

**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.

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**The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**
**Proclaiming the Light**
February 23, 2025

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## 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 find the courage to acknowledge the brutality and violence of our forebears who seized these lands, and may we be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

*The bell is rung three times*

**Prelude:** *"I owe my Lord a morning song"* Music: John Bell

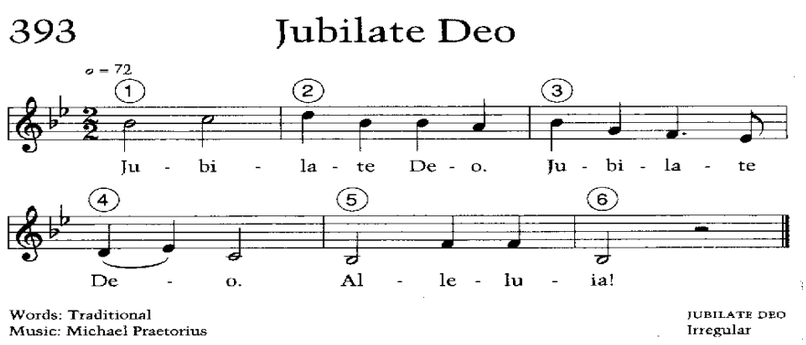
*Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell*

**Opening Hymn ELW 793** *Be thou my Vision (in back of bulletin)*

**Opening Acclamation**
*Celebrant:* God of proclamation and epiphany,
*Congregation:* **May we hear the words of the prophets**
**to help us discern the possibilities of a different way for the world.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise:**




**The Collect of the Day**
*Celebrant:* May God be with you.
*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.
O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

**First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**
Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.
Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"
And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.
*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 37** (This is an acrostic. We are speaking only a portion.)

(א) Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
**for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**
(ב) Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
**Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the de sires of your heart.**
(ג) Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
**He will make your vindication shine like the light,**
**and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**
(ד) Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
**do not fret over those who prosper in their way,**
**over those who carry out evil devices.**
(ה) Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
**For the wicked shall be cut off,**
**but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**
(ו) Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.
**But the meek shall inherit the land,**
**and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.**
(ת) The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.
**The Lord helps them and rescues them;**
**he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,**
**because they take refuge in him.**

**Second Lesson: First Letter to the Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50**
Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.
So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are

those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.
What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.
*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn ELW 512** *Lord, Let my Heart be Good Soil (in back of bulletin)*

**The Gospel: Luke 6:27-38**
*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
*Congregation:* **Glory to you, O Christ.**
Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."
*Celebrant:* The Gospel of Christ.
*Congregation:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling

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

**Affirmation**
**We believe in one God, creator of all life,**
**maker of past, present and future.**
**Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ,**
**God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,**
**who came to declare good news to those in despair,**
**to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,**
**to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.**
**We believe in God's Holy Spirit,**
**who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,**
**who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,**
**who resurrects us to new life,**
**and sends us out into the world**
**to be signs of God's incarnate presence**
**in the world God so loves.**

**Prayers of the People**
*Leader:* God of light and life, arise and shine in our hearts as we offer our prayers to you in hope and faith.
*Leader:* Grant to us, the Body of Christ, wisdom to discern the presence of God in our midst.
*Congregation:* **Give us courage to follow wherever You lead us.**

*Leader:* Let the light of truth and justice shine forth across our nation.
*Congregation:* **May we create a place of peace and welcome for all.**

*Leader:* Be with us today and every day.
*Congregation:* **May your light show forth in our lives.**

*Leader:* Instill in us awe and thankfulness for the majesty of your created world.
*Congregation:* **Kindle in our hearts a sense of urgency to be better stewards of creation.**

*Leader:* Grant healing to those who suffer from anxiety and depression, from disease and from all manner of things that affect our body, mind and spirit.
*Congregation:* **Let all your people know wholeness, wellness, and peace.**

*Leader:* Grant to the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love.
*Congregation:* **Bless the dying with peace and the grieving with comfort.**

*Leader:* Please add your prayers and thanksgivings.

*All are invited to add their own prayers here.*

Are there any people on zoom who would like to add their prayers and thanksgivings?

*Leader:* God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

**Confession**
*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.
*Congregation:* **God of Light,**
**we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light.**
**We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.**
**We follow the dim lights that call us**
**to be more religious by following rules.**
**We follow the fading light of personal salvation**
**rather than seeking the true Light**
**of Your love for all the world.**
**Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus,**
**who commanded us to love one another.**
**Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice,**
**in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.**
**In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
God's mercy is wider than our transgressions.
God's love is deeper than our fear.
God's longing for our wholeness is stronger than our resistance.
We have been freed by grace to be God's people in the world.
Let our lives reflect the light entrusted to us,
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

**The Peace**
*Leader:* 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*

**<u>The Holy Eucharist</u>**

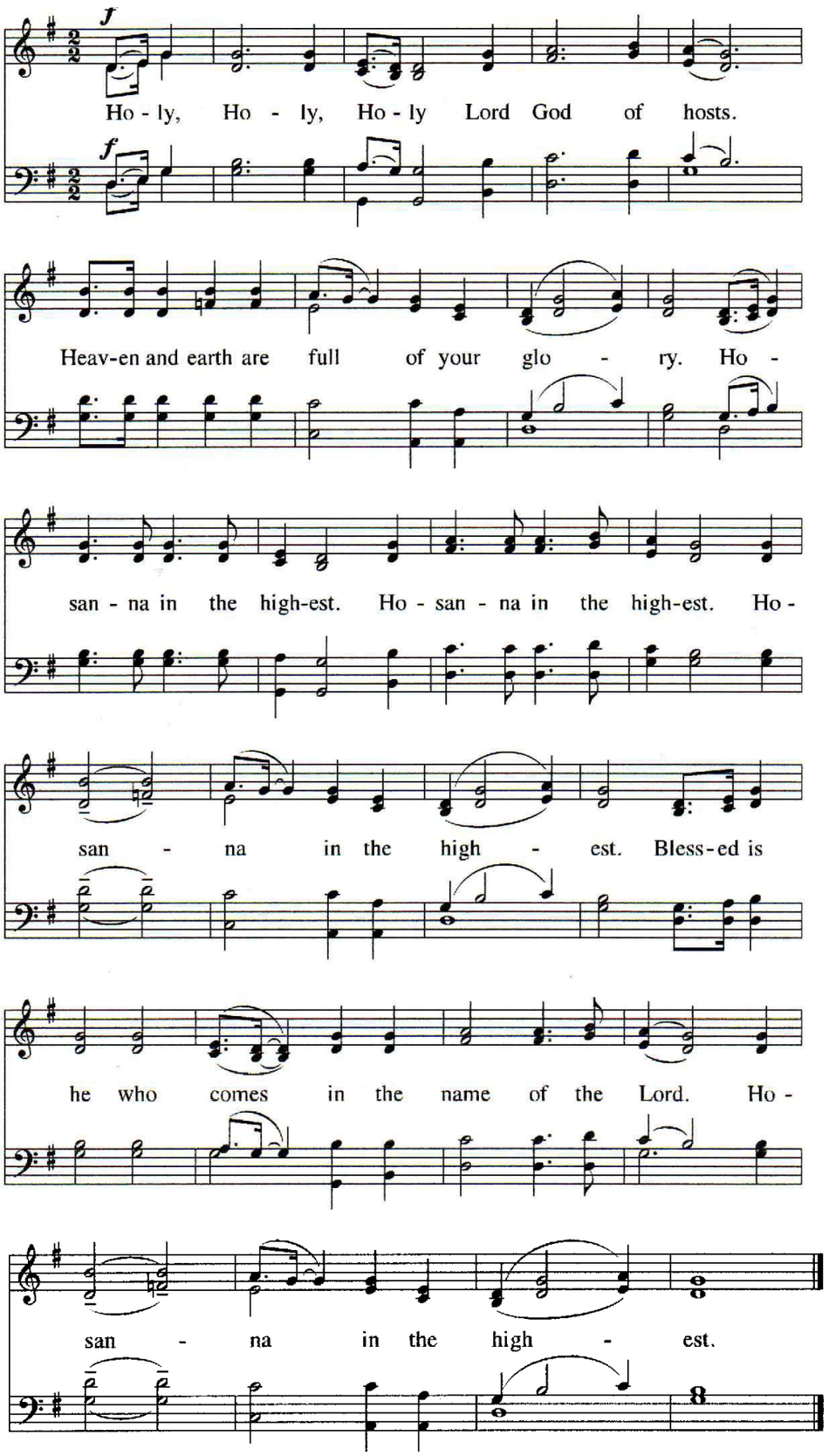
**Offertory Hymn ELW 473** *Holy, Holy, Holy (played by musicians twice, then sung three times; in back of bulletin)*

**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.**

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love
Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.
Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.
With the angels of light who envelop us,
with all the saints before and beside us,
with brothers and sisters, east and west,

we sing to you.
And with our loved ones, separate from us now,
who yet in this mystery are close to us,
we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**Sanctus**




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Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.
In the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,

This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.

*Congregation:* **Hear us, O Christ,**
**and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine.**
**May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life.**
**May they heal, renew, and make us whole.**
**And as the bread and wine**
**which we now eat and drink are changed into us,**
**may we be changed again into you,**
**bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,**
**loving and caring in the world. Amen.**

Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer our Lord taught us to 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.
**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.
*Celebrant and Congregation:* **Gathered in the name of Jesus, whether here or on Zoom, we are 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.*
*Wine from Palestinian owned Taybeh Winery, West Bank, Palestine*

*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**
**God of abundance,**
**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**
**you have united us with Christ and one another;**
**and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**
**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,**
**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**
**and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Sending Hymn ELW 543** *Go my Children with my Blessing (in back of bulletin)*

**Postlude:** *The Love Burning Deep*

Music: by E. Sands
Words by Kathy Galloway

Come out of the darkness, come out of the shadow,
Come out of the endless night,
All you who are poor now, all you who are broken,
All you who are bowed by fight.
Come into the light of God's sacred intention,
Come under the shelter of her hand,
Here you may find riches, here you may find healing,
Here now you may rise and stand.

**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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| Monday, February 24 | 8:00 a.m. Simmering Pot at St. Brendan's<br>4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom) |
| Tuesday, February 25 | 1:00 p.m. Worship & Music Ministry meeting (Zoom)<br>4:00 p.m. A Gathering for these Difficult Times |
| Wednesday, February 26 | 8:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting<br>10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person)<br>10:30 a.m. Bible Study<br>4:00 p.m. No choir rehearsal |
| Sunday, March 2 | 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding |

**Looking Ahead**

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| Tuesday, March 4 | 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper |
| Wednesday March 5 | 5:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service |
| Friday, March 28 | 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Mariners SOAR! Empty Bowl Supper |

**Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action**

**Justice for All**

**February is Black History Month**

This month's GPS focus will be on racial justice and specifically looking for ways to create a world, a culture, and a mindset that better acknowledges the richness of the African American contributions throughout this country's history.

A well-reviewed 2023 National Geographic documentary, "The Space Race," "weaves together the stories of black astronauts seeking to break the bonds of social injustice to reach for the stars." This documentary is available on Hulu and Disney Plus. At the library, you can take out the DVD, "Hidden Figures," (2016), a biographical drama film of three brilliant female African American mathematicians who worked at NASA during the Space Race of the 1960s and were pivotal in the successful launching of John Glenn's mission to the moon.

Finally, please read Governor Janet Mills' proclamation on January 29, 2025, declaring February 2025 Black History Month in the State of Maine. A link is available in the Navigator.

# 793 Be Thou My Vision



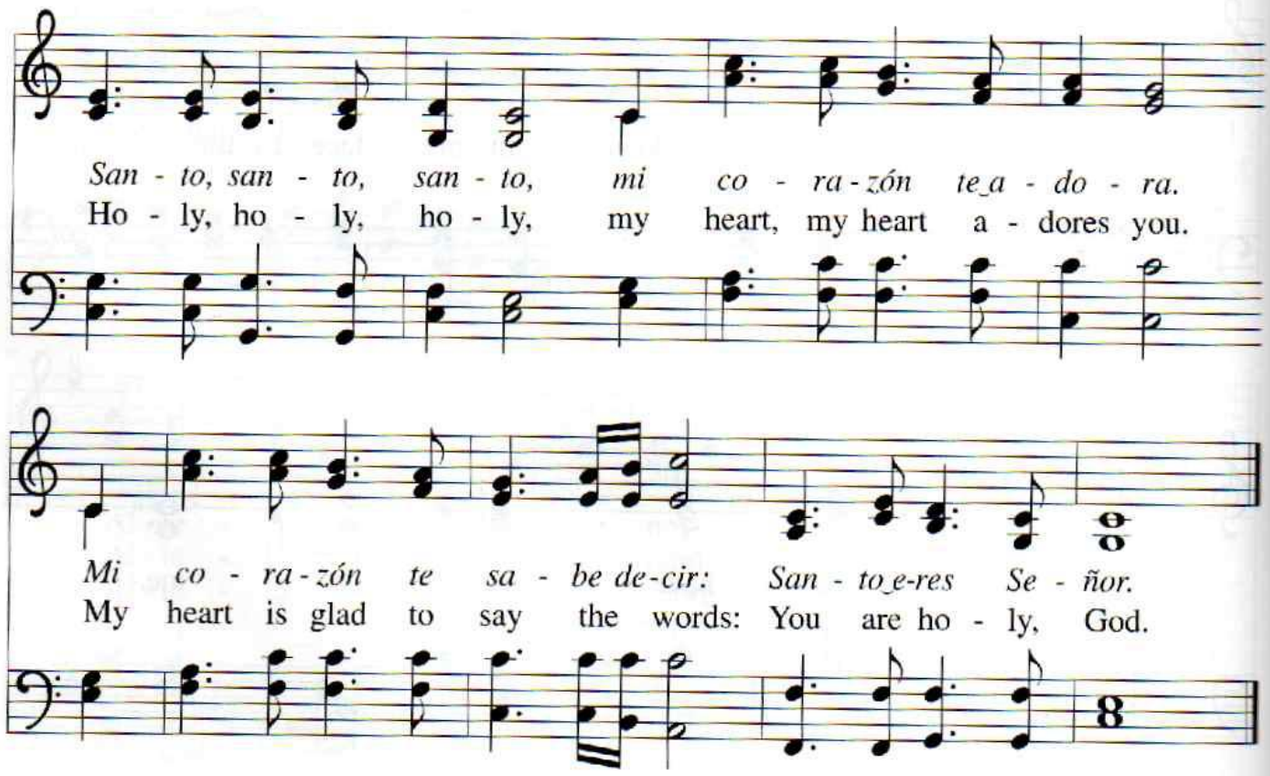
# Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil 512




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Music: Handt Hanson
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GOOD SOIL
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# 473 Holy, Holy, Holy
## *Santo, santo, santo*




Text: Argentine traditional
Music: Argentine traditional

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# Go, My Children, with My Blessing 543




Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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**<u>Our Values</u>**

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 j**oyfully 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**.