

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, preaching
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Morning Prayer
Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021

Prelude: *Voluntary #2* Edward Elgar

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
See, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV)

Let us pray.
O God, you are the creator of the world,
the liberator of your people,
and the wisdom of the earth.
By the resurrection of your Son,
free us from our fears,
restore us in your image,
and ignite us with your light,
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 Invitatory
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen
Congregation: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
Congregation: **And your glory all the day long.**
Leader: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
Congregation: **as it was in the beginning, is now,**
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Opening Hymn 193 *That Easter day with joy was bright (in back of this bulletin)*

First Lesson: 1 John 3: 1-7
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.
Reader: The word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 4
Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the LORD.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Gospel: Luke 24: 36b-48

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence

A Creed 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.

Presider: 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 *(chanted – in back of bulletin)*

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.

The Collect of the Day
Leader: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Collect
Christ our life,
You are alive - in the beauty of the earth
in the rhythm of the seasons
in the mystery of time and space

You are alive - in the tenderness of touch
in the heartbeat of intimacy
in the insights of solitude

You are alive - in the creative possibility
of the dullest conversation
of the dreariest task
the most threatening event.

(Adapted from "Resurrection Prayer" a poem by Rev. Kathy Calloway)

The Prayers of the People
In this Easter season, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, those in need, and all the members of God's family.

We pray for all who are victims of war, for refugees who live with violence and uncertainty, for victims of domestic violence.
May we open our hearts to deeper compassion, awareness, and connection with those who live with threat and danger.

We pray for all who work tirelessly that justice may come, for renewed energy in their struggle and for discernment when the path of peace is hard to see, for those feeling outnumbered, out-argued or overwhelmed.
May we have the courage to say, I stand for peace.

We pray for guidance and a listening heart, that we may be ready in this Easter season to embrace your promise of rebirth.
May we be strengthened by your Spirit as we go on to do your work.

We remember those who have died and especially today we thank you for the life and witness of Peter Antich, who blessed us all with his presence, his wisdom, and his kindness. *Silence…* For those other saints who have blessed us, we give you thanks, naming them now, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts. *Silence...*
Assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us united with them in your everlasting love.

We remember those on our prayer list:

Patricia Donahue, Siri Beckman, Ann Tarlton, Judith Millon, Ann Burton and family, Lev Sherman, Dan Donahue, Skip Greenlaw, Bob Budd and family, Laurie, Heather Corey, Peter Brown, Ken Clauson, Pär Kettis, Persis Williams, Tracey Hair, Nick, Seth, Stewart, Marian Dobbs, the family of Linda Shepard, Phoibe DeJesus, Heather Callister, Mary Ann Shaw, Lindsay Bowker, Pastor Edward Dufresne, Pat & Tony Stoneburner, Al Chapman, Geoff Place, Nancy Boothby, Ana, Nancy Stearns, Marcia Scott, Isabelle Hulsey, Jennifer Hulsey

Members of the congregation are invited to add their own prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

Christ our life,
You are alive - to offer re-creation
to every unhealed hurt
to every deadened place
to every damaged heart
You set before us a choice.
May we learn to be that Grain of Wheat that dies in order to live.

The Prayer of St. Brendan
Lord, we will trust You, help us to journey
beyond the familiar and into the unknown.
Give us the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You.
Christ of the mysteries, we trust You to be stronger than each storm within us.
We will trust in the darkness and know that our times are in Your hand.
Tune our spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make our obedience count for You.

This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

We will not offer to God
offerings that cost us nothing.

Let us go in peace to love and to serve;
we will seek peace and pursue it.

In the name of the Trinity of love,
God in community, holy and one.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 43 *All praise to thee my God this night (in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude *Souvenir* Marcel Dupré

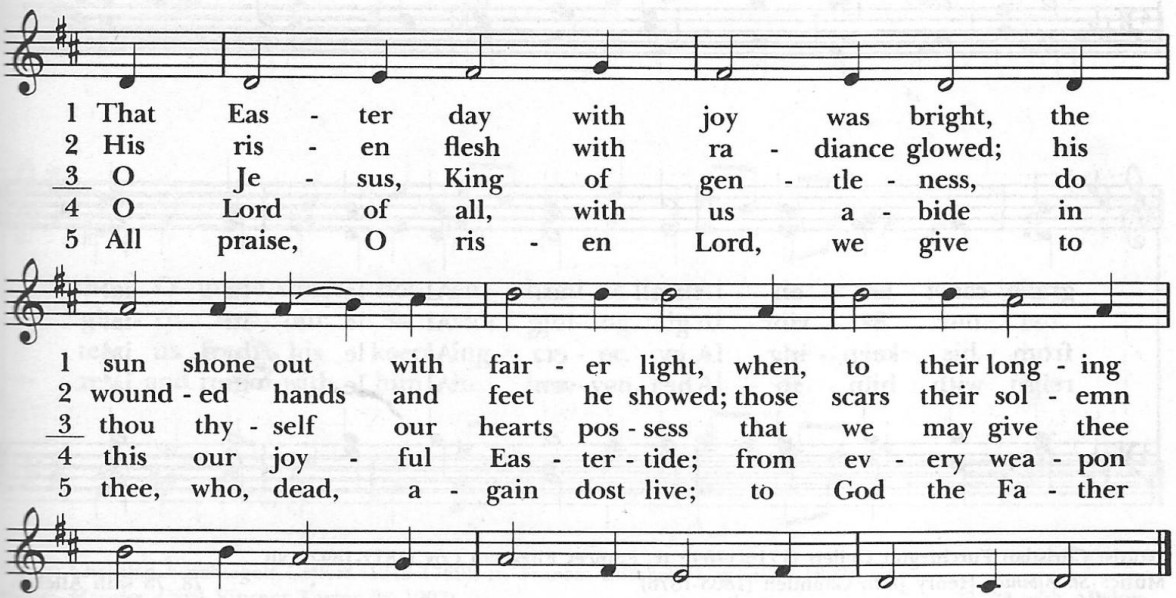
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Announcements

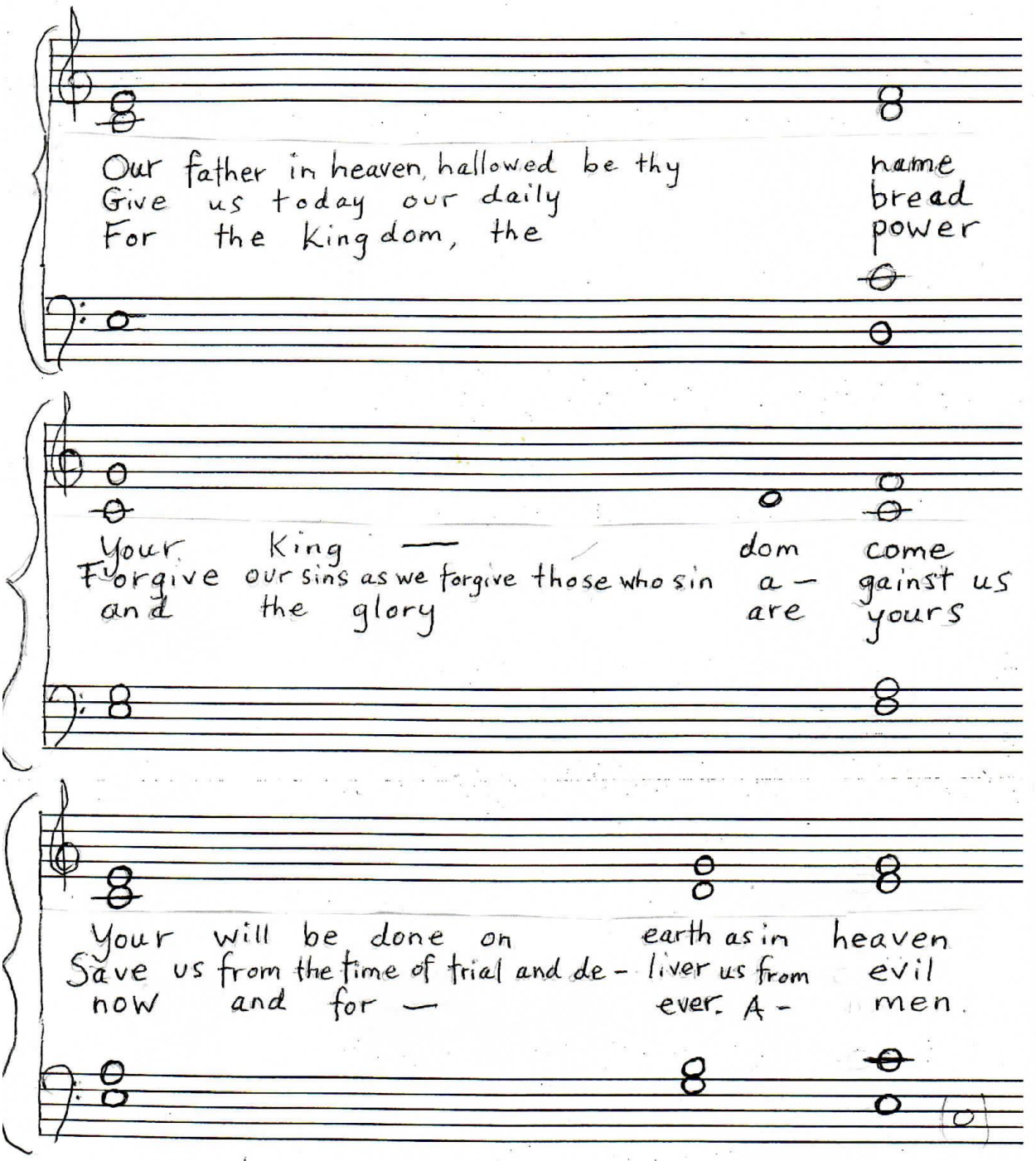
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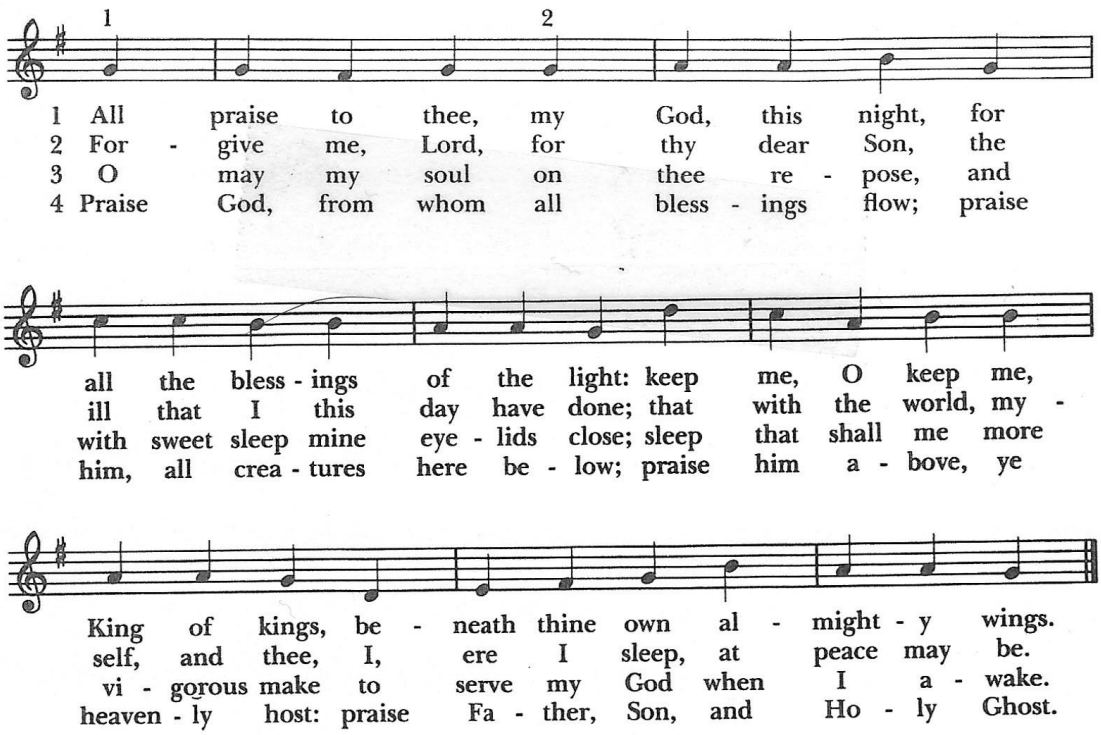
Prayers of the People: Rev. Kathy Calloway "Resurrection Prayer" from *In Love With the Life of Life.*
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Easter 193



Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*
Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) LM


Our father in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Give us today our daily bread
For the King dom, the power
Your King — dom come
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin a — gainst us
and the glory are yours
Your will be done on earth as in heaven
Save us from the time of trial and de - liver us from evil
now and for — ever. A - men.



This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at the distance of one measure.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: *The Eighth Tune,* Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

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