

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.

Pasto Elaine Hewes, preaching
Connie Mayo, Musical Director
Franklin Nino, Guest Cellist

Morning Prayer
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2020

Prelude

A brief silence

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
Congregation: **May we rejoice and be glad in it.**

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Congregation: **God of all mercy,**
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Leader: May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen.

Opening Hymn 538 *God of Mercy, God of Grace (in back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory

Leader: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:
Congregation: **Come let us adore her. Alleluia.**
Leader: Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
Congregation: **as it was in the beginning, is now,**
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo*

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

First Lesson: Isaiah 56: 1-8

Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.
Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast,
who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil.
Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say,
"The LORD will surely separate me from his people";
and do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a dry tree."
For thus says the LORD:
To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,
I will give, in my house and within my walls,
a monument and a name better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Gospel: Matthew 15: 10-28

Reader: The Gospel according to Matthew
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He

answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

A brief silence

A Creed from the Iona Community

We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty,
who blesses our journey.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled,
and who ate and laughed, wept, and celebrated with them in love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the gentle breeze,
who strengthens our bindings, and
who offers hope eternal.
We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travelers, and
bears witness to the everlasting love of God. Amen

Leader: 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
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.

Leader: Help us, O God our Savior;
Congregation: **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
Leader: Look upon your congregation;
Congregation: **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
Leader: Declare your glory among the nations;
Congregation: **And your wonders among all peoples.**
Leader: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
Congregation: **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
Leader: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
Congregation: **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
Leader: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
Congregation: **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

The Collect of the Day
Leader: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

For Joy in God's Creation *Book of Common Prayer,* p. 814
Congregation: **O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; so that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Leader: Amen.

For Social Justice *Book of Common Prayer,* p. 823
Leader: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Prayer for People Facing Great Uncertainty
Congregation: **God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you.**
Leader: Amen. *A New Zealand Prayer Book—He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa' (adapted)*

Leader: Please add your own prayers
All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Leader: Hear our prayers, and bless us, living God.
Hold the secret longings of our hearts in the mystery of your love,
that the light of the Kingdom will continue to shine on earth.
Congregation: **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

Leader: God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Congregation: **Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.**
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Leader: Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Prayer crafted by a team of leaders of The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Benediction

Sending Hymn *Heal me, Hands of Jesus (in the back of this bulletin)*

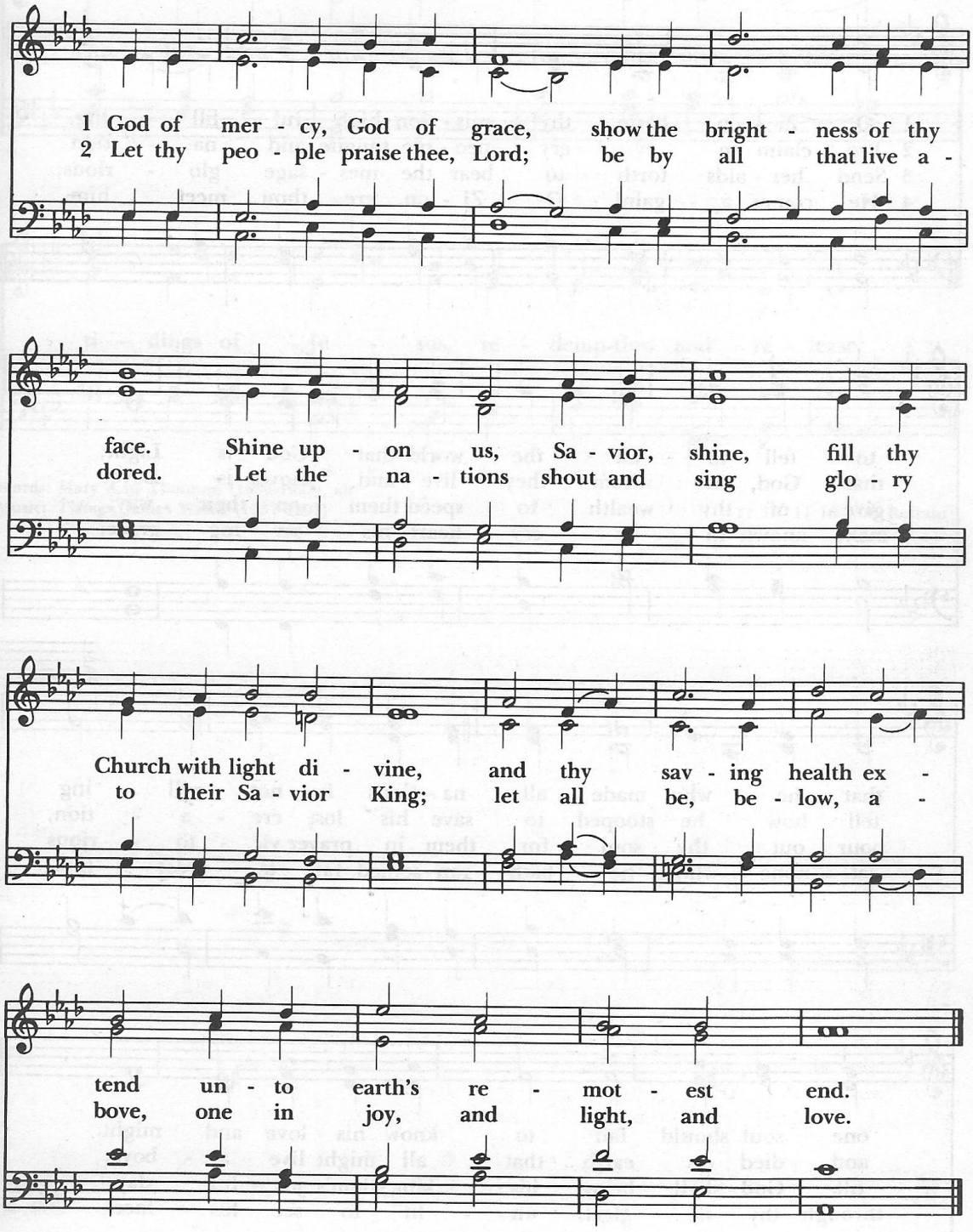
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Dismissal

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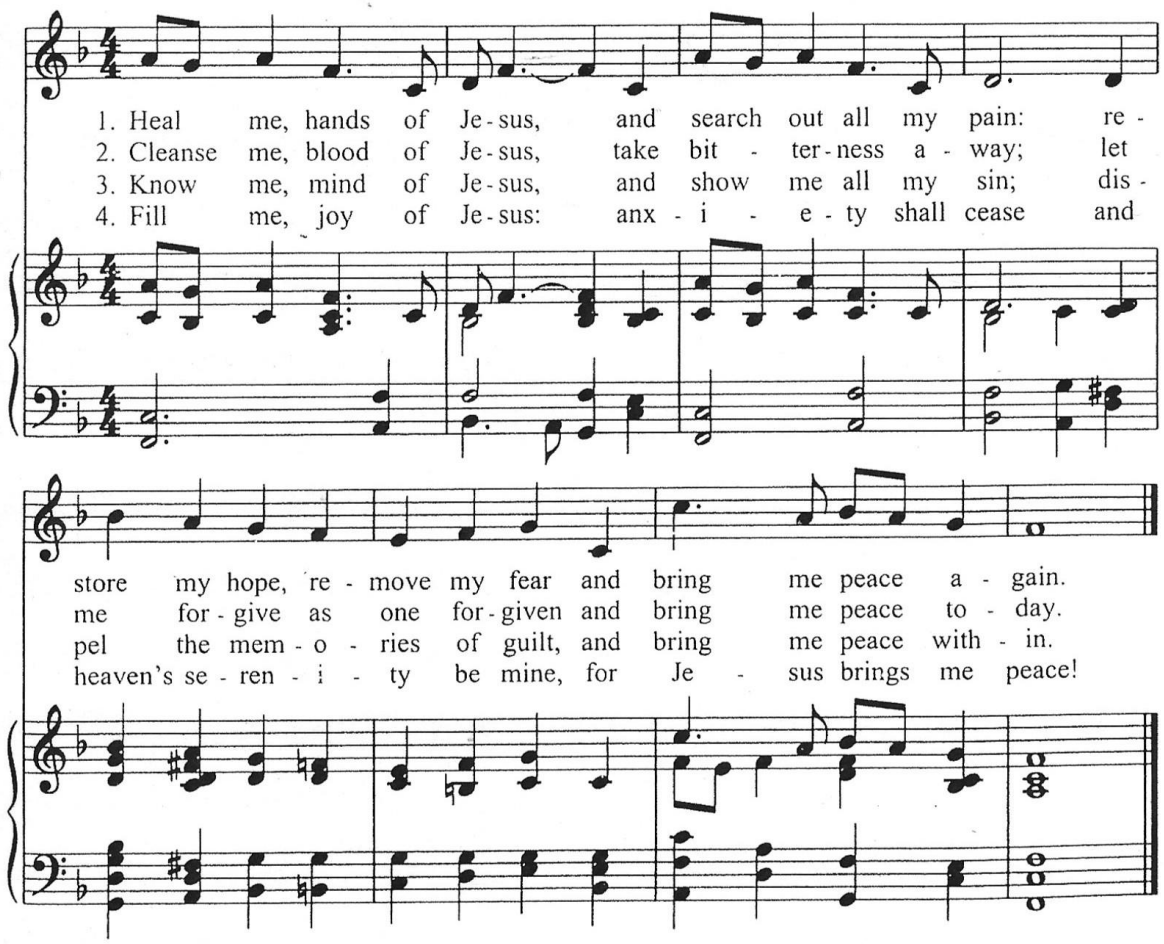
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