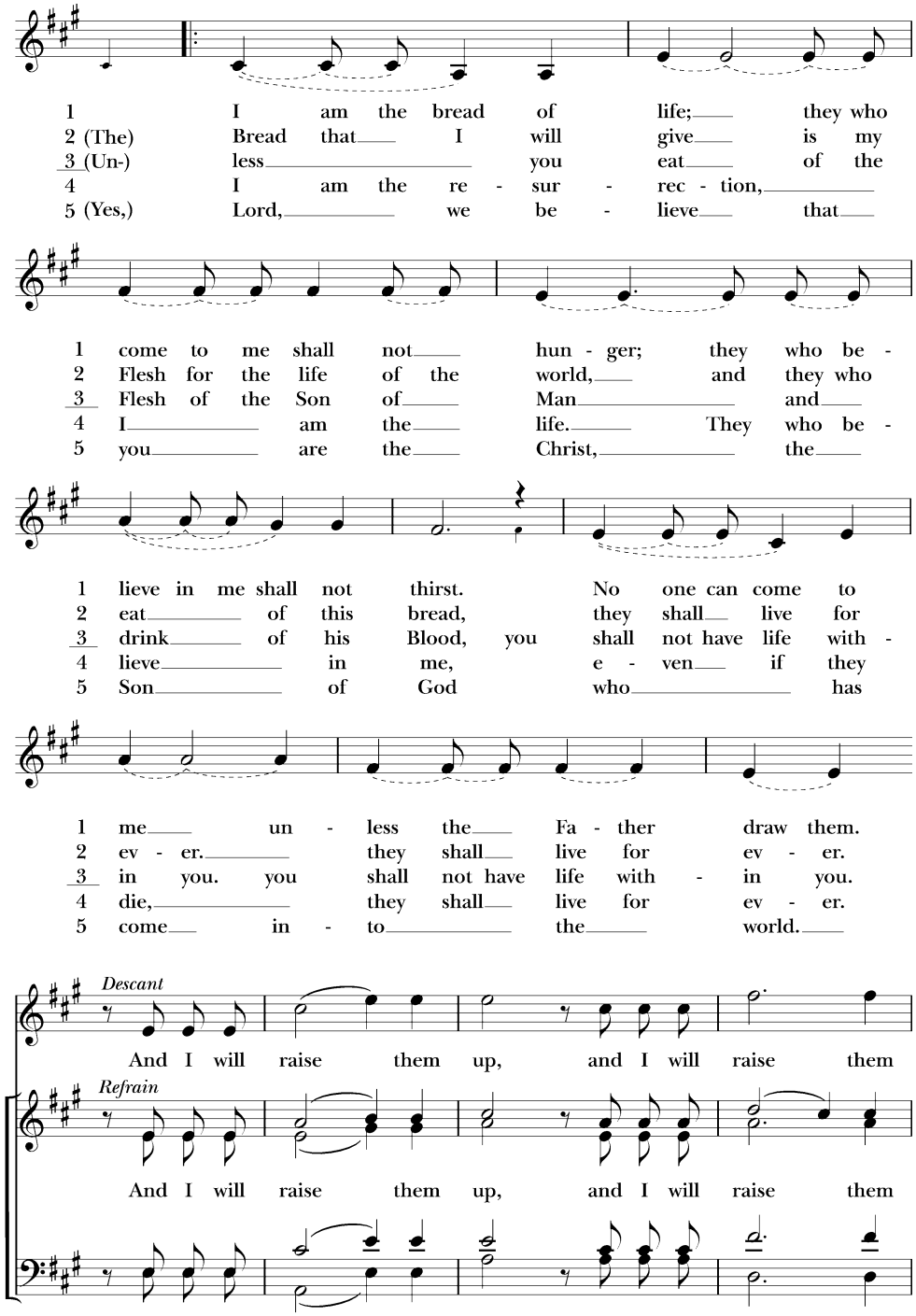
Driving to Ellsworth? Consider dropping by Emmaus and donating twin bed sheet sets, blankets, and items for personal hygiene (Monday- Friday 8 AM – 4 PM, 207-667-3962, emmaushomelessshelter.org)
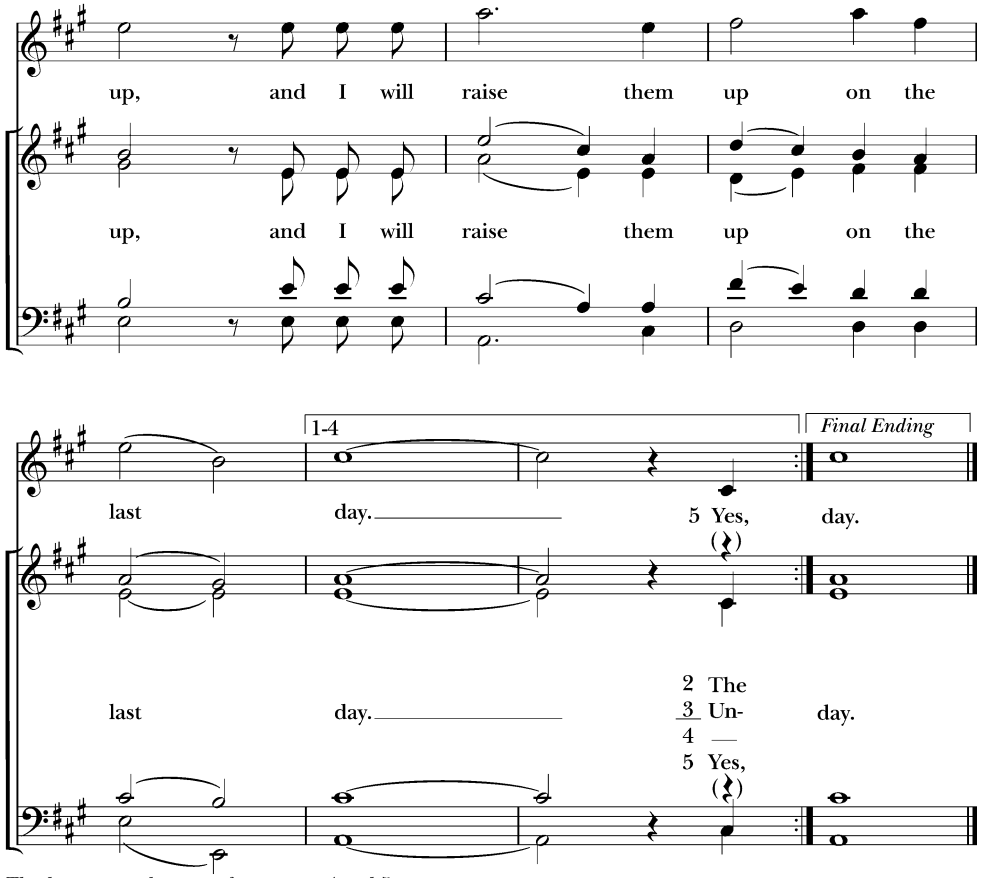
# Joyful, joyful, we adore thee *The Hymnal 1982,* #376




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# I am the bread of life *The Hymnal 1982,* #335
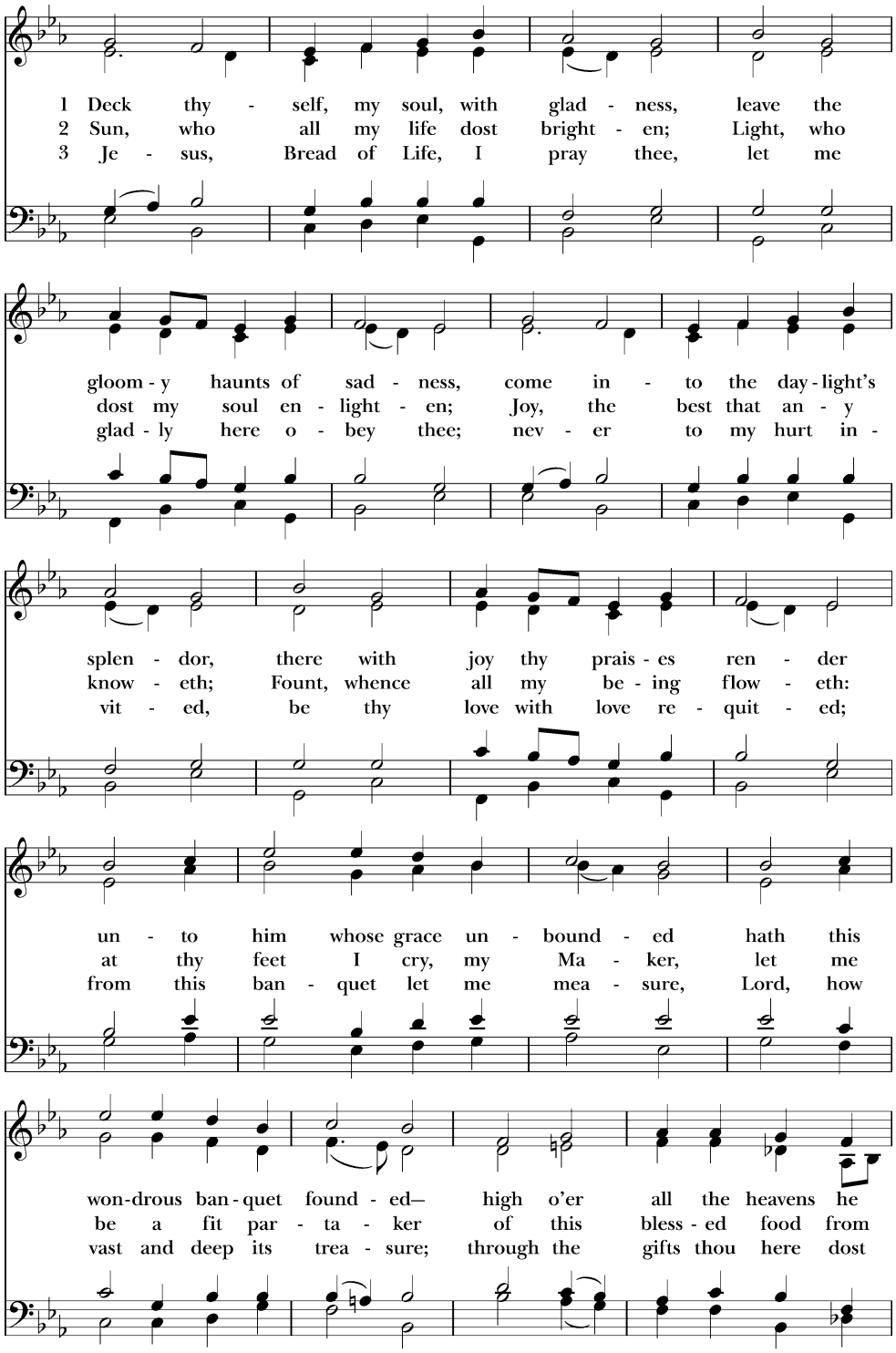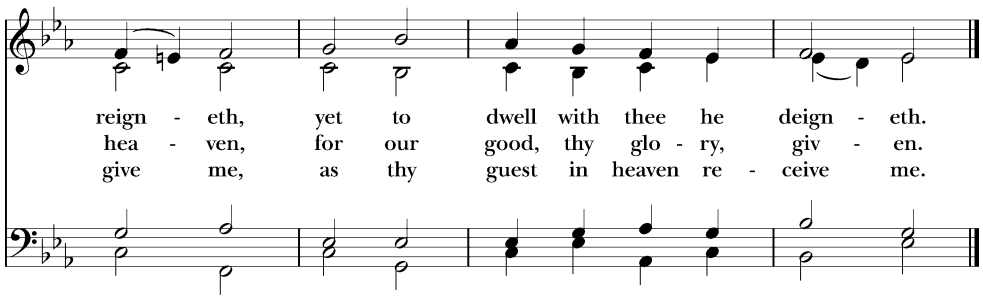





*The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.*

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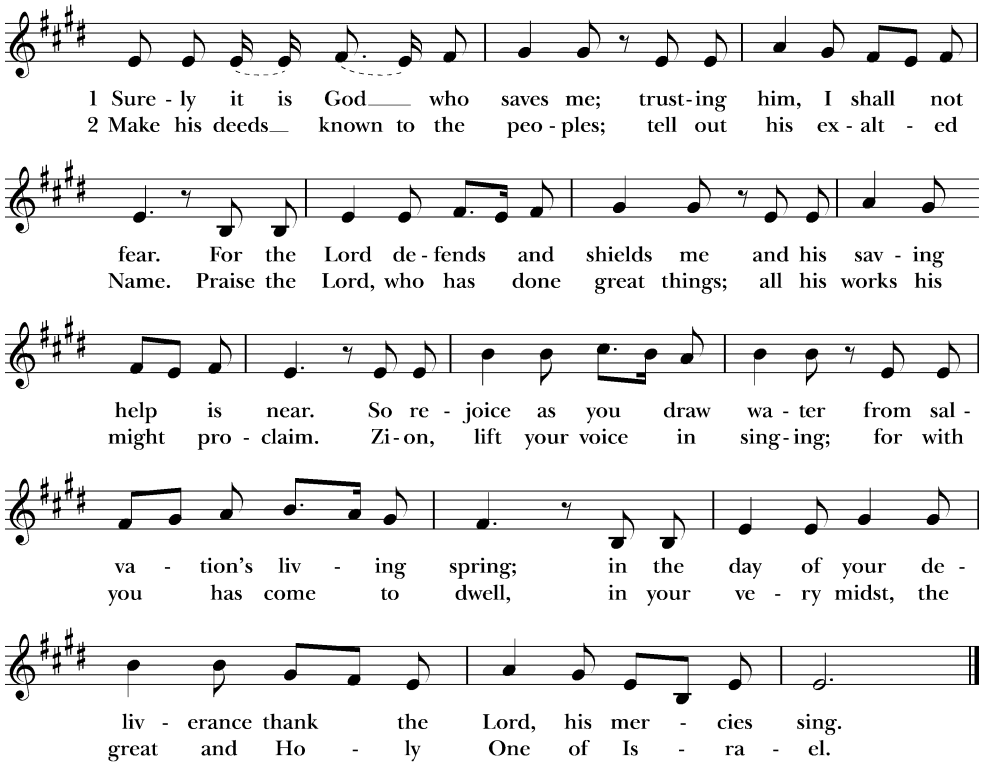
## Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness *The Hymnal 1982*, #339






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




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