

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 and Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Pentecost Proper 22
October 6, 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 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: *Prelude in G flat* Alexander Scriabin

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell
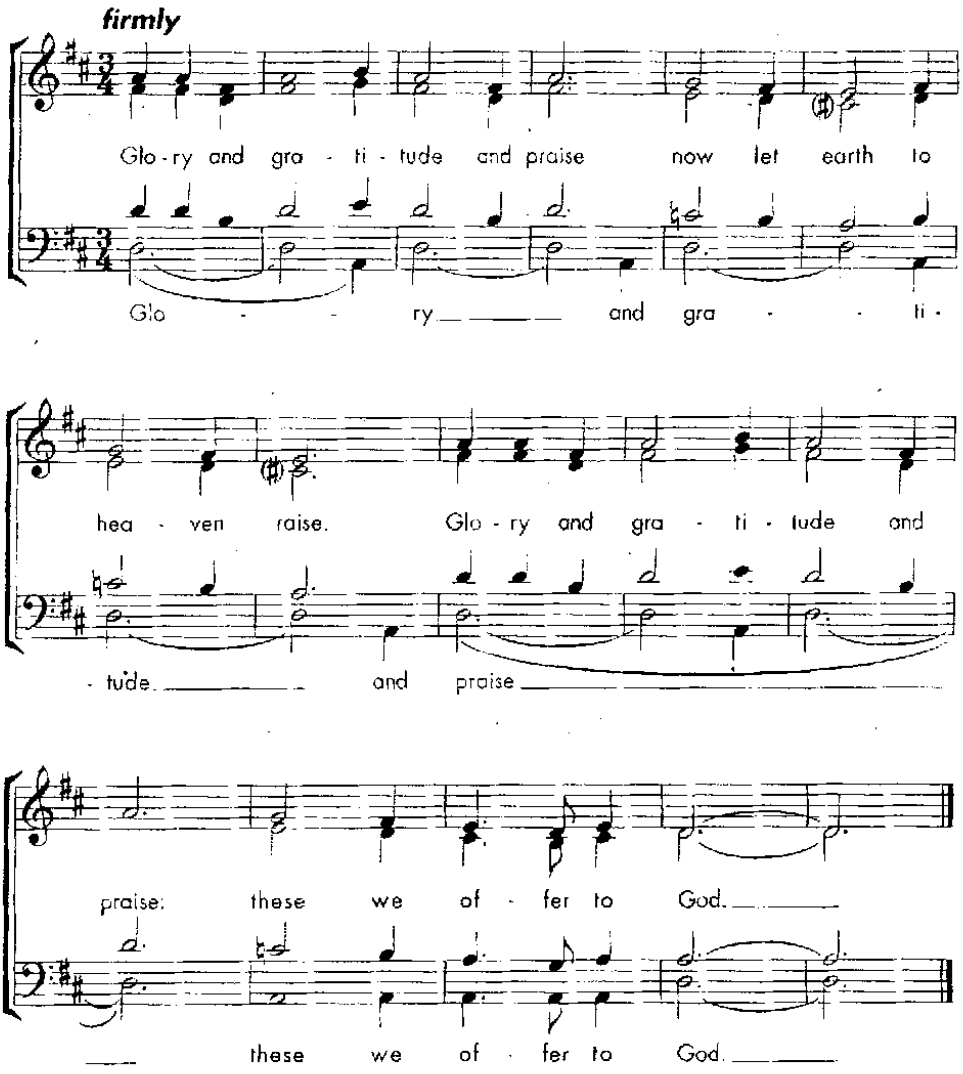
Opening Hymn 607 *O God of Every Nation (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences
Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.
Congregation: **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

Song of Paise:

Glory and gratitude

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The Collect of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24
The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8
O LORD our God, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;
You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O LORD our God, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Second Lesson: Letter to the Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 698 *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the

little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence

Profession of Faith
We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
all of creation will be gathered into the fullness of God's love. Amen.

Prayers of the People
Leader: Creator God, hear the prayers of our hearts as we strive to care for the earth and each other.

Today, we hallow the memory of those Israelis and citizens of the UK, Thailand, Nepal, Cambodia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and many other nations who were murdered one year ago. We remember all those taken hostage – many never to return home. We remember the tens of thousands of innocent Palestinians who have been killed, wounded and assaulted in the resulting war.
We pray for the return of all hostages, an end to the war, and a stable and just peace between Palestinians and Israelis and for the region as a whole.
May we be people who oppose prejudice and hate wherever we live, and may our churches be places of welcome and solidarity in these divisive times.

We pray for the holy Church of God to be a light for all creation, a place of healing and reconciliation embodying the love of Christ to a hurting world.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, ministers, and spiritual leaders, especially we pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Presiding Bishop Elect, Sean, and our Bishop, Thomas; and all priests and deacons who serve our churches.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those in authority here and in the world that they might work together to seek justice and equity for all people. Strengthen them to lead with compassion and wisdom.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for seasonable weather and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth for which we give thanks to our Creator God.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit, for those struggling with addiction, homelessness, joblessness or loneliness, that they may know the power of your transforming love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Show us how to respect and appreciate the earth, its oceans, mountains, trees, and all its creatures, the birds and the bears, the bees and the butterflies.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those who have died and for those who mourn them, for those who are dying and those who care for them, be with them Creator God, may they be comforted by your promise of eternal life in love.
Lord, hear our prayer.
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?

We offer these prayers for all creation in faith and hope that we might be doers of the Word and agents of your love to all whom we encounter. In the name of, Jesus Christ, our redeemer and advocate who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever.
Congregation: **Amen**

Celebrant: 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: Creator God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Recognition of those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other events in October

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.
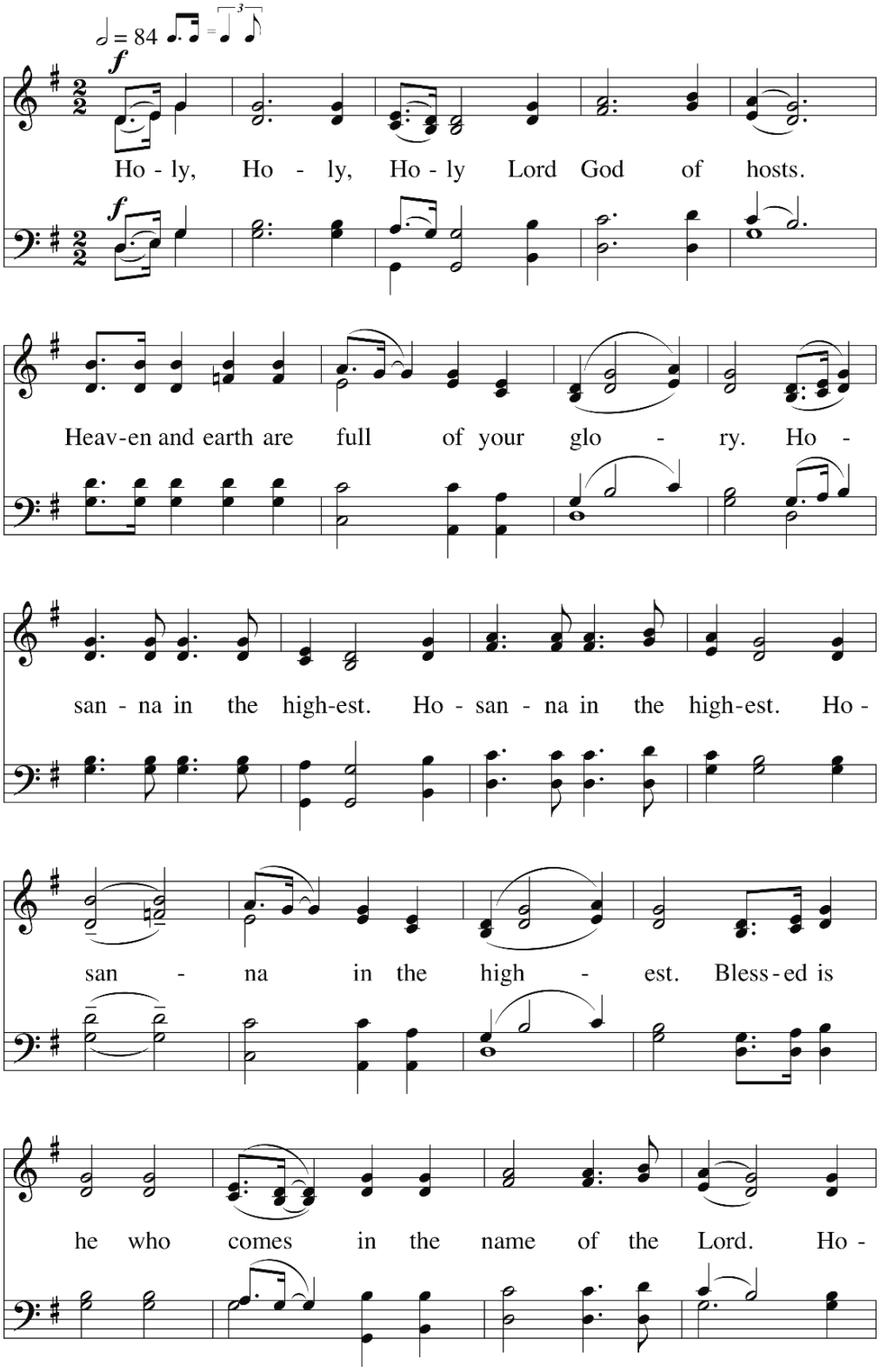
The Holy Eucharist

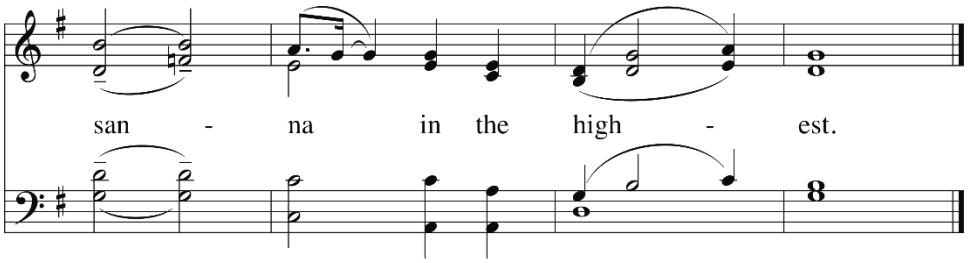
Offertory Hymn *While the Earth Remains (in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer
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.**
Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders.
We have not cared for your creation and the world you so love in the ways you intend. And so the earth mourns.
You continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.
And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *(next page)*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





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Celebrant continues: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Again, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks. He gave it for all to drink saying, "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Drink this in remembrance of me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation.
Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us your passion for justice and your love for all of creation so we might bear your healing presence to the world.
Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us now pray together:
Holy One, our only Home,
hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.
Feed us today,
and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy 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:
*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
Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your meal may work in us
and renew the face of the earth.
May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures
that reflect God's glory in creation.

Blessing

Sending Hymn 653 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Air* Henry Purcell

Announcements

Dismissal

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

Monday, October 7	4:30p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, October 9	10:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry meeting 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, October 12	9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast at Stonecutters Kitchen
Sunday, October 13	10:00 a.m. Indigenous Peoples' Sunday Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Stephen Hayward presiding. 5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide

Looking Ahead
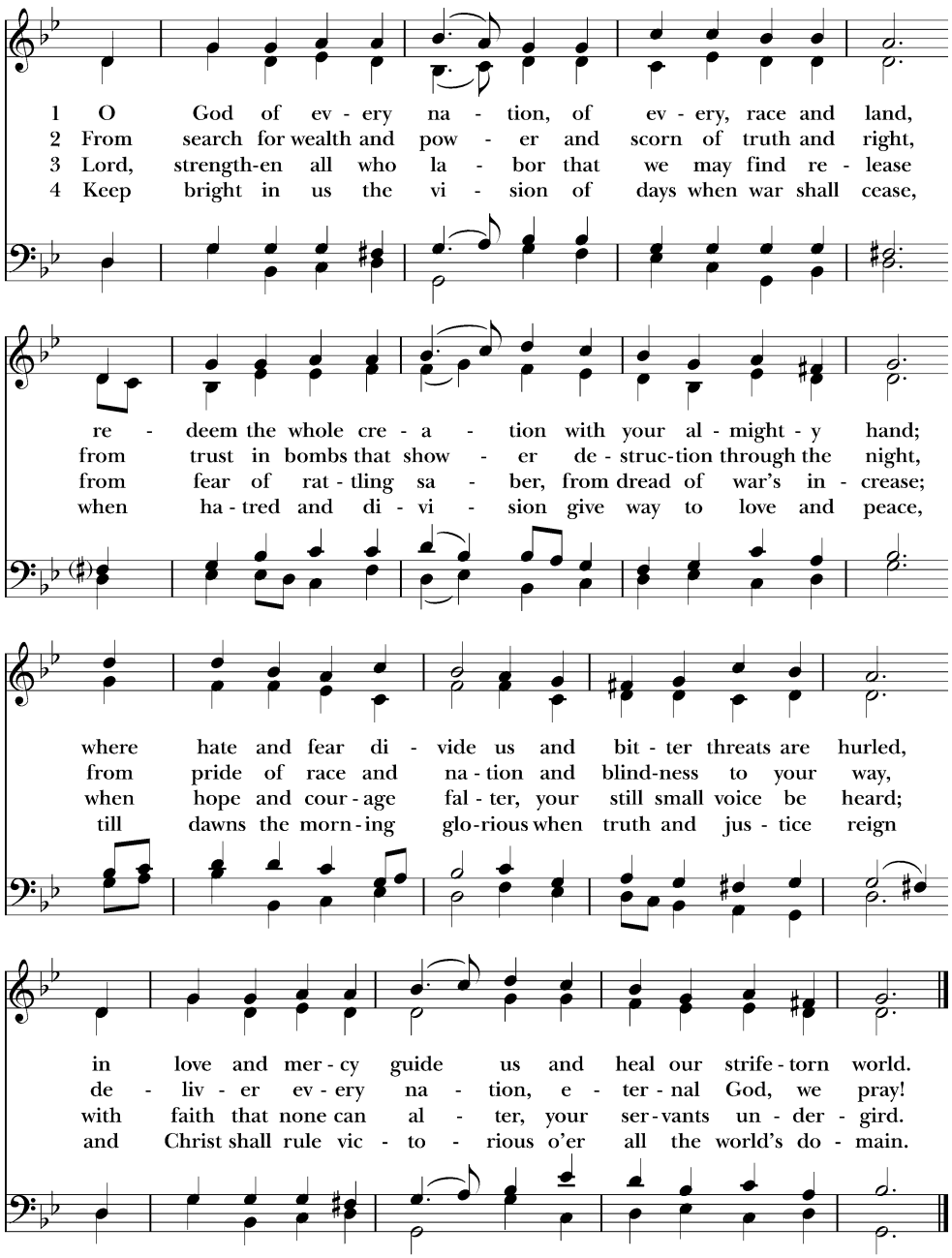
Saturday, October 19	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Community Blessing of the Animals Hosted by the Congregational Church

GPS (Giving our Priorities Shape) Action



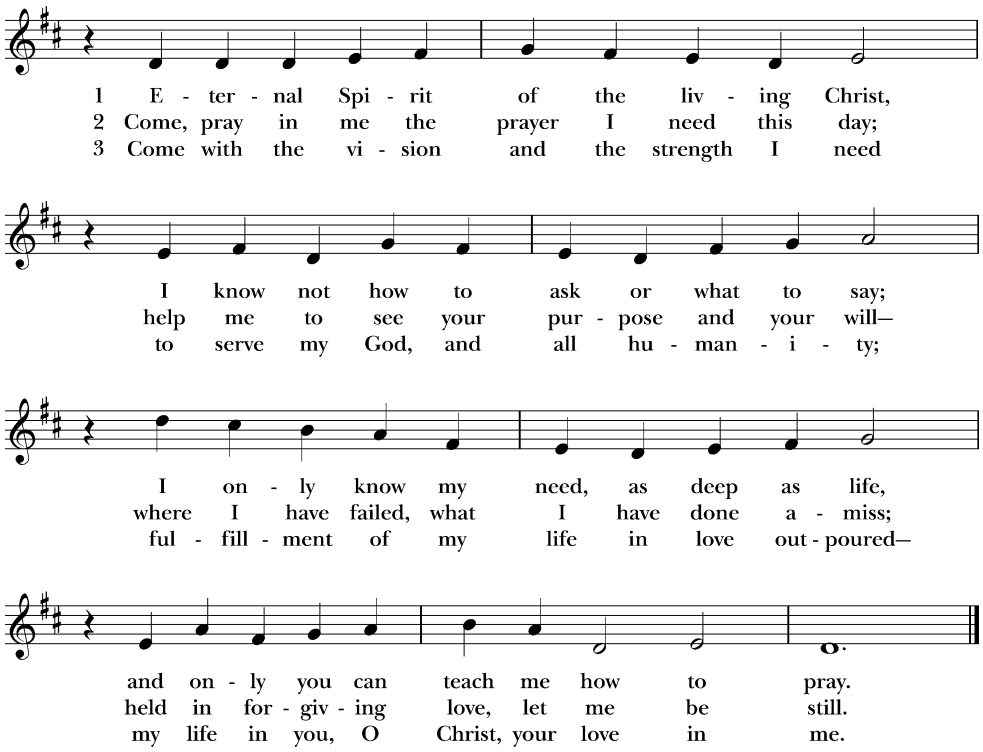
In recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 14 and in honor of and solidarity with the four tribes of Maine, you are invited in the next couple of weeks to find time to learn more about the history of the Wabanaki tribes by exploring the website **https://www.wabanakialliance.com/** There is a wealth of information there - videos, history, Call to Action, Wabanaki Alliance endorsements for the Maine Legislature in the November 2024 election and more. The Wabanaki Alliance was formed just four years ago to educate the people of Maine about the benefits for all of Maine by securing the inherent sovereignty of tribal nations. The Episcopal Diocese of Maine is one of more than 300 organizations in Maine that have joined the Wabanaki Alliance Coalition in support of sovereignty of the Maine tribes as a basic issue of justice.

O God of every nation *The Hymnal 1982,* #607



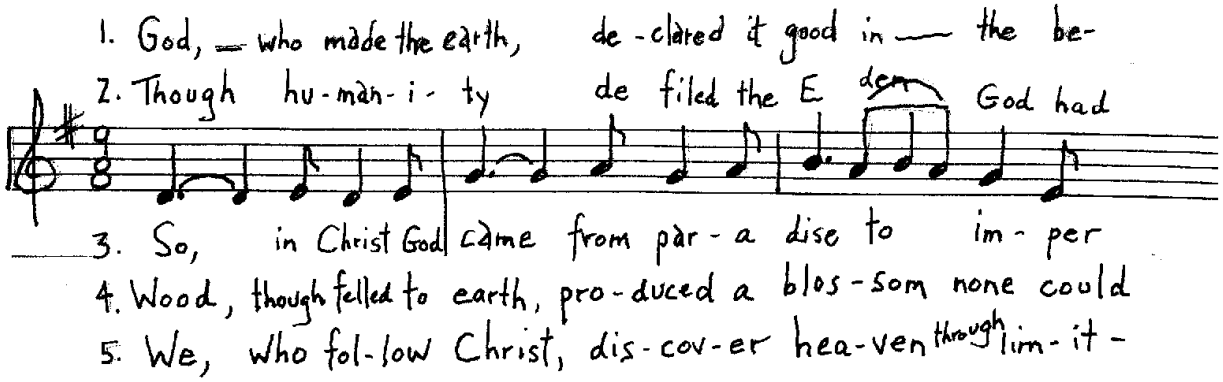
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Eternal Spirit of the living Christ *The Hymnal 1982,* #698

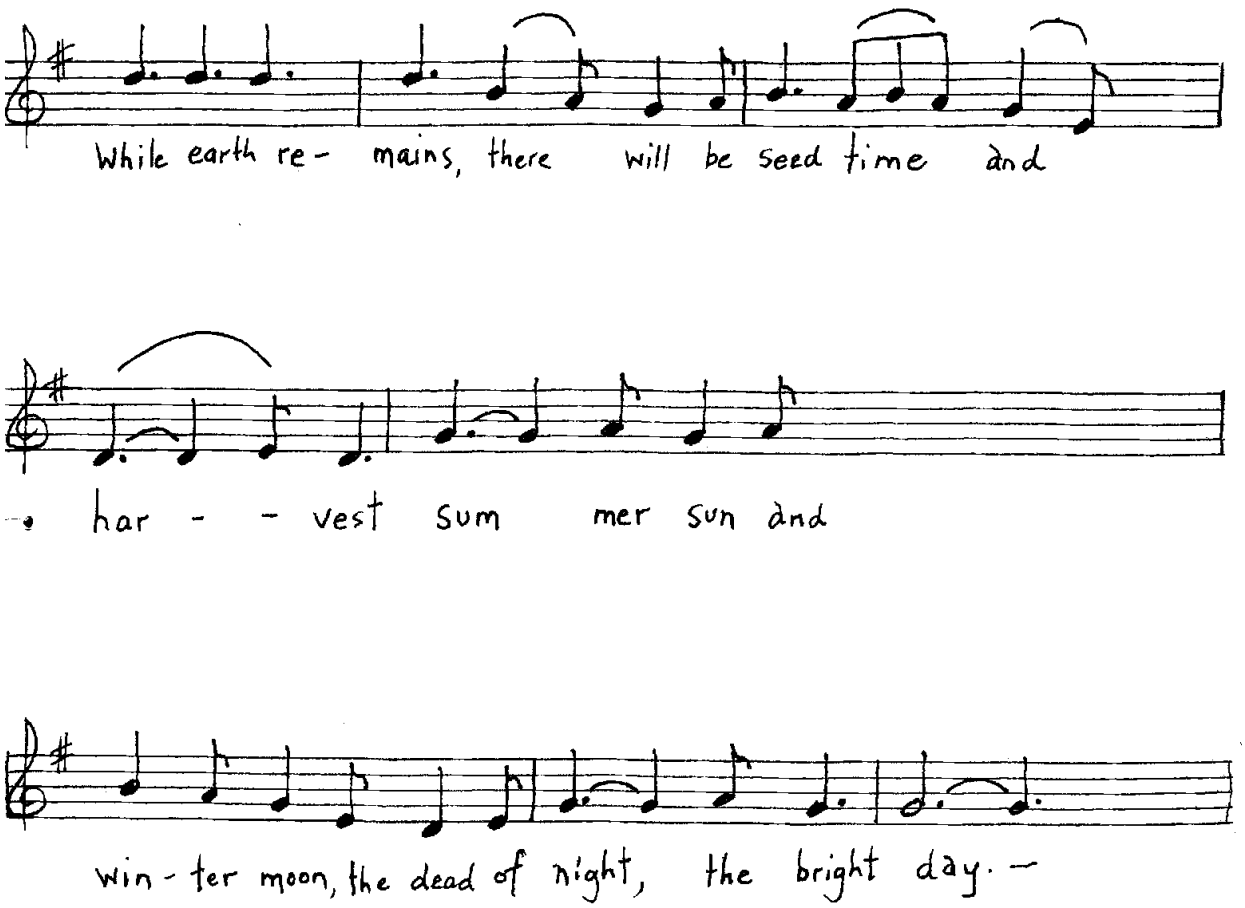


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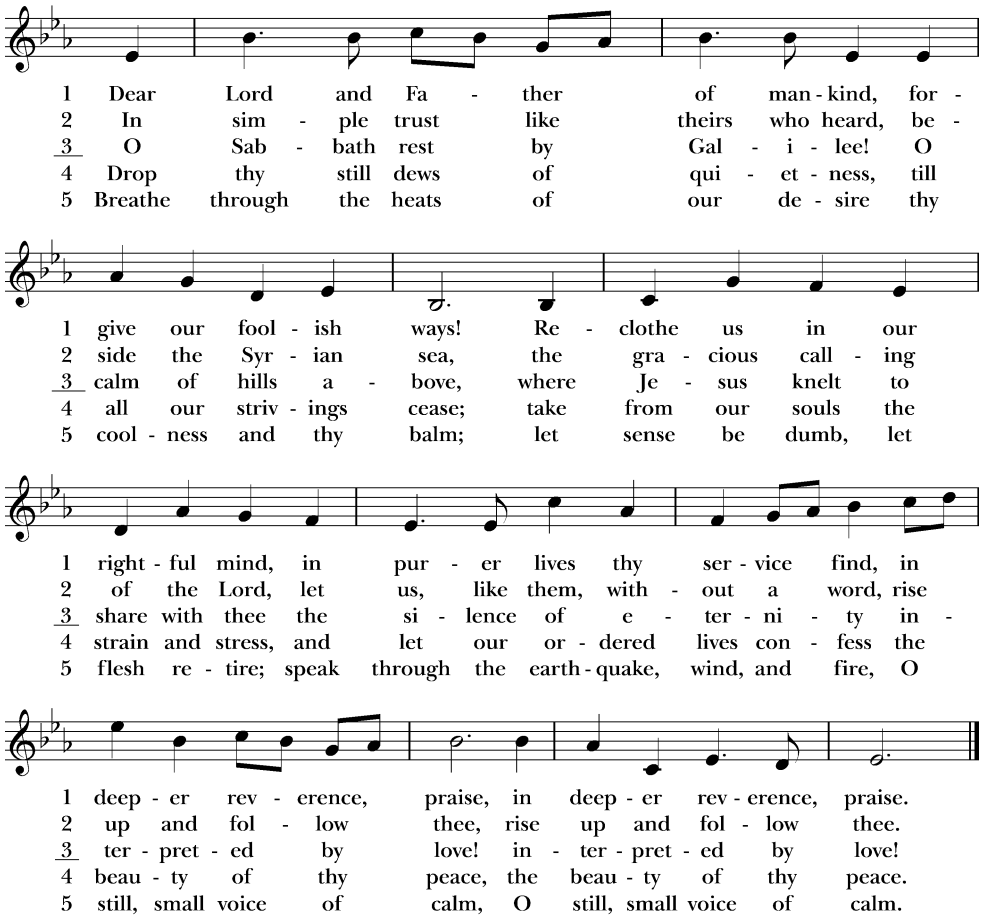
While the earth remains



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While earth re- mains, there will be seed time and
har - - vest sum mer sun and
win - ter moon, the dead of night, the bright day. -

Dear Lord and Father of mankind *The Hymnal 1982,* #653



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