

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Pastor Elaine Hewes, preaching
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Morning Prayer
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 7, 2021

Prelude: *An Offering-Carol* Maia Aprahamian

A brief silence

Leader: O God, shine your light on us and bring us to see your Christ made manifest, that our lives may be a light to the world;

Congregation: **May all be led by your star to acclaim a new birth of love and peace in the midst of our darkness, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen**.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Congregation: **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:**
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family.
We desire to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We long to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,
or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.

Leader: May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn 377 *All people that on earth do dwell (verses 1 – 4 in back of bulletin)*

The Invitatory

Leader: Christ has shown forth his glory:
Congregation: **O come, let us worship.**
Leader: Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
Congregation: **as it was in the beginning, is now,**
and shall be for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.
For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that

I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 100 *A Psalm of Thanksgiving*

Be joyful in the Lord all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39
Leader: The Gospel according to Mark
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**
After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.
That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

A brief silence

Affirmation

We believe in God, Creator of all:
The two-legged, the four-legged,
the winged ones, and those that crawl upon the earth and swim in the waters.
We believe in God, One Who Walked with Us:
Our Brother Jesus born in humility,

who lived and died for us and
who will come again to bring us to glory.
We believe in God, Spirit with Us:
Ever present and ever guiding, upholding us and
showing us the principles to live by.
We hear God's voice through the prophets.
Creator, One Who Walked with Us, Spirit with Us, Holy One:
We are named in the waters of baptism as your own,
all of us related, all of us your children.
We watch for signs of your homecoming
and thank you for this sacred circle of life. Amen.

Recognition of birthdays, anniversaries and other significant remembrances in February



Dedication of the Illumination given in Memory of Lynn Verhey

Leader: This Illumination of Psalm 100 is now presented to the people of St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church in memory of Lynn Verhey. It was created by Vincent G. Mazzucchelli, and given in love by Lynn's wife Marilyn.

Leader: All things come from you, O God;
Congregation: **And from your own gifts do we give to you.**
Leader: Prosper the work of our hands;
Congregation: **Prosper our handiwork.**

Leader: Let us pray. O God, we thank you for giving your people such abilities and inspiring them to make offerings to your honor and glory. Be with us now as we receive and bless this Illumination that it may serve to aid our prayer.
Congregation: **Amen**.

The voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.
Leader: How good is your kindness, O God:
Congregation: **Guide us as we pray.**

Silence

Leader: Bless, O God, this Illumination, and bless us as we praise your name using the words of Psalm 100. Open our hearts to the grace of your loving-kindness. Make us faithful in our witness to you and bring us into your peace:

Be joyful in the Lord all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
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A Prayer for Those Who Give the Gift
Leader: We bless your Name, O God, because it has pleased you to enable your servants, Vincent, the illuminator and Marilyn, to offer this gift to the people of St Brendan's. We remember your faithful servant Lynn, in whose memory this illumination is given. We pray that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, he may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
Congregation: **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange the peace

The Prayers

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Lord's Prayer Chant *(see back of bulletin)*

The Collect of the Day
Leader: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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: We pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.
Congregation: **Hear our prayers for the world.**

Leader: We pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down

by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.
Congregation: **Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

Please offer your own prayers at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Congregation: **Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our suffering world. Knowing, good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. Amen.** *alt. Richard Rohr*

Leader: When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
Congregation: **To find the lost,**
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman

Benediction

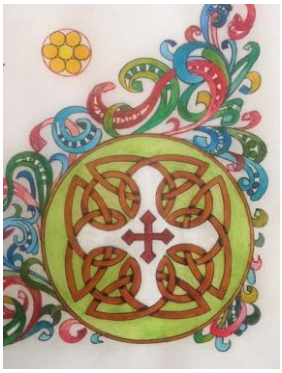
Sending Hymn 679 *Surely it is God who saves me (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Chorale Prelude* J. G. Walther

Dismissal

Announcements

You are invited to stay for Virtual Coffee Hour





Illumination in Memory of Lynn J. Verhey

Given to St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church by the illuminator, Vincent G. Mazzucchelli

Lettering:

Capital letters are in Lombardic Gothic versal.
Lower case letters are in Italian round-hand miniscule which is based on the old Roman uncial.

Illumination:

All of the illumination is done with the blending of colored inks and highlighted by gold leafing. The illumination encompasses three styles:

1. Riccardiana Lactantius was a Florentine illuminator. Most of his work was done in the latter half of the 15th century. A modification of his calligraphic technique was employed in the three-colored scroll design found beneath the "B" in "Be", the start of the verse and surrounding the Celtic cross along the right side of the illumination.

2. To tie in with the St. Brendan's illumination, the illustrator used a modified Celtic Cross design. It is the only prominent Celtic design used on this illumination. The small red circles containing several smaller yellow circles are a modification of those used in the Book of Kells. Here they are used to fill space at the end of lines of lettering.

3. His own designs have been used in the depiction of the "Lord's." The "L" is gold leaf and the star-like burst as the background to the letter "L" represents the outburst of Christianity. The center of each contains a simple plain cross representative of the Benedictine Order of the Holy Cross. The vine scroll serving as the background to the "ord" of Lord represents the spread of Christianity.

The horizontal bar at the bottom of the illumination is simply an artistic depiction of the cross. The middle portion of the bar is interrupted with the Oxford Chant setting of the "Jubilate Deo." The ends of the bar are represented by two different crosses. The right one is the Jerusalem Cross and the one to the left is an Orthodox cross found on icons with the Byzantine expression "Jesus Christ Conquers."

Within the Celtic cross a smaller red cross is a copy, in form, of those found in the Christianity phase of the Kushite Kingdom, which occupied the territory of what is now Lower Sudan and Ethiopia.

About the Illuminator:

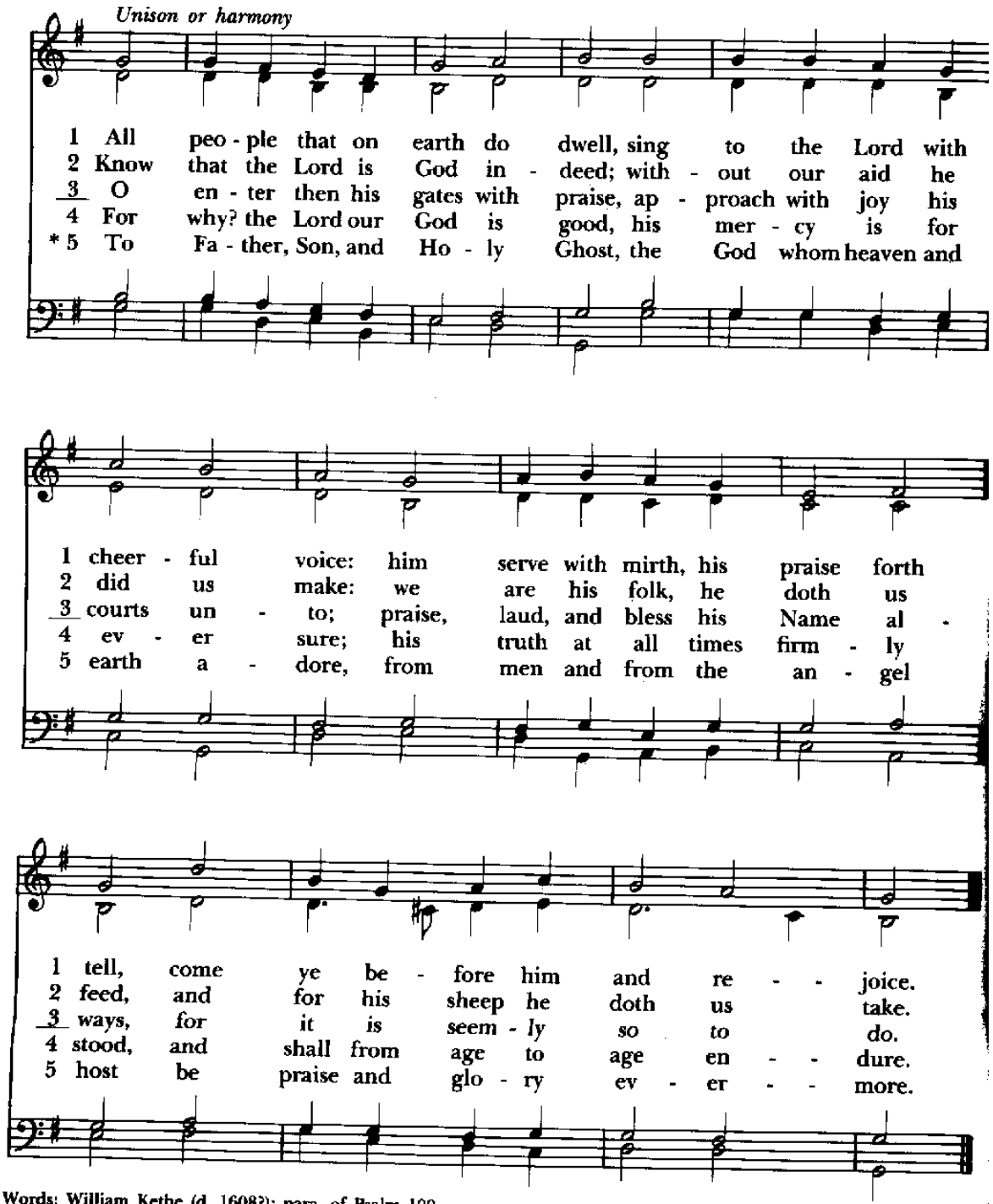
Vincent G. Mazzucchelli was born in Boston in 1926. Following a two-year stint in the army during World War II, Vincent entered Fresno State College where he earned his Bachelor's degree. This was followed by an M.A. from Syracuse University and a Ph.D. from UCLA where his emphasis was in cartography and desert geomorphology.

Vincent served as director of the cartographic section at the System Development Corporation. This was followed by his academic career as Professor of Cartography at California State University, Los Angeles, until his retirement.

In retirement, Vincent has returned to his avocation of making illuminations in the styles of the 14th through 16th centuries. The first major illumination was presented to St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church in Hollywood, CA. Three others have been completed for St. Thomas the Apostle Church. In addition to the two illuminations for St. Brendan the Navigator, others have been presented to St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Encino, CA, Mount Calvary (a guesthouse of the Order of the Holy Cross) in Santa Barbara, CA, St. Andrews Episcopal Church in South Carolina, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Church of the Advent of Christ the King, both in San Francisco.

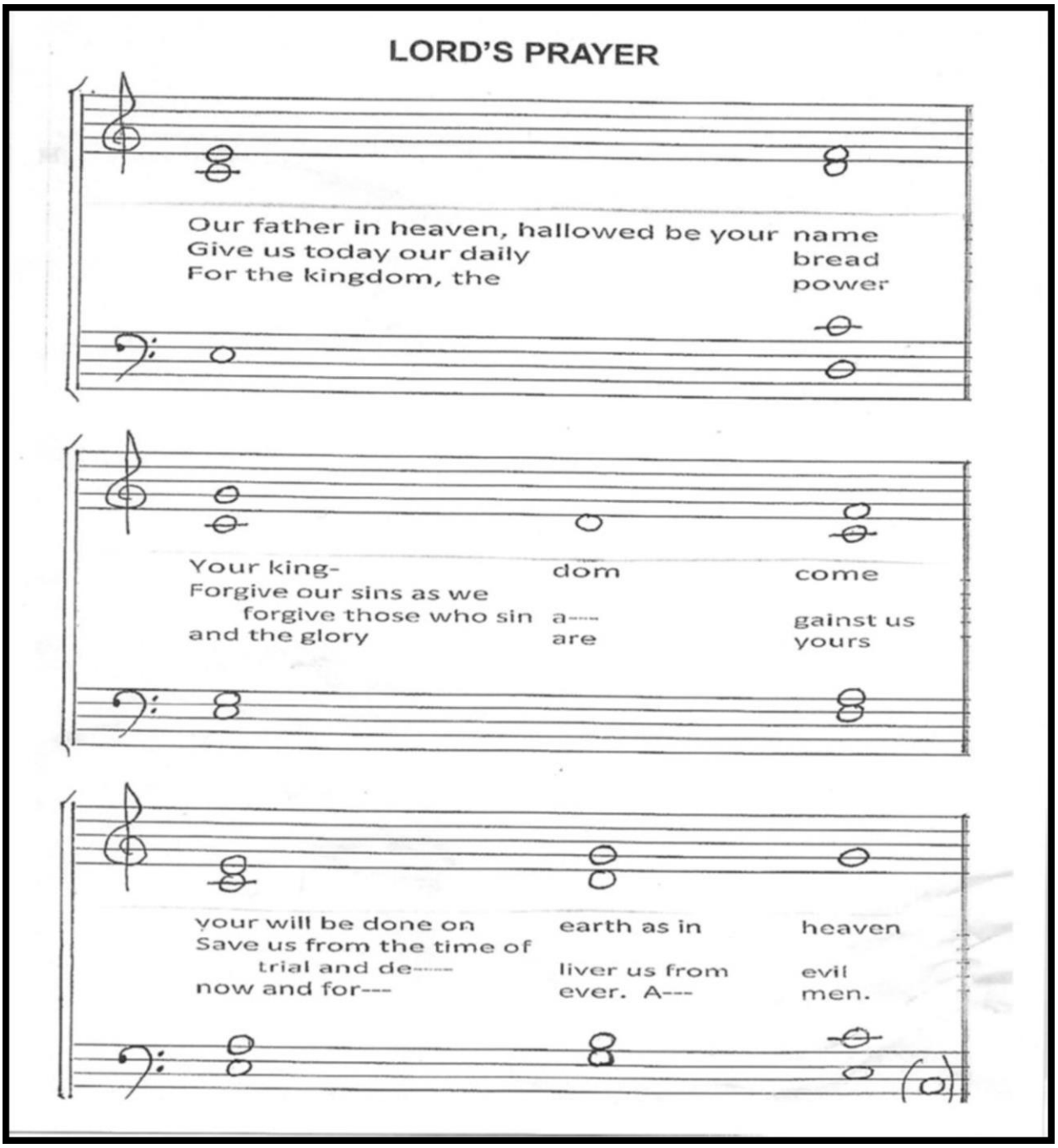
During the autumn and winter of 2019 the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles exhibited a collection of Dr. Mazzucchelli's illuminated manuscripts at St. Paul's Commons —the Diocesan Headquarters, Retreat and Conference Center. At the dedication ceremony, he presented St. Paul's Commons with a large illumination which hangs permanently in the lobby.

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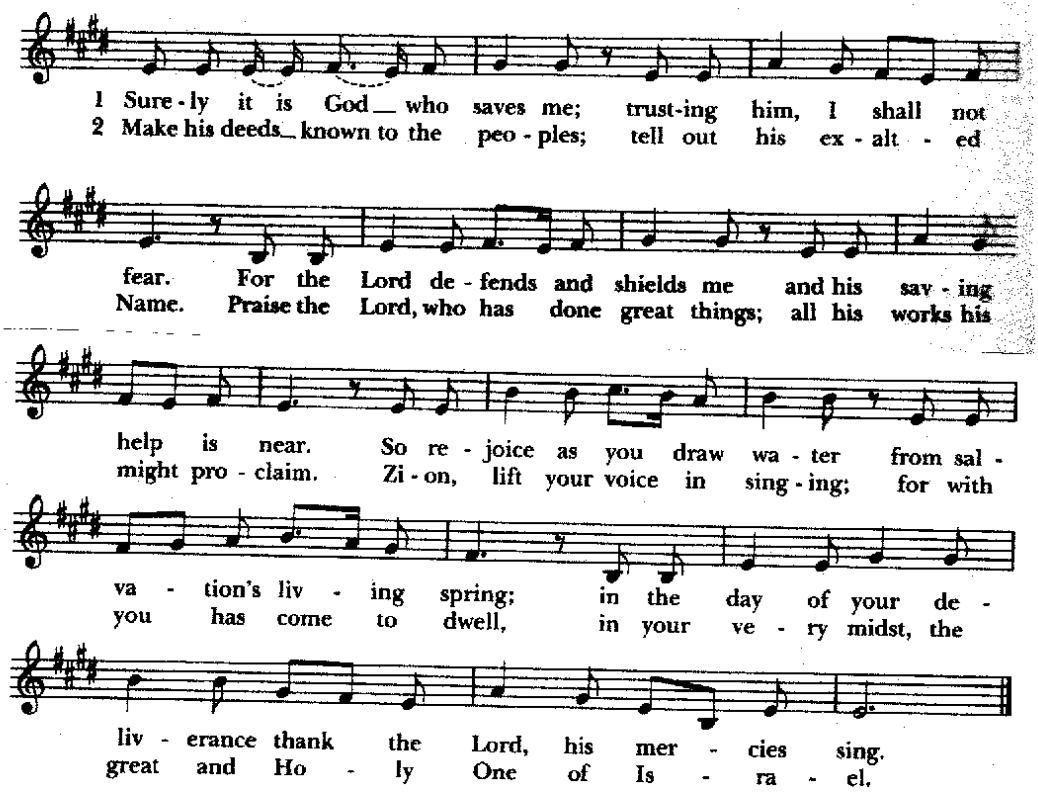
Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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LORD'S PRAYER
Our father in heaven, hallowed be your 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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The Christian Life



Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*
Music: *Thomas Merton*, Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

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