

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, Musical Director

Morning Prayer
Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

Prelude Connie Mayo

i thank You God for most this amazing

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day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday;this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings:and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

- E. E. Cummings

A brief silence

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Congregation: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: 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**.

Leader: Sing the glad songs of victory; in the midst of death love has arisen.
Congregation: **God is our strength and our song; even when all seems lost.**
Leader: Christ is alive and lives among us; neither hatred nor fear, nor cross nor tomb could hold him.
Congregation: **He goes before us into every Galilee; and bids us follow him in the way of love.**
Leader: With sun and stars, all flora and fauna, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we sing glad alleluias.
Congregation: **Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.**

Opening Hymn 208 *The Strife is O'er the Battle Won (verses 1, 2, 4, and 5) (in back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader: Open our lips, O God,
Congregation: **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise**

Canticle 12 (Part II)
Leader: Let the earth glorify God
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Glorify God. O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Congregation: **Glorify God, O springs of water, seas, and streams,**
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify God,
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Leader: Glorify God, O beasts of the wild,
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify God.
Praise and highly exalt God for ever

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader: The word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 148

Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!
Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Hallelujah!

The Gospel: Luke 24: 13-25

Reader: The Gospel according to Luke.
Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one

of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

A brief 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.

Leader: 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.

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name shall echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord;
Congregation: **And grant us your salvation.**
Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Congregation: **Let your people sing with joy.**
Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
Congregation: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
Congregation: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Leader: Let your way be known upon earth;
Congregation: **Your saving health among all nations.**
Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Congregation: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Congregation: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

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**

Prayers of the People

Leader: On this celebration of Earth Day we give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for the grandeur of all that you have made, saying
Congregation: **We thank you, God.**
Leader: For the healing waters of creation, which bring pleasure and health, purity, and life,
Congregation: **We thank you, God.**
Leader: For the richness of the good Earth that brings forth fruits and flowers, a pleasure to taste and a joy to behold,
Congregation: **We thank you, God.**
Leader: For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the Earth, the gliding fishes in the seas, for all creatures great and small with whom we share this precious web of life,
Congregation:: **We thank you, God.**
Leader: For the invigorating sunlight of day, the deepening mystery of night, the wonder of the stars, and the call of the unknown in the universe,
Congregation: **We thank you, God.**
Leader: From heedless misuse and dishonoring of the wonders of your hand,
Congregation: **We thank you, God.**
Leader: From squandering resources, abusing our companion species, and polluting the habitat we all share,
Congregation: **We thank you, God.**
Leader: From the folly of imagining ourselves free from the fate of your whole creation,
Congregation: **We thank you, God.**
Leader: For the courage and wisdom to confess how little we have cared for your gifts,
Congregation: **We thank you, God.**
Leader: For the conviction that you have called us to love and restore the Earth,
Congregation: **We thank you, God.**
Leader: For repentance and the determination to begin our stewardship anew,
Congregation: **We thank you, God.**
Leader: We pray for all who are facing the coronavirus, for all who mourn their dead, for those who have contracted the virus, for those quarantined or away from home, for the homeless, and for those who fear the future. We offer special prayers for all health care workers. Fill the aching in our hearts with your merciful power.
You are our Everlasting Arms, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer**
Leader: We commend to your care all who have died that they may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. You are the Beginning and the End, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer**

Leader: Please offer your own prayers:

People offer own petitions

Leader: O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

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.

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

Leader: We will not offer to God
Congregation: **offerings that cost us nothing.**

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

Leader: In the name of the Trinity of love,
Congregation: **God in community, holy and one.**

Benediction

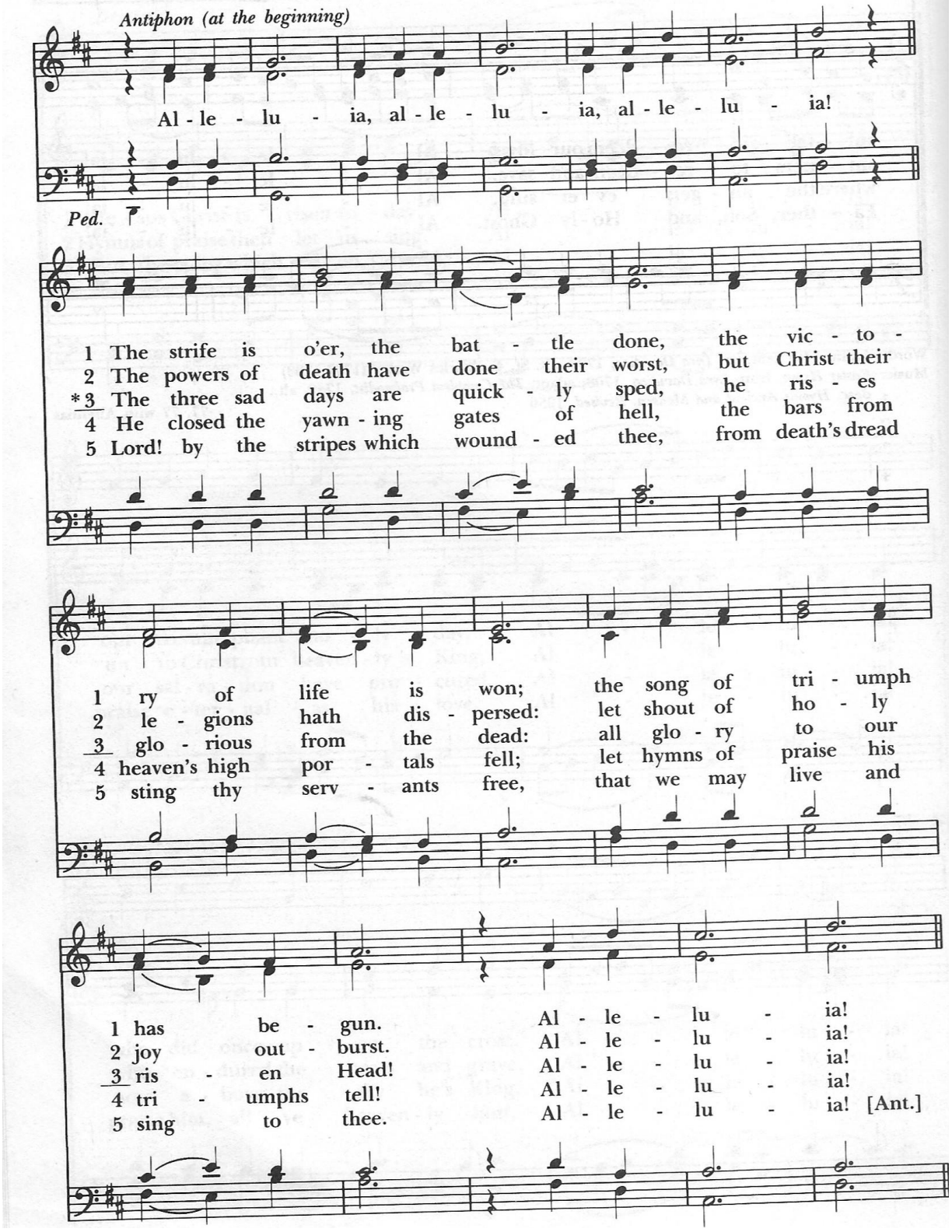
Sending Hymn 416 *For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1, 2 and 4) (in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude Connie Mayo
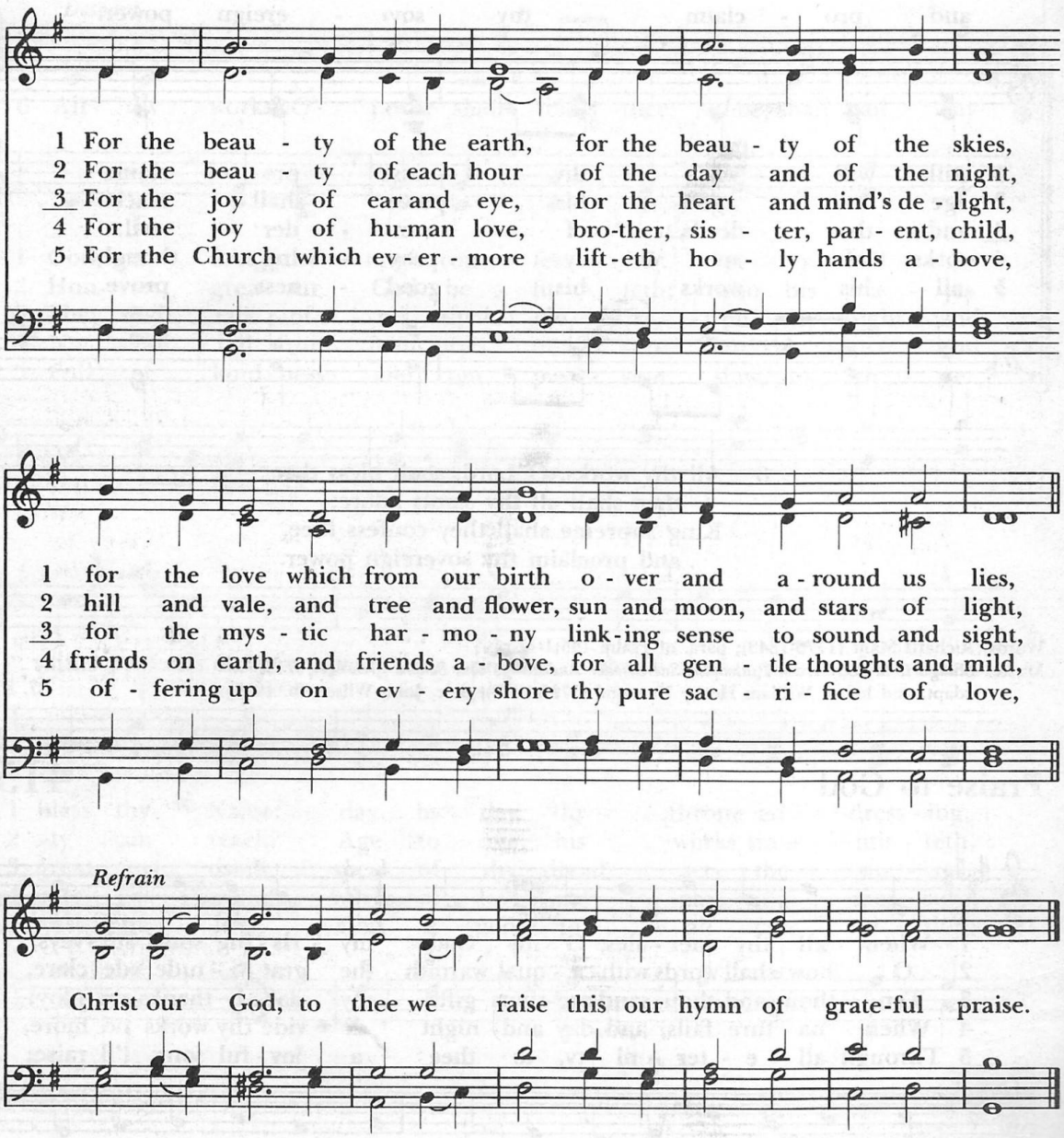
Announcements

Dismissal

You are invited to stay for virtual Coffee Hour


Antiphon (at the beginning)
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Ped.
1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread
1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and
1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

416 Praise to God



6 For each perfect gift of thine
to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven

Refrain

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.
Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874-1948)

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