

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.

Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge
The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece, Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director
Barbara Kourajian, Guest Musician

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Proclaiming the Light
February 9, 2025

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: *Pastorale on "The Morning Star"* Daniel Pinkham
Based on a traditional hymn-tune from the southern part of the United States

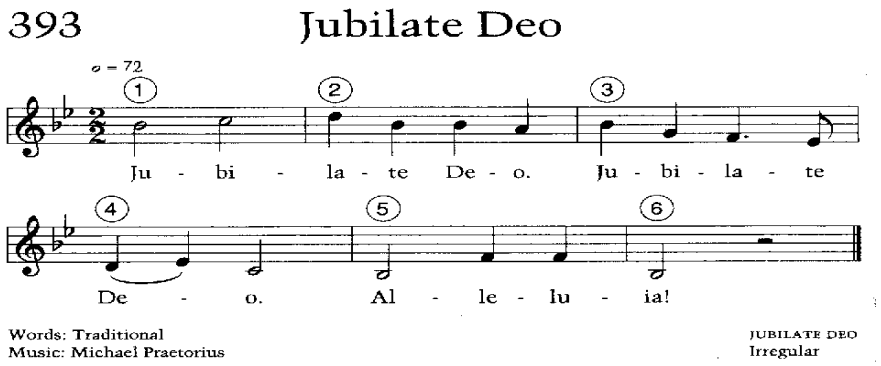
Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn 686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Acclamation
Celebrant: God of proclamation and epiphany,
Congregation: **May we hear the words of the prophets**
to help us discern the possibilities of a different way for the world.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: Jubilate Deo (*sung unison twice, then as a round twice)*



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

And he said, "Go and say to this people:

`Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.'
Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?"

And he said:

"Until cities lie waste

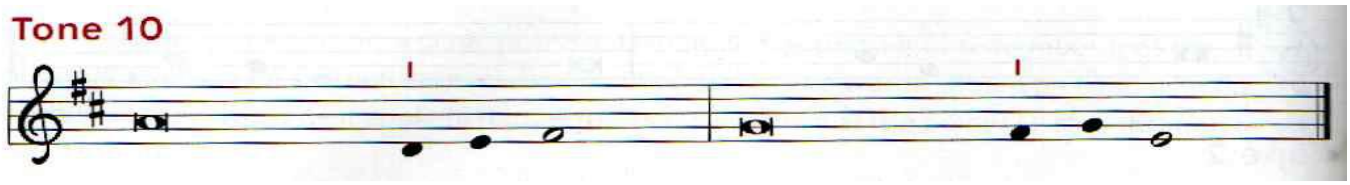
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.
Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138



I give you thanks, O Lord, I with my- whole- heart ‖ before the gods I I sing- your- praise.

I bow down towards your I ho-ly- temple ‖ and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love I and- your- faithfulness;

for you have exalted your I name- and your- word ‖ above I ev-ery-thing.

On the day I called, you I ans-wered- me, ‖ you increased my I strength- of- soul.

All the kings of the earth shall I praise you- O- Lord ‖

for they have heard the I words of- your- mouth.

They shall sing of the I ways of- the- Lord ‖ for great is the I glory- of the- Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he re-Igards-the-lowly; ‖

but the haughty he perceives from Ifar- aw-ay.

Though I walk in the I midst- of- trouble, ‖ you preserve me against the I wrath of- my- enemies;

you stretch I out- your- hand, ‖ and your right hand de-Iliv-ers- me.

The Lord will fulfil his I purpose- for-me; ‖ *(return to first half of the tone line)*

your steadfast love, O Lord, en- Idures- for- ever. ‖Do not forsake the I work of-your- hands.

Second Lesson: First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he

appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Put down your nets and follow me (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**
Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.
Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

Silence will be commenced and ended with the sounding of a bell.

Affirmation
We believe in one God, creator of all life,
maker of past, present and future.
Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,
who came to declare good news to those in despair,
to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,
to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.
We believe in God's Holy Spirit,
who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,
who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,
who resurrects us to new life,
and sends us out into the world
to be signs of God's incarnate presence
in the world God so loves.

Prayers of the People

Leader: God of light and life, arise and shine in our hearts as we offer our prayers to you in hope and faith.
Leader: Grant to us, the Body of Christ, wisdom to discern the presence of God in our midst.
Congregation: **Give us courage to follow wherever You lead us.**

Leader: Let the light of truth and justice shine forth across our nation.
Congregation: **May we create a place of peace and welcome for all.**

Leader: Be with us today and every day.
Congregation: **May your light show forth in our lives.**

Leader: Instill in us awe and thankfulness for the majesty of your created world.
Congregation: **Kindle in our hearts a sense of urgency to be better stewards of creation.**

Leader: Grant healing to those who suffer from anxiety and depression, from disease and from all manner of things that affect our body, mind and spirit.
Congregation: **Let all your people know wholeness, wellness, and peace.**

Leader: Grant to the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love.
Congregation: **Bless the dying with peace and the grieving with comfort.**

Leader: Please add your prayers and thanksgivings.

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Are there any people on zoom who would like to add their prayers and thanksgivings?

Leader: God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.
Congregation: **God of Light,**
we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light.
We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.
We follow the dim lights that call us
to be more religious by following rules.
We follow the fading light of personal salvation
rather than seeking the true Light
of Your love for all the world.
Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus,
who commanded us to love one another.
Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice,
in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.
In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

Celebrant: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
God's mercy is wider than our transgressions.
God's love is deeper than our fear.
God's longing for our wholeness is stronger than our resistance.
We have been freed by grace to be God's people in the world.
Let our lives reflect the light entrusted to us,
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: 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 exchange the peace

The Holy Eucharist

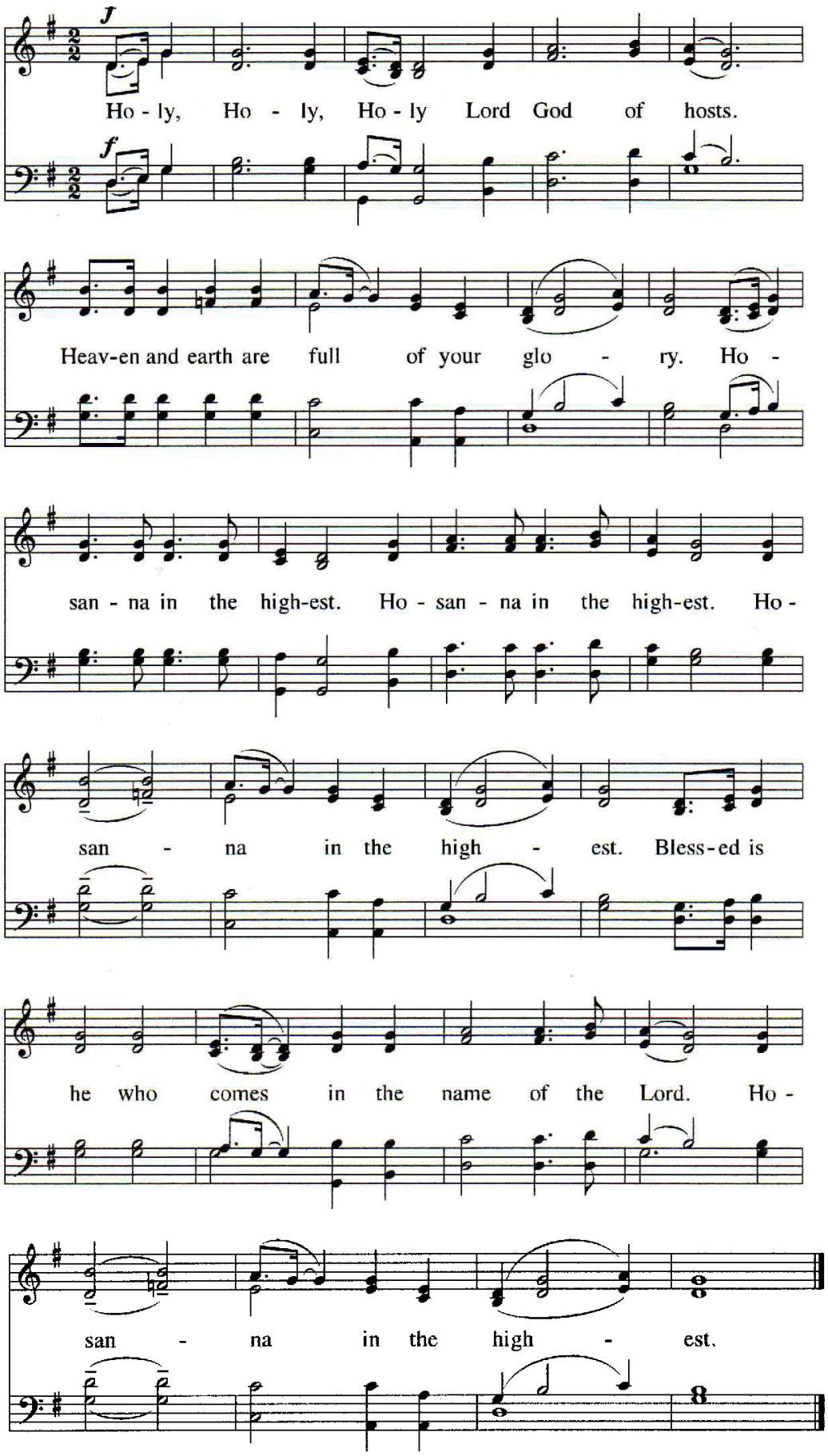
Offertory Hymn WLP 812 *I, the Lord of sea and sky (Here I am, Lord) (in back of bulletin)*

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love
Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.
Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.
With the angels of light who envelop us,
with all the saints before and beside us,
with brothers and sisters, east and west,
we sing to you.
And with our loved ones, separate from us now,
who yet in this mystery are close to us,
we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus



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Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.
In the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.

Congregation: **Hear us, O Christ,**
and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life.
May they heal, renew, and make us whole.
And as the bread and wine
which we now eat and drink are changed into us,
may we be changed again into you,
bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world. Amen.

Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:
Congregation:

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
We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: Let us pray
Celebrant and Congregation: **Gathered in the name of Jesus, whether here or on Zoom, we are 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.
Wine from Taybeh Winery West Bank, Palestine

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
God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn 537 *Christ for the world we sing! (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *There is a balm in Gilead* African American Spiritual
Setting by Richard Billingham

Announcements

Dismissal

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

Saturday, February 8	9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast at Stonecutters Kitchen
Sunday, February 9	5:00 p.m. Lasagna Supper at Deer Isle Congregational Church— Contributions benefit World Central Kitchen
Monday, February 10	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, February 12	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting
Thursday, February 13	4:00 p.m. Maine Council of Churches-**Here We Are. Send Us!** See Navigator for more information and to register.
Saturday, February 15	8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Stonecutters Kitchen
Sunday, February 16	10:00 a.m. Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, March 4	4:00-6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Friday, March 28	5:00-7:00 p.m. Mariners SOAR! Empty Bowl Supper

Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action

Justice for All

February is Black History Month

This month's GPS focus will be on racial justice and specifically looking for ways to create a world, a culture, and a mindset that better acknowledges the richness of the African American contributions throughout this country's history and to support the urgent need to continue the work of ensuring equity, opportunity, inclusion for all black and brown people as "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" has come under attack. For starters, you are invited to read or reread recent and not-so-recent black writers to heighten your awareness of the experience of their people.

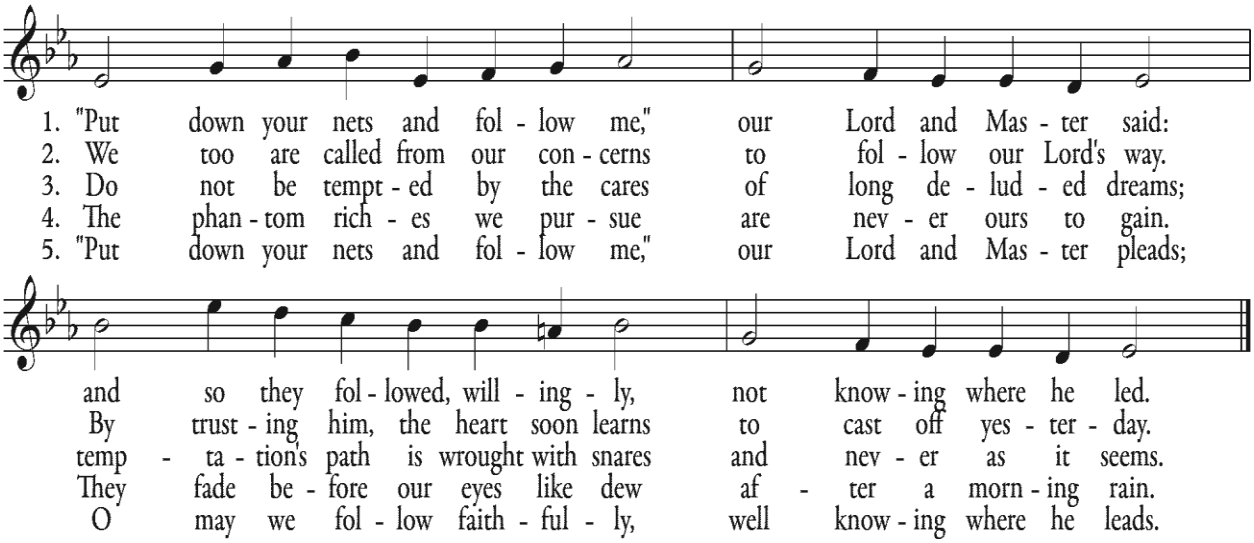
Booklist: "James" by Percival Everett (2024), "The Known World" by Edward P. Jones (2004), "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson (2020), "Annie Allen" a 1950 Pulitzer Prize book of poetry by Gwendolyn Brooks, "Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison (1970), "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker (1982). There are many, many more! Check the Navigator for a link to "27 Black American Women Writers You Should Know."

Come, thou fount of every blessing *The Hymnal 1982*, #686



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Put down your nets and follow me



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Music: *Dundee,* Scottish Psalter, 1615
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Here I Am, Lord

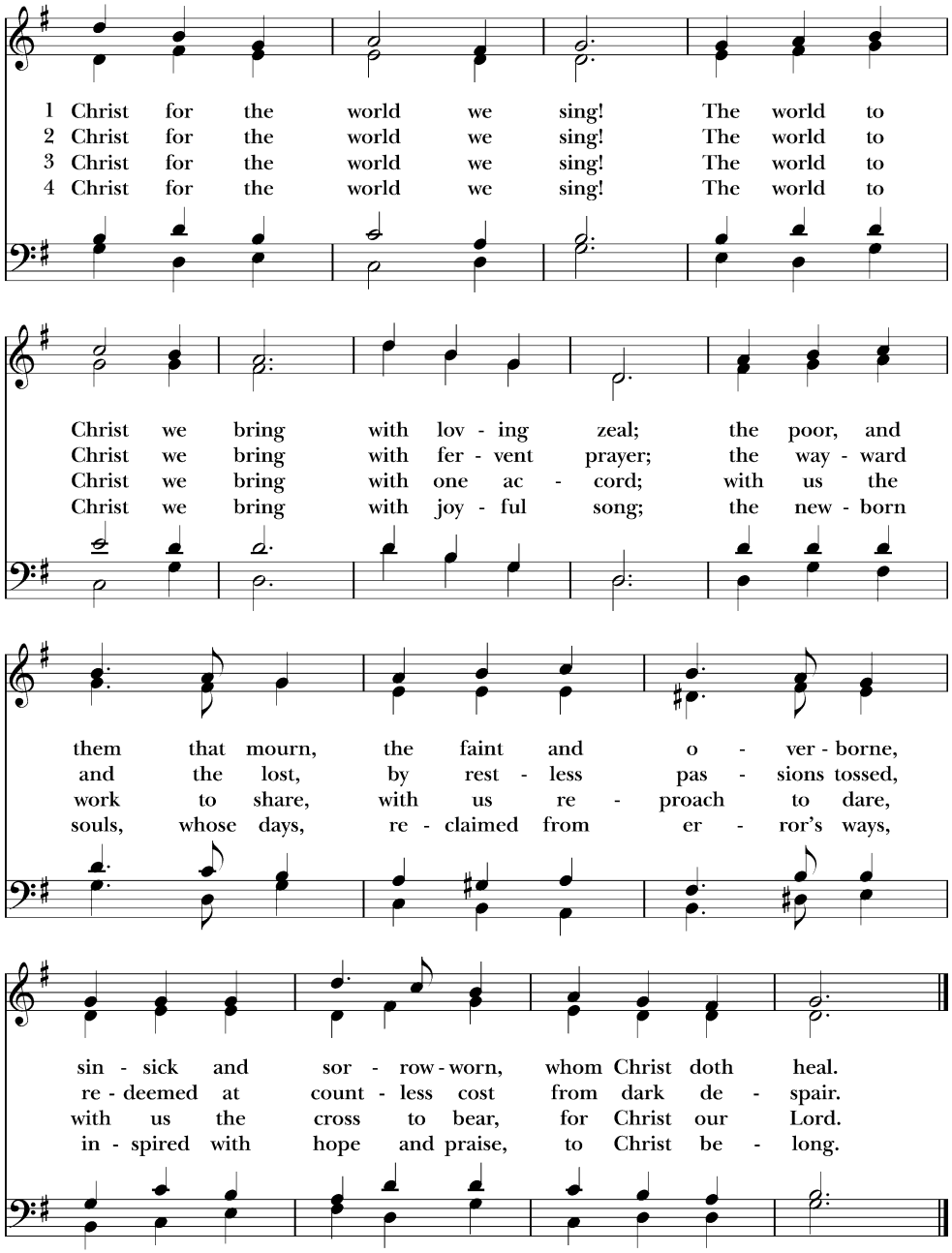
Verses



Refrain

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Christ for the world we sing *The Hymnal 1982,* #537



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