

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 and Celebrant
The Rev. Timothy Ensworth, Preacher
Connie Mayo, Choir Director
Scott Cleveland, Guest Musician

Reformation Sunday
Pentecost Proper 25
October 25, 2026

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.**

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

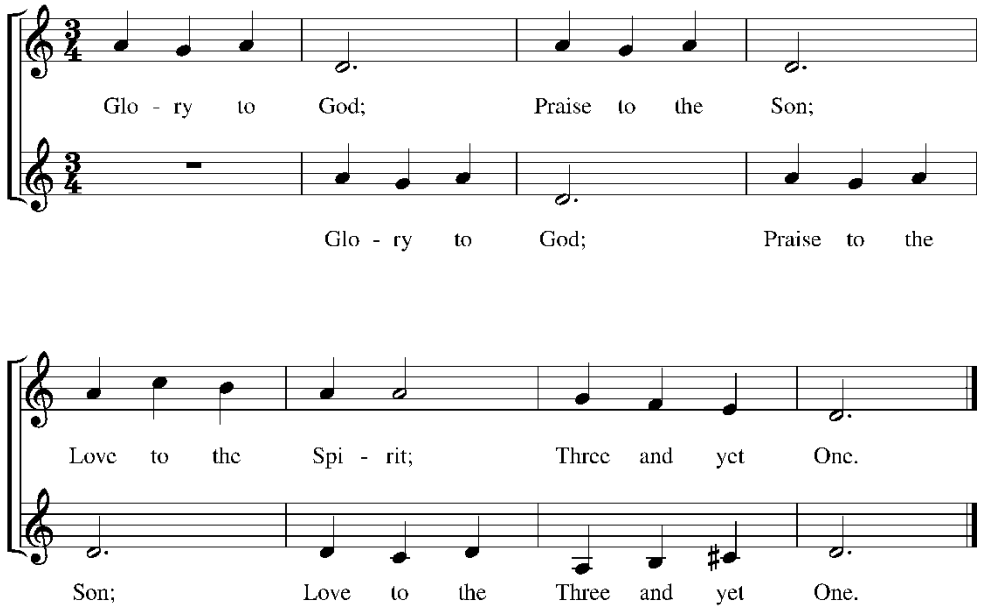
Prelude: *Andante* Scott Cleveland

Opening Hymn: 680 *O God, our help in ages past (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences
Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.
Congregation: **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

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.**

Song of Praise: WLP 821 *(Choir members will sing through once. Then the Congregation sings two more times)*



Music: John L. Bell and the Wild Goose Worship Group from *Come All You People.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.
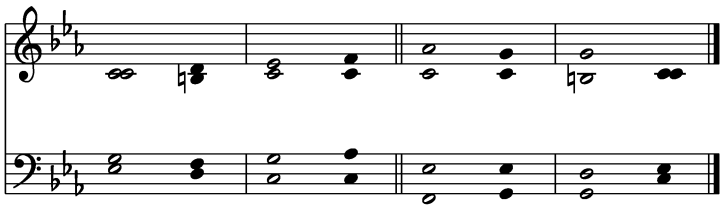
Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90 (portion) **S-414**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



O Lord, you have always been our home.*
Before you created the hills or brought the world into being, ‖
you were eternally God,*
and will be God for-ever.

You tell us to return to what we were;*
you change us back to dust. ‖
A thousand years to you are like one day;*
they are like yesterday, already gone,
like a short hour in the night.

You carry us away like a flood;*
we last no longer than a dream. ‖
We are like weeds that sprout in the morning,*
that grow and burst into bloom,
then dry up and die in the evening.

We are destroyed by your anger;*
we are terrified by your fury. ‖
You place our sins be-fore you,*
our secret sins where you can see them.

Our life is cut short by your anger;*
it fades away like a whisper. ‖
Seventy years is all we have—
eighty years, if we are strong;*
yet all they bring us is trouble and sorrow;
life is soon over, and we are gone.

Who has felt the full power of your anger?*
Who knows what fear your fury can bring? ‖
Teach us how short our life is,*
so that we may become wise.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: *(Lyrics below)*

Love, love, love, love.
The gospel in a word is love.
Love your neighbor as yourself.
Love, love, love.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Sermon The Rev. Timothy Ensworth

Silence

Affirmation

As children of God, we affirm:
That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation, and
that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.
That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.
That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment, and
that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

As we enter the last weeks of Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar, let us invite the Spirit to blow through our lives and inspire us to live and practice our faith in ever more extraordinary ways.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for this community of St Brendan, and for all members of God's family that we witness more vividly the presence of God and God's love for all.

Hear us O God and may we always be thankful for your presence with us.

We pray for the sick, for the lonely, and for those grieving the loss of a loved one.
Hear us O God and may we be ready to offer your love and compassion where it is needed.

We pray for justice and peace for all nations and persons, for a world without conflict.
Hear us O God and give us the courage to advocate for those who are oppressed.

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth and for all peoples impacted by our changing climate, especially by the scarcity of water and other basic resources.
Hear us O God and help us to understand that we can and must live more simply so that others may simply live.

We remember those who have died and give thanks for their presence in our lives. We hold up all who mourn.
Assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us united with them in your everlasting love..

Leader: I invite you to add your own prayers and thanksgivings.

Members of the congregation are invited to add prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

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

Together we pray,
Holy One, in love you created us. Grant us the wisdom of your love wherever it leads us and may we always be nourished and energized by your Spirit.

Confession of Sin
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.
Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Peace now, peace here, peace everywhere.
Peace to one and peace to all.
Peace among all nations, peace flowing from every heart
Peace to wrap around the corner-less world
until peace becomes an embrace that will never let go.
The peace of Christ 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: 602 *Jesu, Jesu fill us with your love (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.

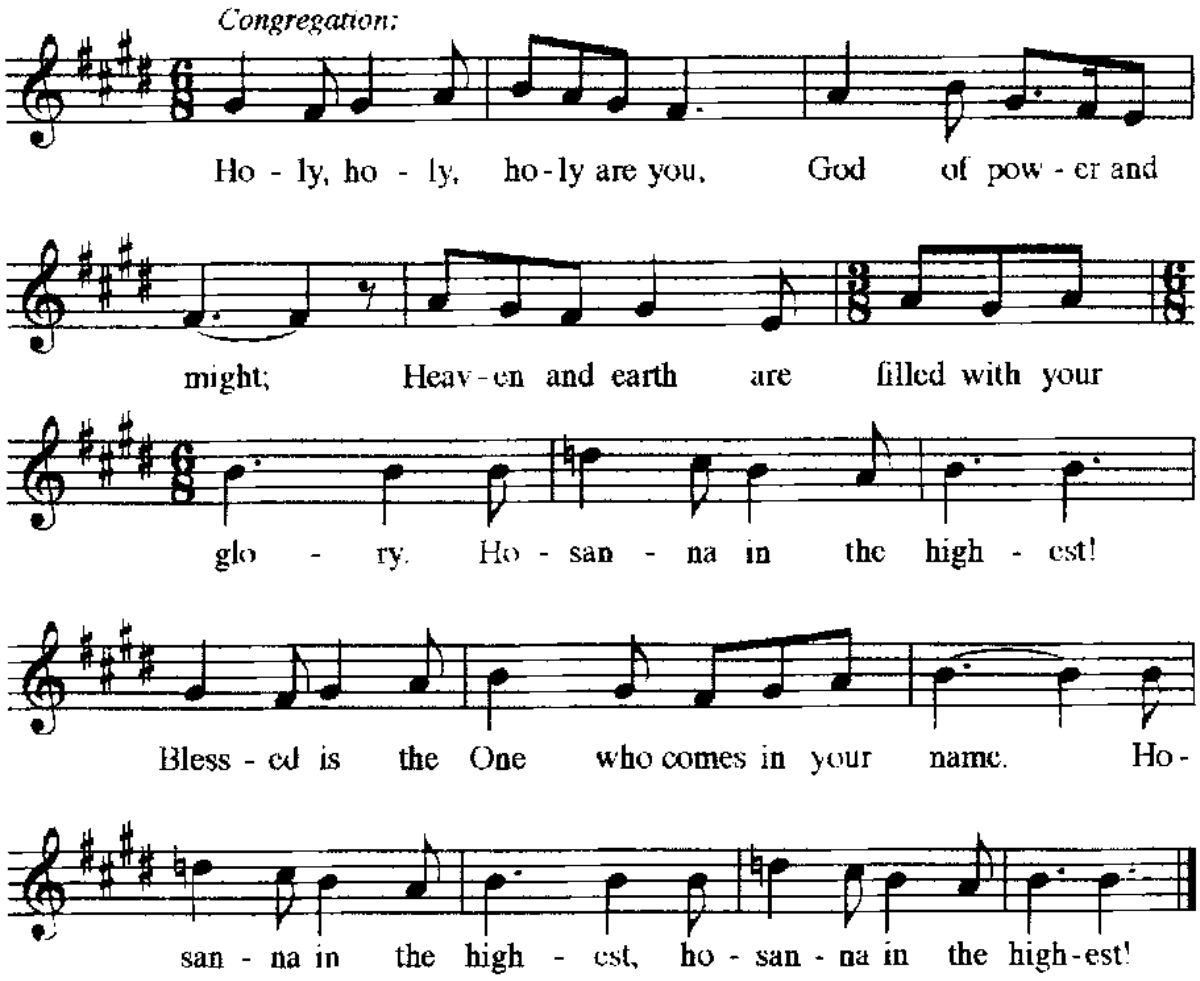
Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus ELW 191



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Celebrant continues: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and Congregation:

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People: **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

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 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.

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.

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 of creation.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: NCH 476 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Prelude in G* J.S. Bach

Announcements

Dismissal

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GPS (Giving Our Priorities Shape) Action Item

Love Thy Neighbor

For the last six weeks of Ordinary Time before the first Sunday of Advent, you are invited to engage more intensely in your "practice" of faith, your heart's commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and, in particular, to the call to "Love Thy Neighbor."

There are so many opportunities **– Simmering Pot soup preparation this Monday, October 26**, the WindowDressers Build at St Brendan's October 30-November 5, Island Heating Assistance Fundraiser concert at St Brendan's on Friday, November 14, 3-5 PM, a meal shared, a letter written, a phone call made, a smile, a kind word, a gesture of forgiveness….

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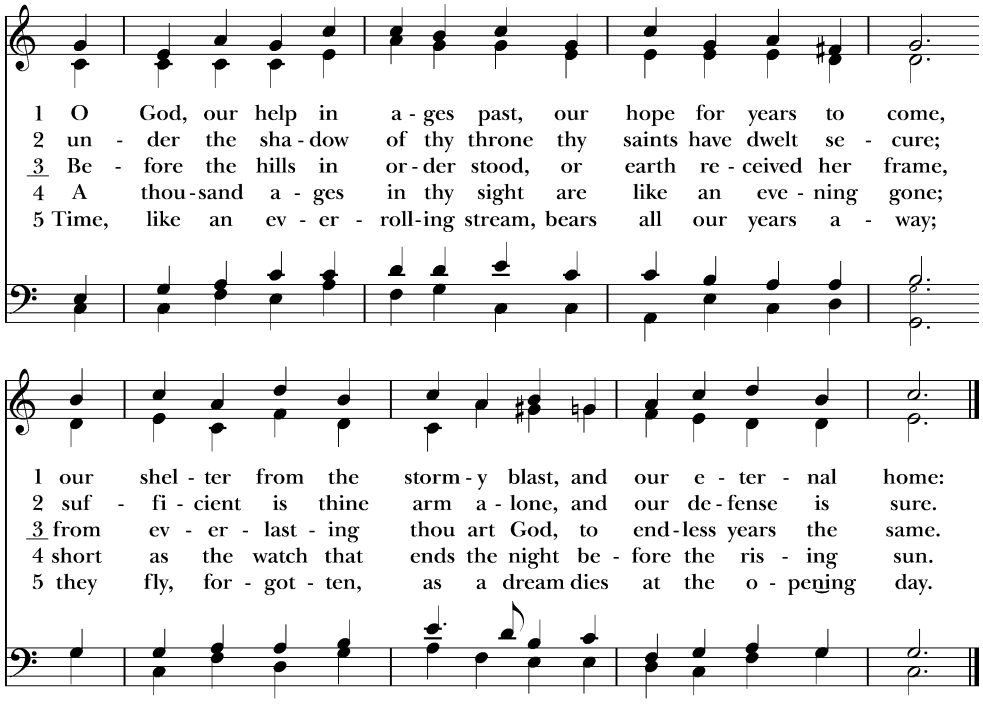
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, October 26	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, October 28	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece presents a session entitled *"Six Mystical Poets Sing about Creation".* 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Friday, October 30-- Thursday, November 5	8:30 a.m. –5:30 p.m. WindowDressers Community Build
Sunday, November 1	10:00 a.m. All Saints' Day Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

Looking Ahead

Thursday, November 12	5:00 p.m. Potluck Supper and Discussion on Bishop Mariann Budde's book *How We Learn to be Brave*
Saturday, November 14	3:00 p.m. IHAP fundraiser concert - Frank Gotwals & Kit Loekle

God, our help in ages past *The Hymnal 1982,* #680

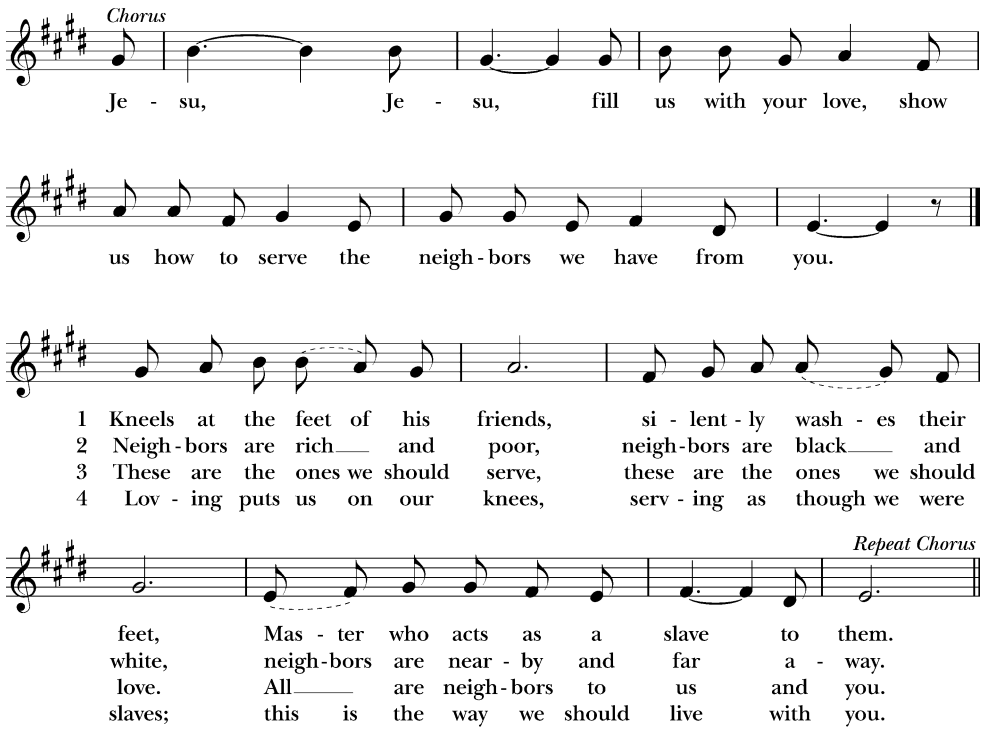


6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Kneels at the feet of his friends *The Hymnal 1982,* #602

Jesu, Jesu fill us with your love
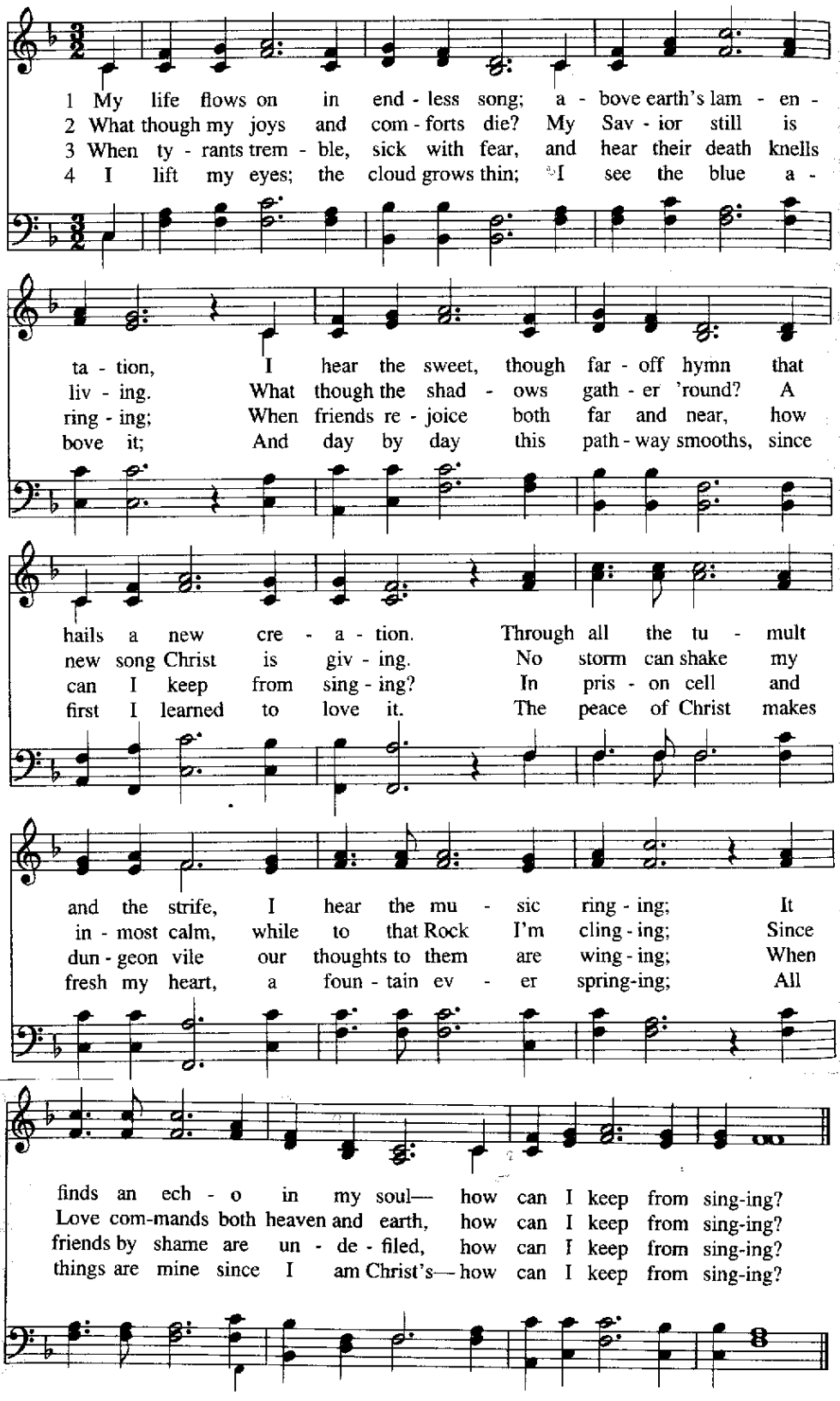


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476 My Life Flows on in Endless Song
(How Can I Keep from Singing)

Ps. 46:1–7; 1 Cor. 3:21–23; 2 Cor. 5:17

Anon. in Bright Jewels for the Sunday School, *ed. Robert Lowry, 1869; alt.*
St. 3, Doris Plenn, c. 1957



In various nineteenth-century hymnals this hymn was attributed to different poets, including Anna Warner. The earliest published source credits Robert Lowry as the composer, although Silas Vail later claimed the music. The third stanza was written by Doris Plenn in the 1950s when her friends were imprisoned during the McCarthy era.

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D.
Attrib. to Robert Lowry in Bright Jewels for the Sunday School, *New York, 1869*

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.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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;
Learn from our past and look to the future with **hope**.