



## 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, Pastor in Charge

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**A Spring in the Desert**

March 22, 2026

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### The Gathering of the Community

*Celebrant:* We acknowledge that the land we now occupy is the ancestral home of the Wabanaki People. We grieve the history of greed and violence that led to their loss of life, land, language and culture.

*Congregation:* **We pray for the courage to find ways to support our indigenous neighbors who still face injustice and prejudice. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we belong to the Earth.**

*The service begins with the ringing of the bell three times.*

**Prelude:** *Prelude*

Marcel Dupre

*Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell.*

**Opening Hymn 457** *Thou art the Way (in back of bulletin)*

*Celebrant:* As a deer longs for water brooks, so our souls long for you, O Lord.

*Congregation:* **In the desert of our brokenness and fear, grant us not what we may want, but what we need to live lives of justice, love and peace.**

*Celebrant:* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."



Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 130**

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; ||  
let your ears consider well \*  
the voice of my suppli-cation.

If you, LORD, were to note what is done a-miss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand? ||  
For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope. ||  
My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy; ||  
With him there is plenteous re-demption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

### **Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 8:6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn 508** *Breathe on me, Breath of God (in back of bulletin)*

### **The Gospel: John 11:1-45**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I

am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in 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.*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Leader:* For all people in their daily life and work;

*Congregation:* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Silence*

*Leader:* For this community, our nation and the world;

*Congregation:* **For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.**

*Silence*

*Leader:* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*Congregation:* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.**

*Silence*

*Leader:* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

*Congregation:* **For those who minister to the sick, the lonely and the stranger among us.**

*Silence*

*Leader:* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*Congregation:* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Silence*

*Leader:* For our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our Bishop Thomas, and for all bishops and other ministers;

*Congregation:* **For all who serve God in the Church.**

*Silence*

*Leader:* For all who are searching for your healing waters in the desert of their lives;

*Congregation:* **For those in need of healing of mind, body or spirit.**

*Silence*

*Leader:* We remember those on our Prayer List:

Ross, Cathy Johnson, Meg Graham, Charlie Putnam, Judson Brown, Martha Dane, Caroline Dane, Mike S., Jennifer Hutchinson, Meredydd Cooper, Henna Torrey Roy, Liz Leuthner, Jerry, Helen and Gibbie Nauman, Agnes and Billy, Julie and Tom, Gwyn Murray, Sally, Beth Kyzer, David, Preston Henderson, Mollie Ann Meserve, Tammie and Jason Cox, Tyler Goss, Kate Hallen and Bob Blum, Judith Jerome, Mimi Maslan, Semantha, Judy Miller, Megan, Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Bill Scaife, Brent Was, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Lindsay Bowker, Marcia Scott, Carol Stoneburner. We remember all children in foster care and their caregivers.

*Silence*

*Leader:* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;

*Congregation:* **For all those gifts that bring us joy, open our hearts and give us courage.**

*Silence*

We pray for all those who have died, trusting that they are held in your eternal grace. We pray for those who grieve.

*Silence*

*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:* All these things we ask, O Lord, trusting that you meet us always in the desert of our lives, offering the healing waters of your love and grace.

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* 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 689** *I sought the 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.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **Sanctus S-124**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

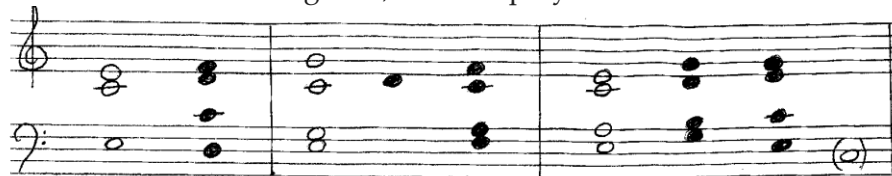
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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 our sins as we forgive those who sin against us  
Save us from the time of trial and de-liver us from evil

For the Kingdom, the power  
And the glory are yours  
Now and for-ever, A-men.

### **Fraction Anthem**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*Celebrant and Congregation:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. 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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God ...

*Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.*

*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

Gracious and Holy One, you have met us in our desert places, and have fed us with the bread and wine of your incarnate presence. Send us forth now in the power of your Spirit, that all might know the healing waters of your grace and love. Amen.

### The Blessing

May God the Creator find you in your desert places.

May God the Redeemer lead you to the spring of life.

May God the Spirit fill you with courage and hope for the living of these days, and may you know it to be all joy.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*Congregation: Amen.*

**Sending Hymn 675** *Take up your cross (in back of bulletin)*

**Postlude:** *Voluntary*

George Goltermann

### Announcements

### Dismissal

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## GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

### LOVE IN ACTION

**Lenten practice?** How to respond with hope, gratitude, compassion, and love in the midst of very unsettling, unprecedented times of misuse of power, absence of truth-telling, disregard of common good, democratic and constitutional norms. **Practice resistance** to the forces of fear, violence, and war that are swirling around our country and world.

The practices below are partially taken from the wonderful Red Hat Story shared in our **March 1 Navigator** under **News from Near and Far**.

*Resistance is...*

*speaking freely and without fear*, whether in public demonstration or to your inner group of friends

*refusing* simplistic language that pits groups against each other

*taking a break* from media when it stokes your fear and anger

*getting to know your neighbor*, especially those unlike yourself

*not losing hope* that there is some good in this world and it's worth fighting for

*joining* with Sunset Congregational Church friends on Thursdays at 3 PM

for a Vigil emphasizing loving kindness and a peaceful point of view

57 Church St (Route 15)

This Lent pick one form of resistance to practice throughout Lent, or try a different one each week

## CALENDAR

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

Monday, March 23	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, March 25	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers – Elder Dwight Staples, reflector
Palm Sunday, March 29	10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding 2:00-4:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Art Show Opening

### Looking Ahead

Wednesday, April 1	7:00 p.m. Tenebrae (Service of Shadows)
Thursday, April 2	5:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service
Friday, April 3	5:00 p.m. Good Friday service
Saturday, April 4	7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Francis by the Sea
Sunday, April 5	6:00 a.m. Easter Service at Commercial Pier, Stonington 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding
Tuesday through Saturday March 31-April 4 April 7-April 11	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Art Show open

Thou art the Way, to thee alone *The Hymnal 1982, #457*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics are printed between the staves. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady bass line and a melody in the treble.

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;  
4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.  
thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Words: George Washington Doane (1799-1859), alt. Music: *St. James*, Raphael Courteville (d. 1735).

## Breathe on me, Breath of God *The Hymnal 1982*, #508

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the final three lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

# I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew *The Hymnal 1982, #689*

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in three numbered lines, with the first line containing three verses. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

1 I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew he  
 2 Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold; I  
 3 I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole of

moved my soul to seek him, seek - ing me; it was not  
 walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea; 'twas not so  
 love is but my an - swer, Lord, to thee: for thou wert

I that found, O Sa - vior true; no, I was found of thee.  
 much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.  
 long be - fore - hand with my soul, al - ways thou lov - edst me.

Words: Anon., Pilgrim Hymnal, 1904. Music: *Faith*, J. Harold Moyer (b. 1927). Mennonite Publishing House.

## Take up your cross, the Savior said *The Hymnal 1982, #675*



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

### Our Values

These are our **values** at St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church.

We will:

**Welcome** others with **respect** and **compassion**;

**Listen** to others with **trust** and **appreciation**;

**Seek God's goodness** in each person;

Strive for **consensus** and work **collaboratively**;

Join in acts of **loving kindness**;

**Share our faith** joyfully across the generations;

**Engage** as many of our **parishioners** as possible, **year-round**, in our  
 common life and ministries;