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ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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Day of Pentecost

June 8, 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: *Alleluia* Igor Stravinsky

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell.
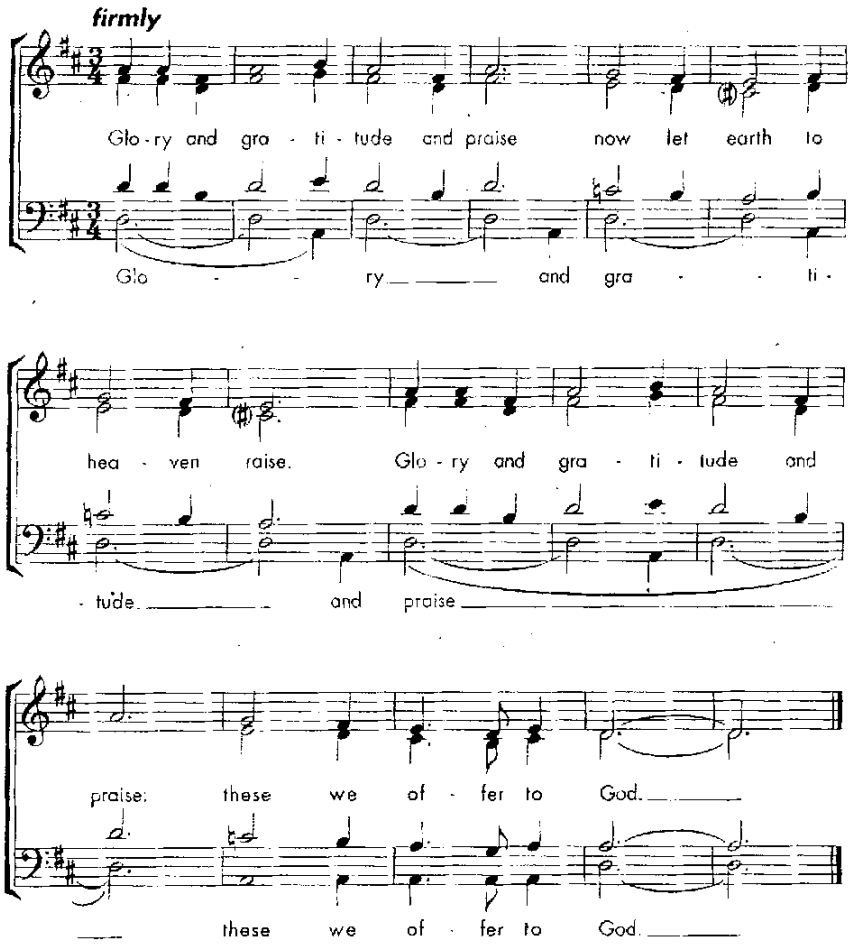
Opening Hymn 516 *Come down, O love divine (in back of bulletin)*

Celebrant: Alleluia! A sound like a violent wind has rushed upon us!
Congregation: **The Holy Spirit has filled this house! Alleluia!**
Celebrant: Hear what is being spoken to us!
Congregation: **This is astonishing!**
Celebrant: Divine Mystery, Your breath fills the universe and makes it alive.
Congregation: **We praise you, Divine Presence, for the gift of Spirit.**

Song of Praise *(next page)*

Glory and gratitude

Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule
Music: John L. Bell



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Book of Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

***Narrator* :** When the day of Pentecost had come, the followers of Jesus were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

***Congregation*- [**All who are able say in any foreign language(s) they choose:] **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.** [e.g. Gk: πνευμα Κυριου επ' εμε or Ukrainian: *Дух Господній на мені* etc]

***Narrator* :** Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

Crowd member 1: Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Crowd member 2: Par'thians, Medes, E'lamites

***Crowd member 1*:** And residents of Mesopota'mia, Judea and Cappado'cia, Pon'tus and Asia,

Crowd member 2: And of Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Lib'ya belonging to Cyre'ne,

Crowd member 1: and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cre'tans and A'rabs

***Congregation:* in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.**

Narrator: All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

***Congregation** (not in unison):* **"What?" "What does this mean?" "What on earth?" "What is going on?"**

Narrator: But others sneered and said,

Congregation: "**They are filled with new wine.**"

Narrator: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

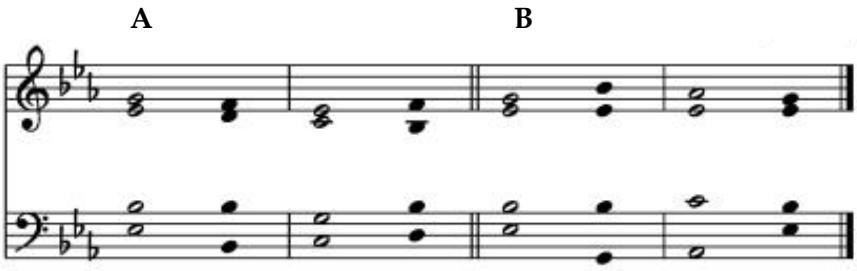
People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Jo'el:

***Joel*:** In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Narrator: Hear what the Spirit is saying!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 104; 24-35



O LORD, how manifold are your works!*
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ‖
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,*
creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. *
These all look to you to give them their food in due season; ‖
When you give to them, they gather it up; *
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dis-mayed; *
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. ‖
When you send forth your spirit, they are cre-ated; *
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure for-ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in his works— ‖
who looks on the earth and it trembles, *
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will sing praise to my God while I have being. ‖
May my meditation be pleasing to him, *
for I rejoice in the LORD.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, *
and let the wicked be no more. ‖
Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 8:14-17
All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.
Hear what the Spirit is saying!
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Sequence Hymn 508 *Breathe on me, breath of God (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27

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

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

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, `Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Rev. Andrew Stoessel

Silence

Affirmation

We believe that God the passionate creator acts with undying compassion,
so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.
We believe that Jesus gave himself to the weak, the abandoned and the distressed,
so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.
We believe that the Holy Spirit, elusive and uncontrollable, comforting and disturbing,
kindles the fires of passion and integrity,
purges our delusions with fire
and whispers grace with a lover's breath,
empowering us to refuse what is evil,
and be taken up with praise.
Though sometimes fearful,
we lay ourselves open to the Spirit's touch
offering our life for the life of the world.

Adapted from Nathan Nettleton

Prayers of the People

Let us invite the Spirit to blow through our lives and our world, as we lift our needs in prayer.
We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost faith in themselves, in others, and especially in you.

Congregation: **May the Spirit renew and inspire us.**

We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost their hope in what life can become for themselves and for all people.

Congregation: **May the Spirit encourage and challenge us to break new ground with you.**

We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost their ability to love freely and recklessly.
Congregation: **May the Spirit comfort and soften us.**

We remember those who have died and give thanks for their presence in our lives.
Congregation: **May the Spirit keep us united with them in your everlasting love.**

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: Holy, uncontainable fiery Spirit,
Congregation: **Fill the world with your peace, fill communities of faith with your purpose, and fill us with your power, for the sake of your Reign. Amen.**

Confession of Sin
Celebrant: God of wild, windy and prodigal love,
Congregation: **We confess our bondage to fear,**
Our smallness of heart,
Our lack of imagination,
Our guardedness in giving,
Our complicity in systems of racial and economic injustice,
Our misuse of the gifts of creation,
Our resistance to the Way of Jesus.
We ask your mercy and the power of your Wholly, Holy Spirit
to burn through our defenses,
to break open our hearts,
to ignite our imaginations and
to raise us from the dead,
that we might be signs of your healing and liberating love in the world.

Celebrant: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
You have been set free by the love of God made known in Jesus and by the power of God's creating, liberating Spirit. Rise from what binds you into the love that calls you, and burn with God's Holy Spirit in all that you do. In the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.
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: *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (sung by the choir)* Orlando Gibbons

Eucharistic Prayer

We celebrate the terrifying Spirit of God, which swept over the waters before God brought order out of formlessness.

Come, O Holy Spirit.

We celebrate the Spirit of God, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made life available to all.

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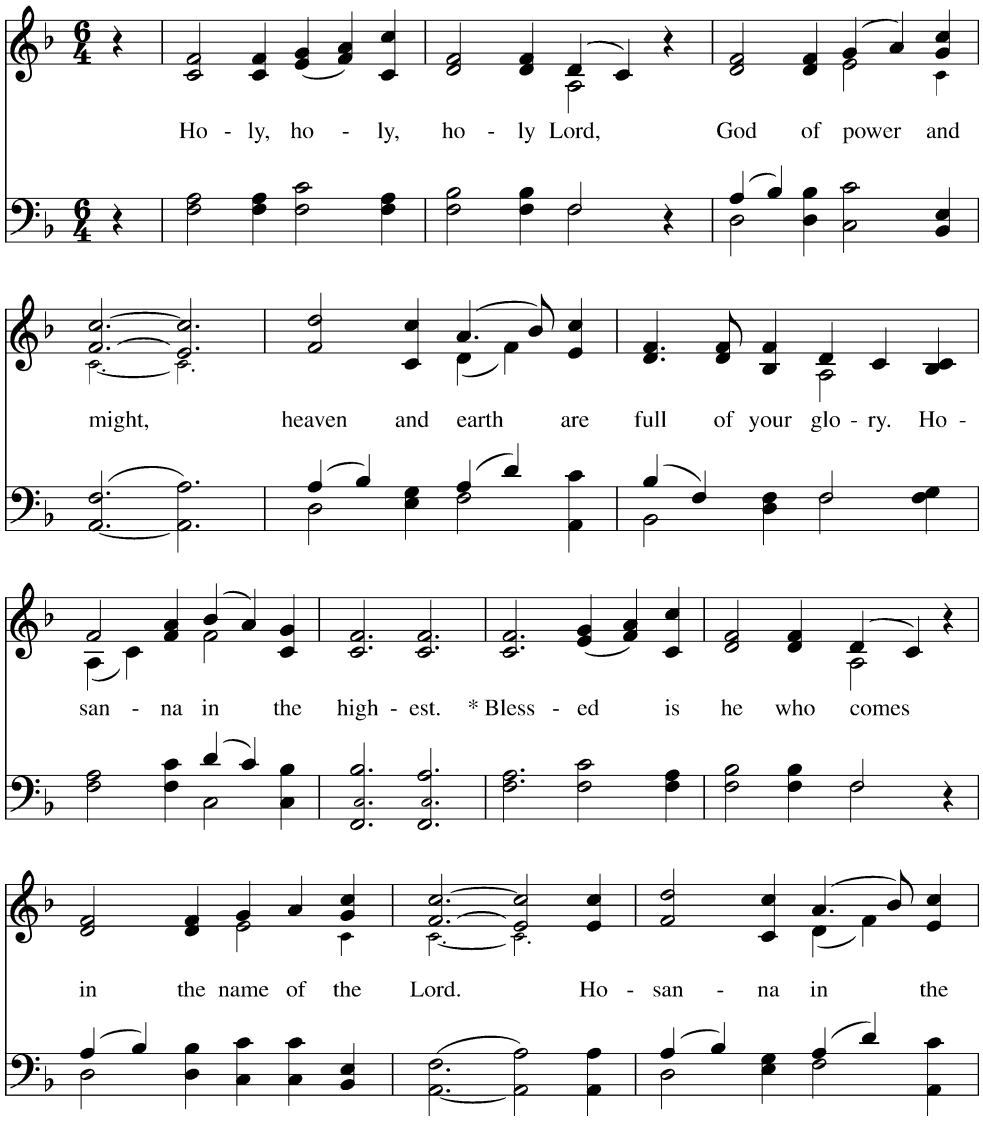
We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who has been poured out on all people and leads us into the Reign of God.
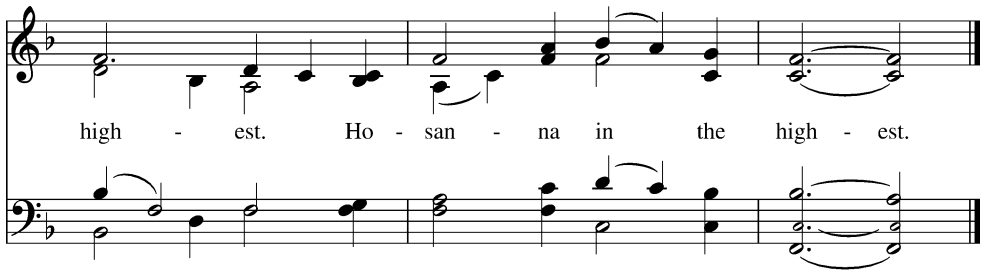
Come, O Holy Spirit.

And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Holy Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to its mighty power.

As the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

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Celebrant continues: God we come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love.
We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms.
Congregation: **We come ready to meet you, and be changed.**
Celebrant: The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His crucifixion, gathered his friends for a meal.
During supper, he took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks for it.
Then he broke it and passed it among them with these words:
Congregation: **This is my body which is broken for you.**
Take, eat and remember me.
Celebrant: After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it.
Then he passed it among them with these words:
Congregation: **This is my blood which is shed for you.**
Take, drink and remember me.
Celebrant: So now, we eat and we drink, and we remember Jesus
and the Divine Love he showed us.
Celebrant and Congregation: **Spirit, come now into this bread and wine and into our hearts,**
and as we share these gifts of your creation, let it be a sharing
in Christ's body and blood, Christ's life and presence;
And may we embody your life and love,
your passion and compassion in our homes and community. 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

Celebrant: We give thanks for this meal of Holy Mystery and remembrance,
and for coming to us as we have shared it.

Congregation: **May the love we find at this table**
be reflected in our lives;
May the power we receive at this table
make us peacemakers and healers;
And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table
lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign
in every word we speak and in everything we do.
Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: *Come, O Holy Spirit, Come (in back of bulletin)*

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Justice for All

For the month of June, St Brendan is flying the Progress Flag and posting the sign "Justice For All".

In recognition of June as PRIDE month and the need for justice for racial and tribal groups in Maine, as well as gender, you are invited to support Maine organizations that specifically advocate for racial, gender, and tribal justice.

Maineequaljustice.org
OUTmaine.org
Equalitymaine.org
MaineInitiatives.org

And SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 21-22 FOR LOCAL PRIDE CELEBRATIONS:
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083011855004
(this is Deer Isle/Stonington Pride Facebook page)

https://www.peninsulapride.me/schedule-2025
(many events in Blue Hill throughout June)

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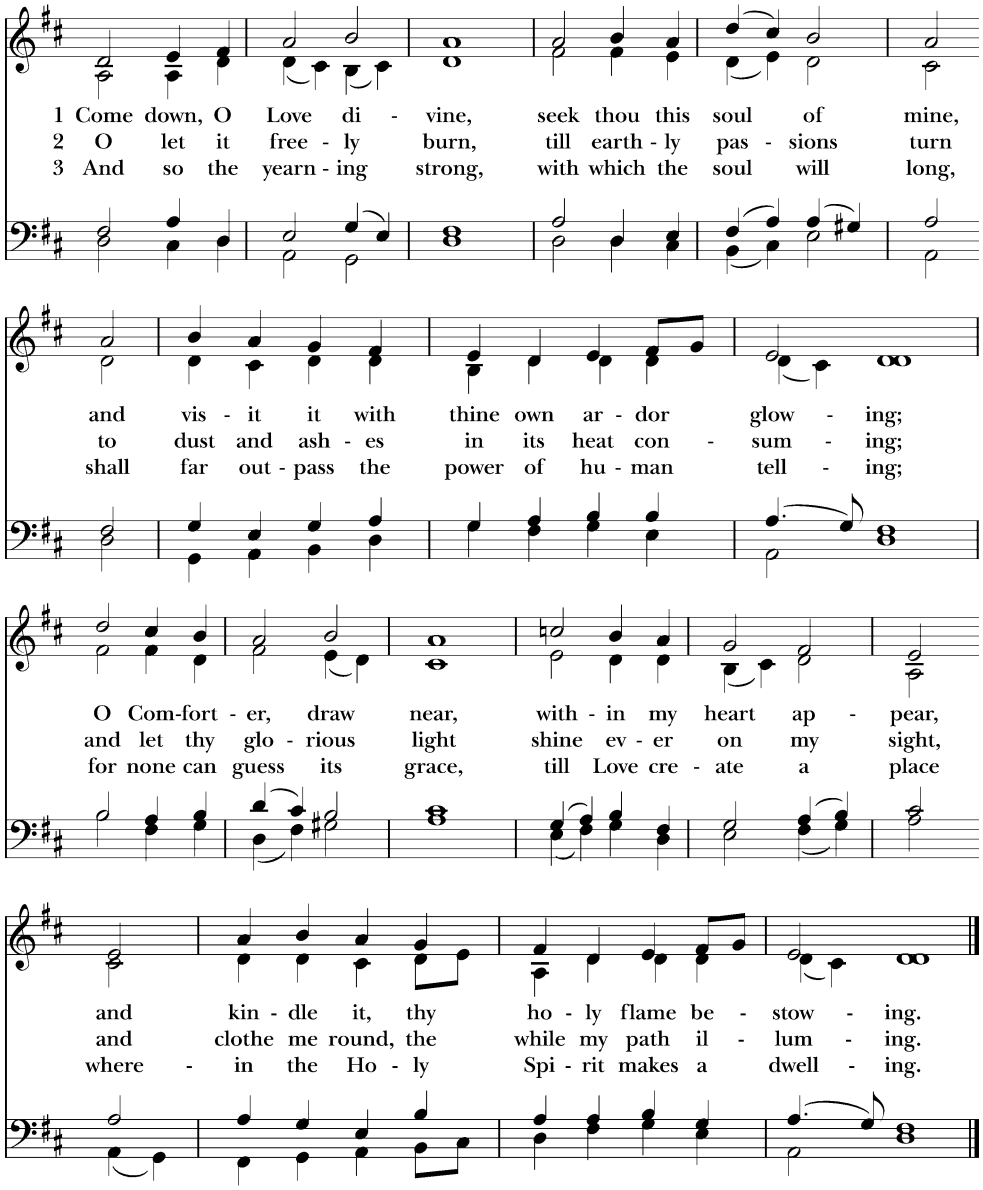
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, June 9	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, June 11	10:00 a.m. In Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Thursday June 12	7:00 p.m. Moment's Notice Quartet jazz concert. Donations will be gratefully accepted for the St. Brendan Scholarship Fund.
Saturday, June 14	9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast at Stonecutters Kitchen
Sunday, June 15	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

Looking Ahead

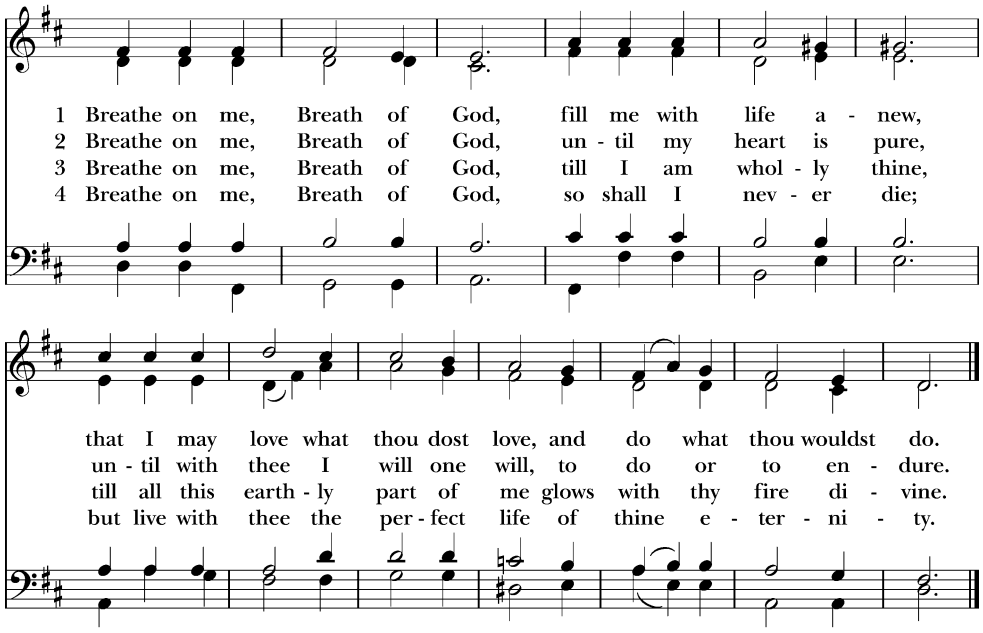
Thursday, June 19	7:00 p.m. Benefit concert for WindowDressers - Matthew Dane, Christina Jennings and friends
Sunday, June 22	5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide
Saturday, June 28	11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life for Stewart Pierson

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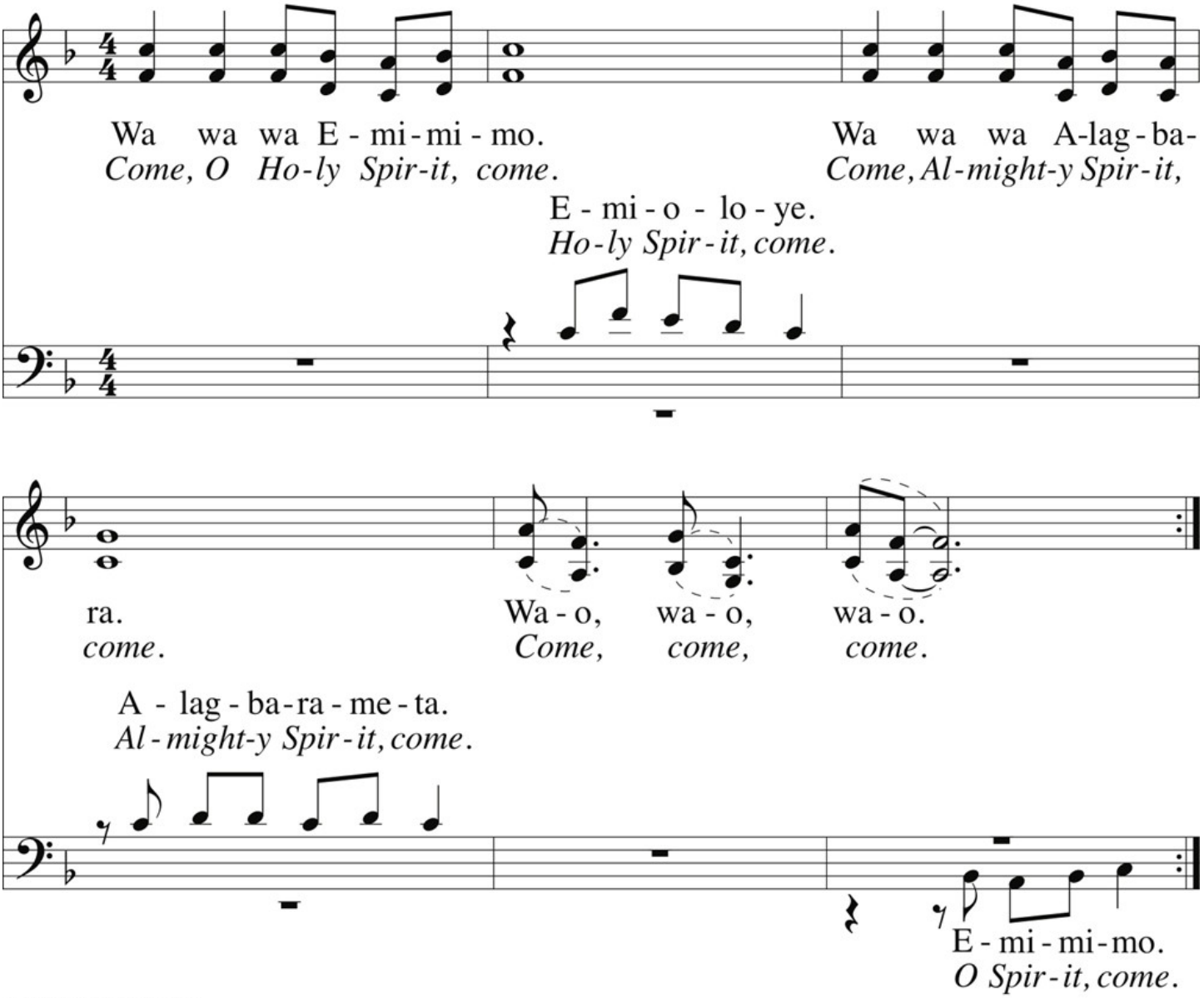


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Breathe on me, Breath of God *The Hymnal 1982,* #508



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Wa Wa Wa Emimimo / Come, O Holy Spirit



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