

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. Brent Was, Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director
Joan Maxwell and Carolyn Mor, Healers

A Service of Healing

Pentecost Proper 17

August 31, 2025

This service of prayers for healing asserts that God's purpose for us all is a life of wholeness, as expressed in the life and teaching of Jesus. The ministry of healing is an integral part of our Christian witness.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in times of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.
During communion, after receiving the bread and wine, there will be an opportunity for those desiring healing to receive a blessing with the laying on of hands by a member of the healing team.
Whether or not you choose to receive such a blessing (indicated by extending your open hands), we know that God's healing purpose, the promise of God's fulfilling and sustaining love, is for every one of us, and is carried in bread and wine as well as in the laying on of hands. We invite you to receive God's healing presence in all the ways that feel right for you.

The Gathering of the Community

Leader: 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 bell is rung three times

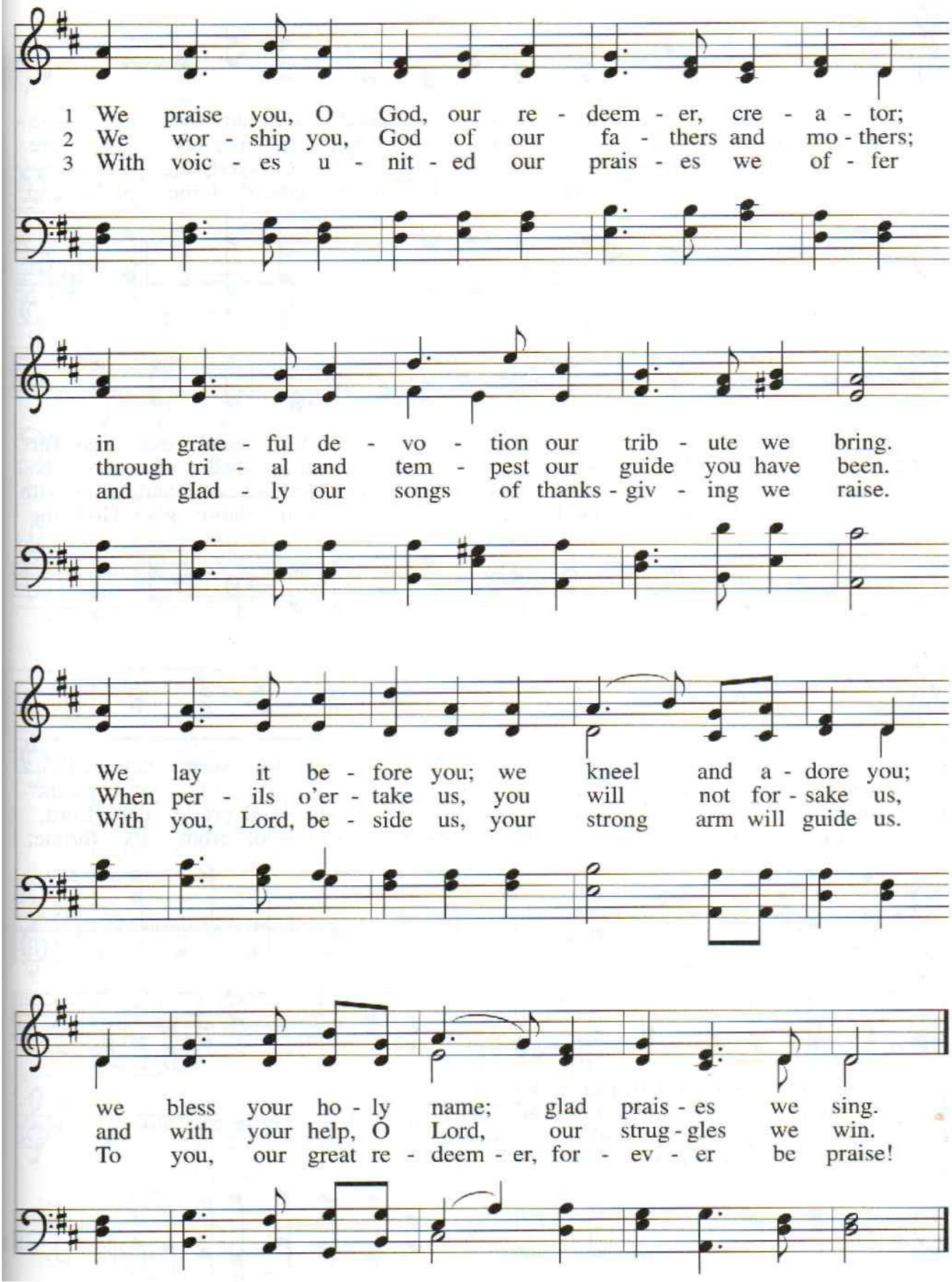
Prelude: *Sing my Soul, His Wondrous Love* Ned Rorem

Opening Hymn 652 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (in back of bulletin)*

Leader: We gather in Your presence, God,
Congregation: **in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**
Leader: We come to You, for You come to us in Jesus,
Congregation: **and You know by experience what human life is like.**
Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts;
Congregation: **we come with our hopes and with our fears.**
Leader: We come as we are, because You have invited us;
Congregation: **and You have promised never to turn us away.**
Leader: God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the lovingkindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that being renewed by You, we may witness Your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Song of Praise: *(next page)*

We Praise You, O God 870



Collects of the Day

Leader: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Loving God, you call us into a community of mutual support and health. Bring your healing touch to all who are sick, strengthen medical professionals who minister to those who suffer, encourage us to accompany those who are lonely, and bring hope to all who are in despair. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 112



Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his com-mandments! ‖
Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever. ‖
Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of com-passion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice. ‖
For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re-membrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord. ‖
Their heart is established and will not shrink, *

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor. ‖
The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine a-way; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"
Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn ELW 614 *There is a Balm in Gilead (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ**
On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.
When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, `Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, `Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."
He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at

the resurrection of the righteous.
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Reflection The Rev. Brent Was

Silence

Affirmation
We believe in God, the source of love,
who breathed God's Spirit into all of creation,
who created humanity in God's own image and likeness,
and who calls God's children to be about the work of reconciliation
and justice in the world God so loves.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,
who was born of a woman,
who modeled for us a way of living on the earth,
and whose passionate love for God's creation
led to his Passion and death on the cross.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who moved over the darkness at the beginning to bring light and life,
and who moves over the darkness still,
opening our hearts to God's incarnate presence in our midst
and calling us to be manifestations of incarnation
in the name and in the way of Jesus.

The Prayers
Leader: Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace.
Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. We remember those on our prayer list:

Helen and Gibbie Nauman, Mimi Gerstell, Agnes and Billy, Barbara K., Julie and Tom,
Gwen Murray, Sally, Beth Kyzer, David, Preston Henderson, Mollie Ann Meserve,
Heidi (Jonny's mother), Tammie and Jason Cox, Tyler Goss, Kate Hallen and Bob Blum,
Judith Jerome, Mimi Maslan, Susan Manne, Semantha, Judy, Megan, Bishop Thomas Brown,
Naomi, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca,
Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Brent Was, Bill Scaife, Gary and Wellesley,
Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Seth,
Linda Shepard and family, Mary Ann Shaw, Lindsay Bowker, Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner,
Carol Stoneburner

Leader: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled;
Congregation: **May they be made whole.**

Leader: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering;
Congregation: **Grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.**

Leader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin;
Congregation: **Mend broken relationships in our lives and restore wholeness in our relationship with our Mother Earth.**

Leader: Grant to the dying peace; give the departed eternal rest.
Congregation: **Uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.**

Leader: Hear us, O Lord of life:
Congregation: **Heal us, and make us whole.**
Leader: Please offer your prayers and thanksgivings at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

Leader: Let us pray.
Congregation: **O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession of Sin
Celebrant: God of wild, windy and prodigal love,
Congregation: **We confess our bondage to fear,**
Our smallness of heart,
Our lack of imagination,
Our guardedness in giving,
Our complicity in systems of racial and economic injustice,
Our misuse of the gifts of creation,
Our resistance to the Way of Jesus.
We ask your mercy and the power of your Wholly, Holy Spirit
to burn through our defenses,
to break open our hearts,
to ignite our imaginations and
to raise us from the dead,
that we might be signs of your healing and liberating love in the world.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesu Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life
Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Peace within yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with you who are with us remotely today.
Peace with one another.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn ELW 617 *We come to you for healing, Lord (in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

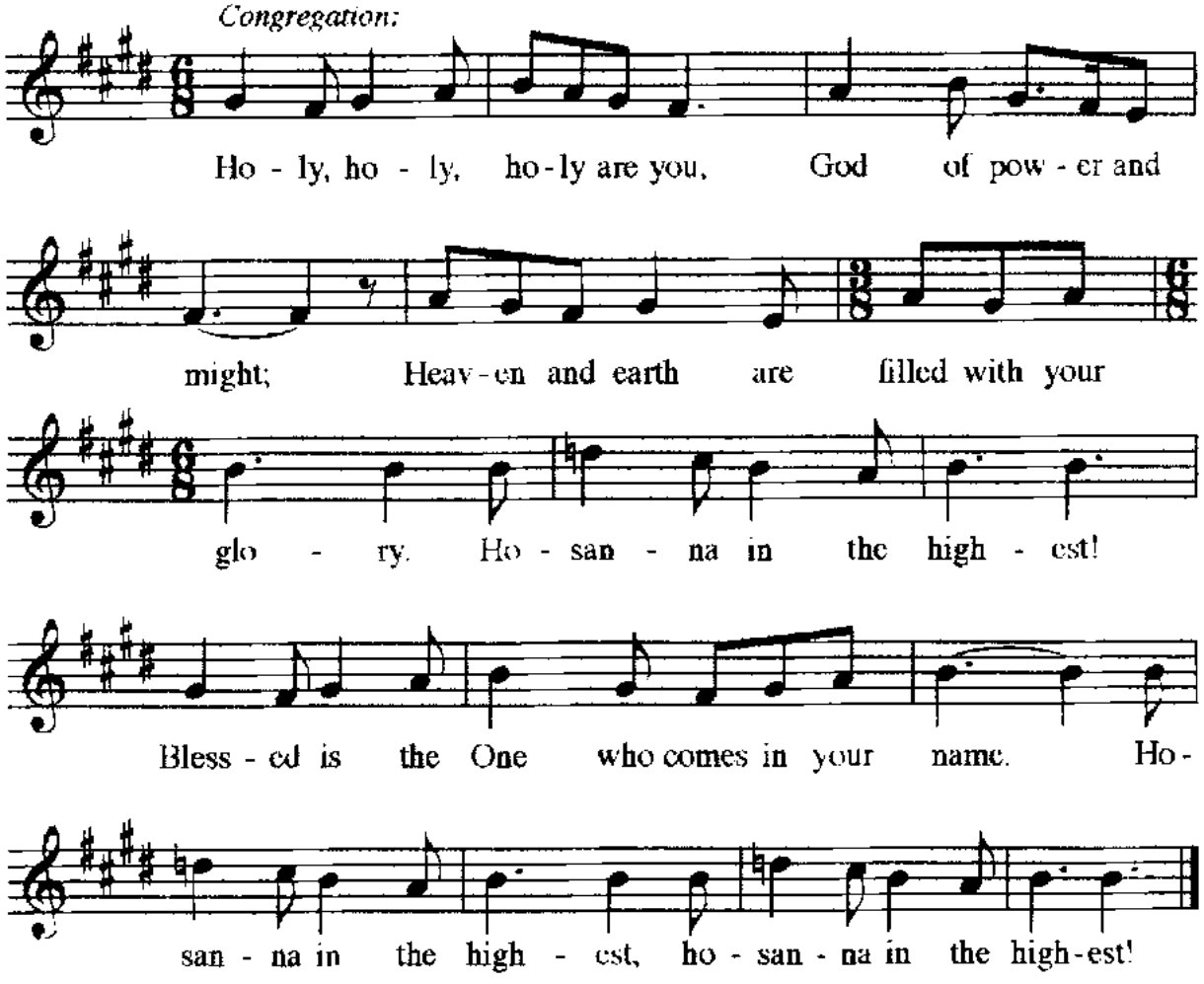
Congregation: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



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Celebrant: 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:

Celebrant and Congregation: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God …

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

Those desiring healing should open their palms and a member of the healing team will come to them for the laying on of hands.

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.
Congregation: **We pray for those who are with us virtually that they experience God's presence and love in any part of their lives that is in need of healing.**

Post Communion Prayer
Celebrant: We give thanks for this meal of Holy Mystery and remembrance,
and for coming to us as we have shared it.
Congregation: **May the love we find at this table**
be reflected in our lives;
May the power we receive at this table
make us peacemakers and healers;
And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table
lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign
in every word we speak and in everything we do.
Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn 660 *O Master let me walk with thee (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude*: Voluntary on Maryton*

Announcements

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Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action

Love in Action

St Brendan's Mission statement asks us to **Love, Praise, Welcome, and Serve.**

This week, as you awake each morning, choose one of those "action" verbs and plan how you are going to live it that day. In the evening, as you settle into sleep, reflect on how your day went, how the Mission statement came alive in you that day.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, September 1	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, September 2	9:00 a.m. Annual Worship and Music Ministry Retreat (in person)
Wednesday, September 3	10:00 a.m. In Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Rock painting -- Bible Study resumes on September 17 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Friday, September 5	10:30 a.m. Education and Spiritual Development Ministry meeting
Sunday, September 7	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes, Celebrant 12:30 p.m. "Interacting with Wabanaki-Maine history", Blue Hill Library. Registration required. See Navigator for link

Looking Ahead

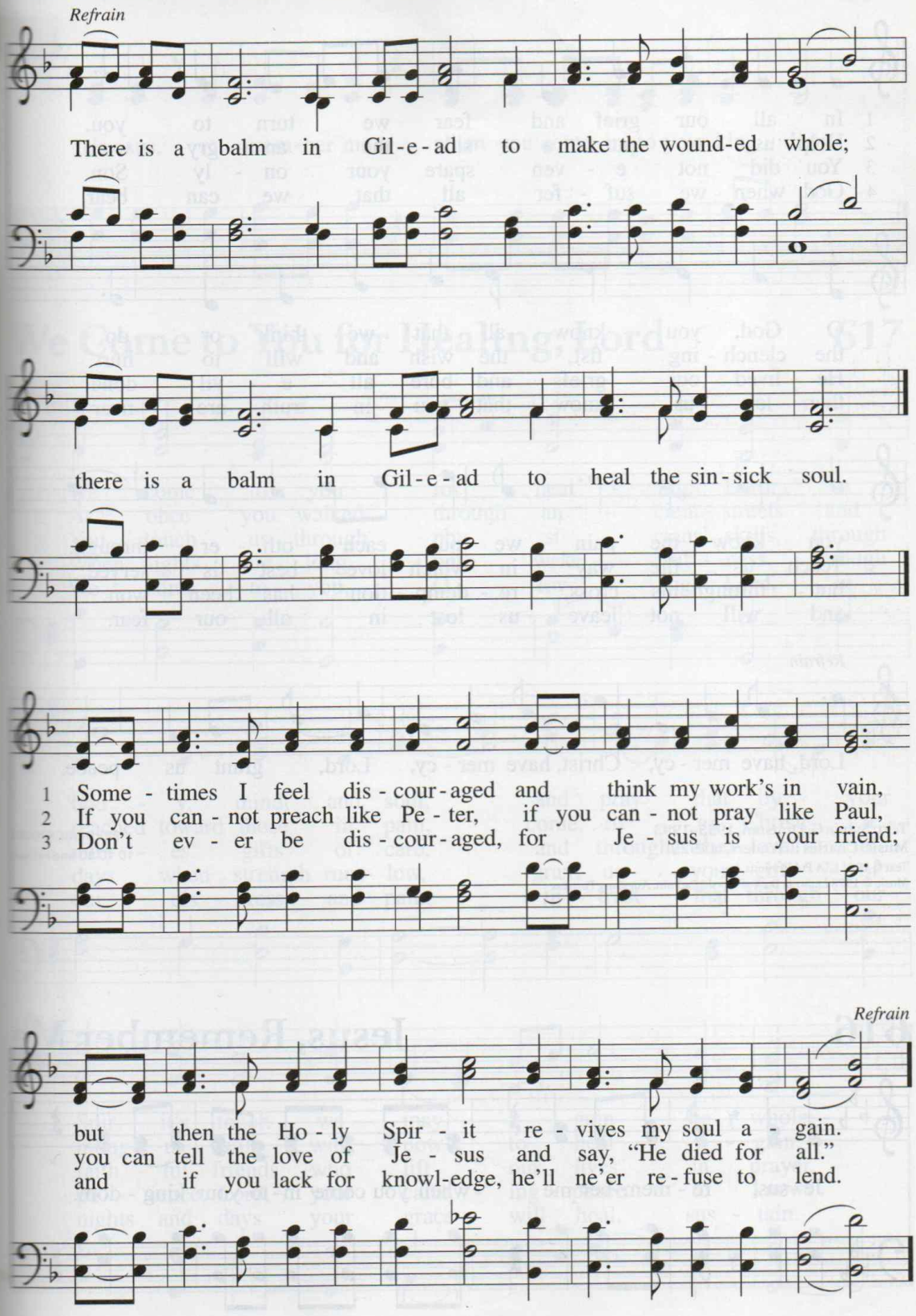
Monday, September 8 to Thursday, September 11	Women's Retreat at Bishopswood (call Martha Dane 207-348-5245 with any questions)
Friday, September 12	7:00 p.m. Screening of the film *Echoes of the Forks of Cypress.* See Navigator for further details
Sunday, September 14	5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide with Donald Hankinson, reflector
Saturday, September 20	10:00 a.m. Service of Celebration for Michael Hewes at the Blue Hill Congregational Church

Dear Lord and Father of mankind *The Hymnal 1982,* #652



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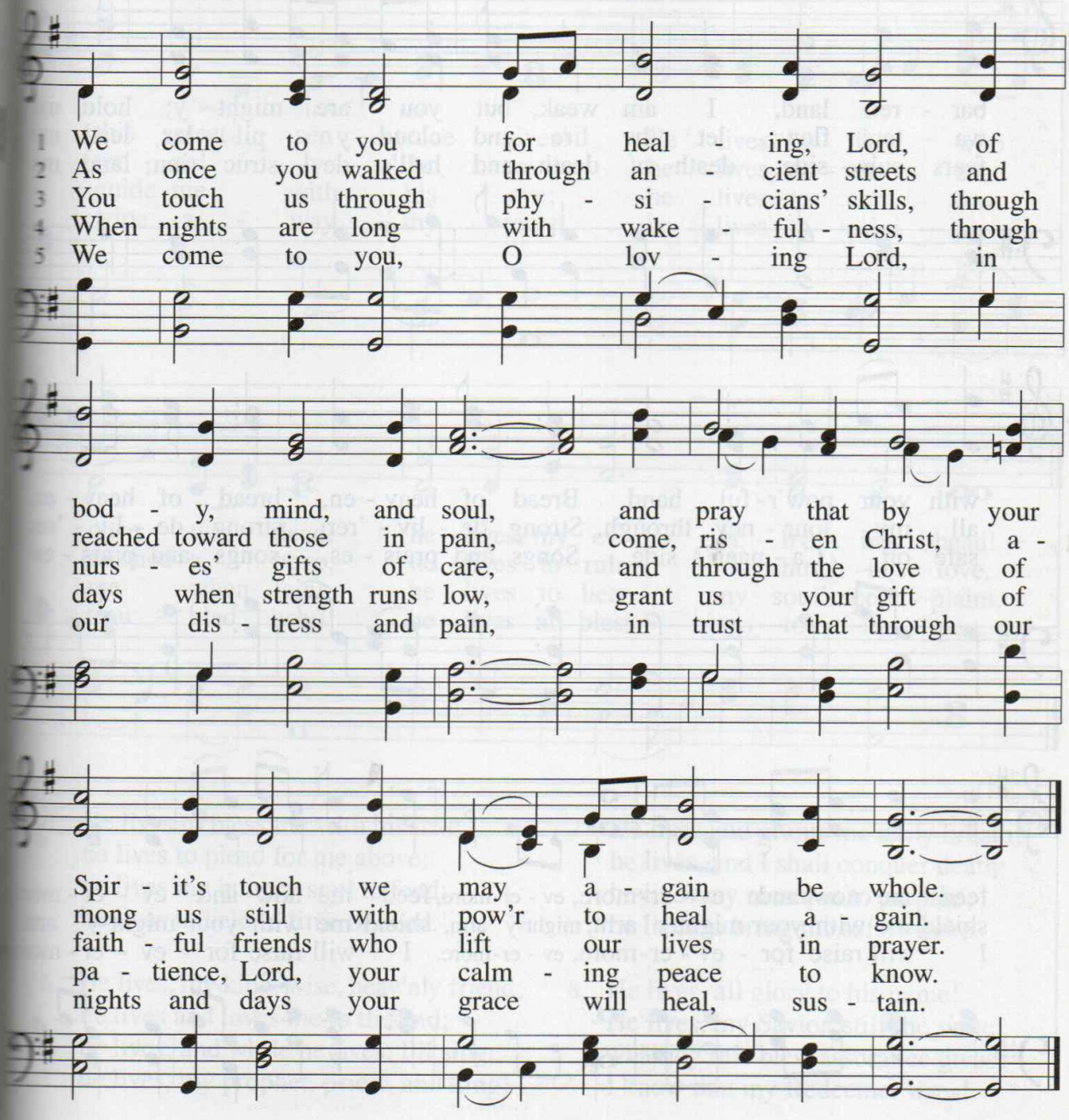
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