

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.

The Reverend Jennifer Reece, preaching
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Morning Prayer
Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021

Prelude: *Introit* Paul de Maleingreau

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: **O come let us worship. Alleluia.**

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 ELW 366 *The strife is o'er, the battle done (in back of this bulletin)*

First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35
Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.
Reader: The word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Canticle M A Song of Faith (1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us *
was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ, *
the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon The Rev. Jennifer Reece

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: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation, grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Collect for St Thomas the Apostle

Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's resurrection, grant that we like him may come through doubts to believe in Jesus Christ as our Risen Savior and with him say "My Lord, and my God!". So may our faith always be joyfully renewed through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
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.

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 209 *We walk by faith and not by sight (in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude *Prière du Matin* Joseph Jongen

Dismissal

Announcements

You are invited to stay for Virtual Coffee Hour

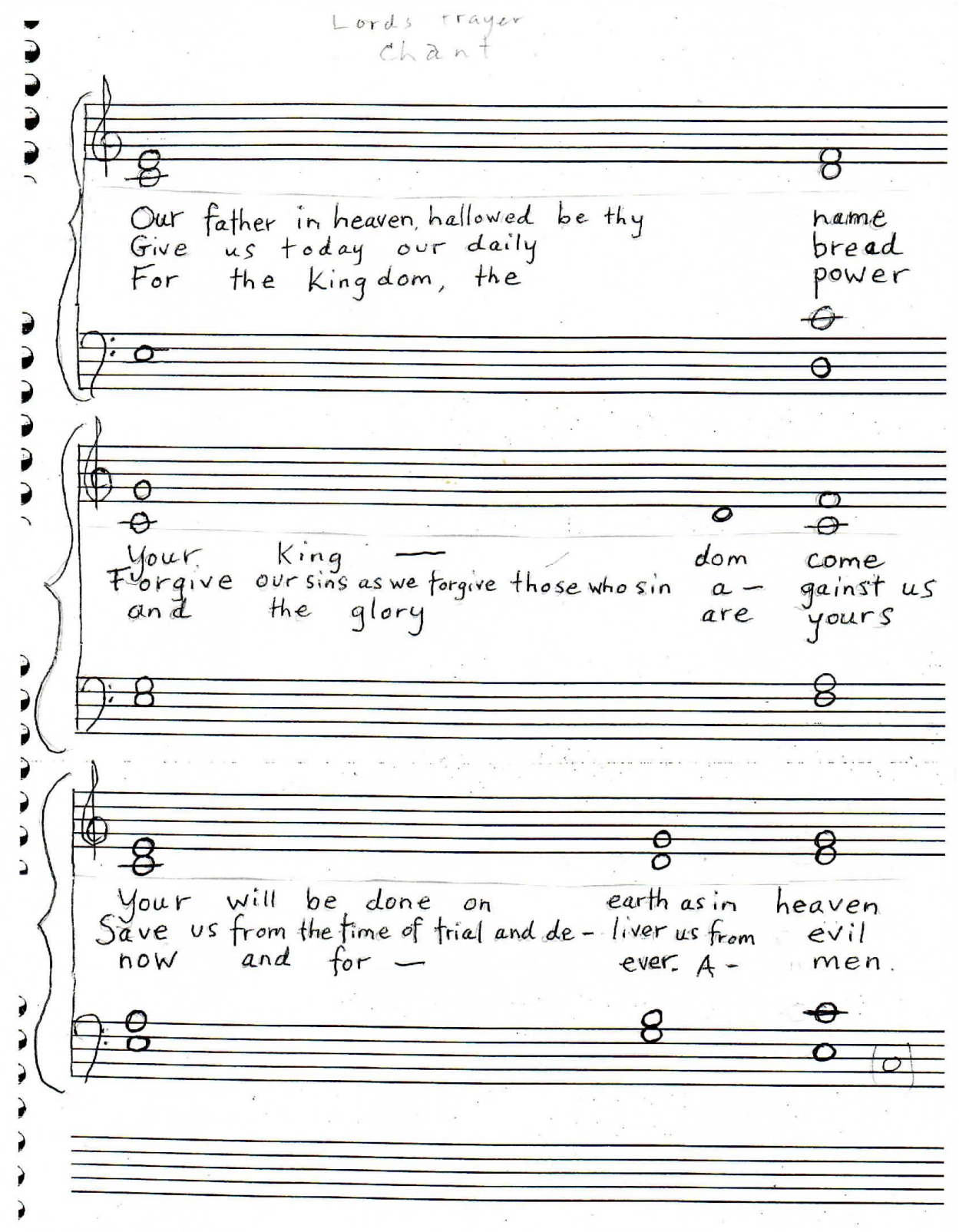
Prayers of the People: Rev. Kathy Calloway "Resurrection Prayer" from *In Love With the Life of Life.*
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Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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Lords prayer
chant
Our father in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Give us today our daily bread
For the Kingdom, 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.

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