

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, Priest in Charge
The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling, Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Pentecost Proper 4

June 2, 2024

Celebrant: We honor the Indigenous people everywhere, particularly the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth.
Congregation: **May we learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

The Gathering of the Community

The service begins with the ringing of the bell three times

Prelude: *Souvenir* Marcel Dupre

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell.
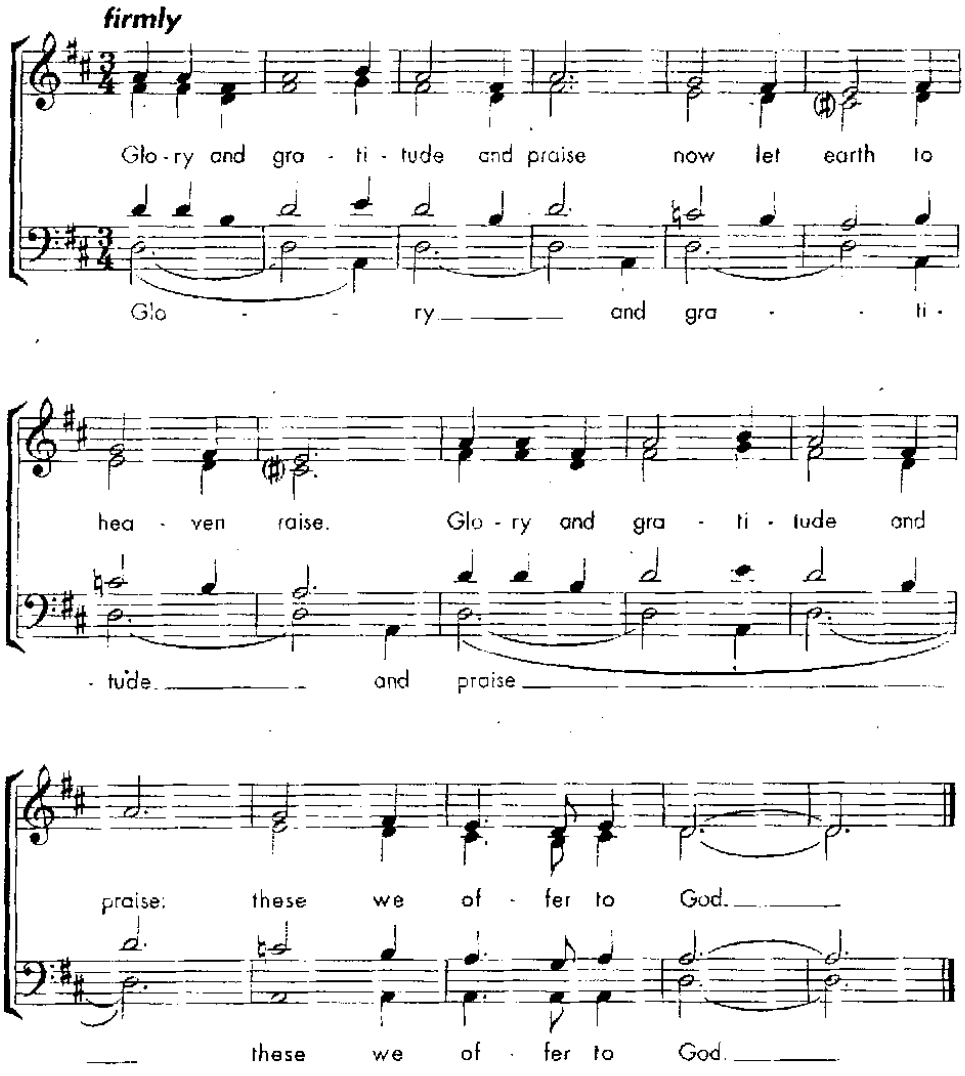
Opening Hymn 390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences
Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Congregation: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise:

Glory and gratitude

Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule
Music: John L. Bell



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The Collect of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
God made known in human frailty;
your chosen one walked through fields
where bitterness flourished
and mercy was enclosed:
break through our conspiracies
of unholy power
and teach us what it means
to save and honour life;
through Jesus Christ, lord of the Sabbath
Congregation: **Amen.**

From Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 81 *(recited in three voices plus the Congregation)*
Reader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.
Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

Reader: For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt.

Voice One: I hear a voice I had not known.

Voice Two: Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

Voices One and Two: I relieved your shoulder of the burden;
your hands were freed from the basket.
In distress you called, and I rescued you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*

Voice One: Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Voice Two: But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.
So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

Voice One: O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

Voice Two: Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.
Those who hate them would cringe before them, and their doom would last forever.

Voice One and Two: I would feed you with the finest of wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

Second Lesson: Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:5-12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 634 *I call on thee, Lord Jesus Christ (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."
Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the

man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling

Silence

Affirmation
We believe that God is love,
so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.
We believe that Jesus took the form of a slave,
so we commit ourselves to serve others.
We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit,
so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.
We believe that God is the light of life,
so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in our world.
We believe that the Spirit speaks through us,
so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news
of abundant life in the world God loves.

Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

That the church may shine with the glory of the face of Christ. We pray for all priests, deacons, and lay leaders that they may be strengthened to faithfully serve God.
Congregation: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That we may faithfully serve Christ as the church, opening our hearts to welcome all who come to our door not as other but as our neighbor, made in the image of God.
Congregation: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That we observe and respect those laws that seek the welfare of all people and move us toward justice and peace.
Congregation: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That each sabbath bring us closer to the health and fullness of life that God intends for us, the earth and all creatures great and small.
Congregation: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That all who are suffering, whether in body, mind or spirit, from illness or the effects of war, violence, homelessness, economic hardship, loneliness or addiction may find strength and solace in your love and your commitment to the wellbeing of every human life.
Congregation: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all who have died; for those who mourn the loss of a loved one; for those who tend the dying; for those who will die today we pray they find strength and rest in the face of your mercy, Lord.

Congregation: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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?

Leader: O Holy One, sustainer of the church, hear our prayers, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Set our hearts on fire with your love and give us the courage to speak and live that love as we minister to each other and the world.
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: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
You have been set free by the love of God made known in Jesus and by the power of God's creating, liberating Spirit. Rise from what binds you into the love that calls you, and burn with God's Holy Spirit in all that you do. In the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Acknowledgment of Birthdays, Anniversaries and other significant events in June

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

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn WLP 771 *O God of gentle strength (in back of bulletin)*
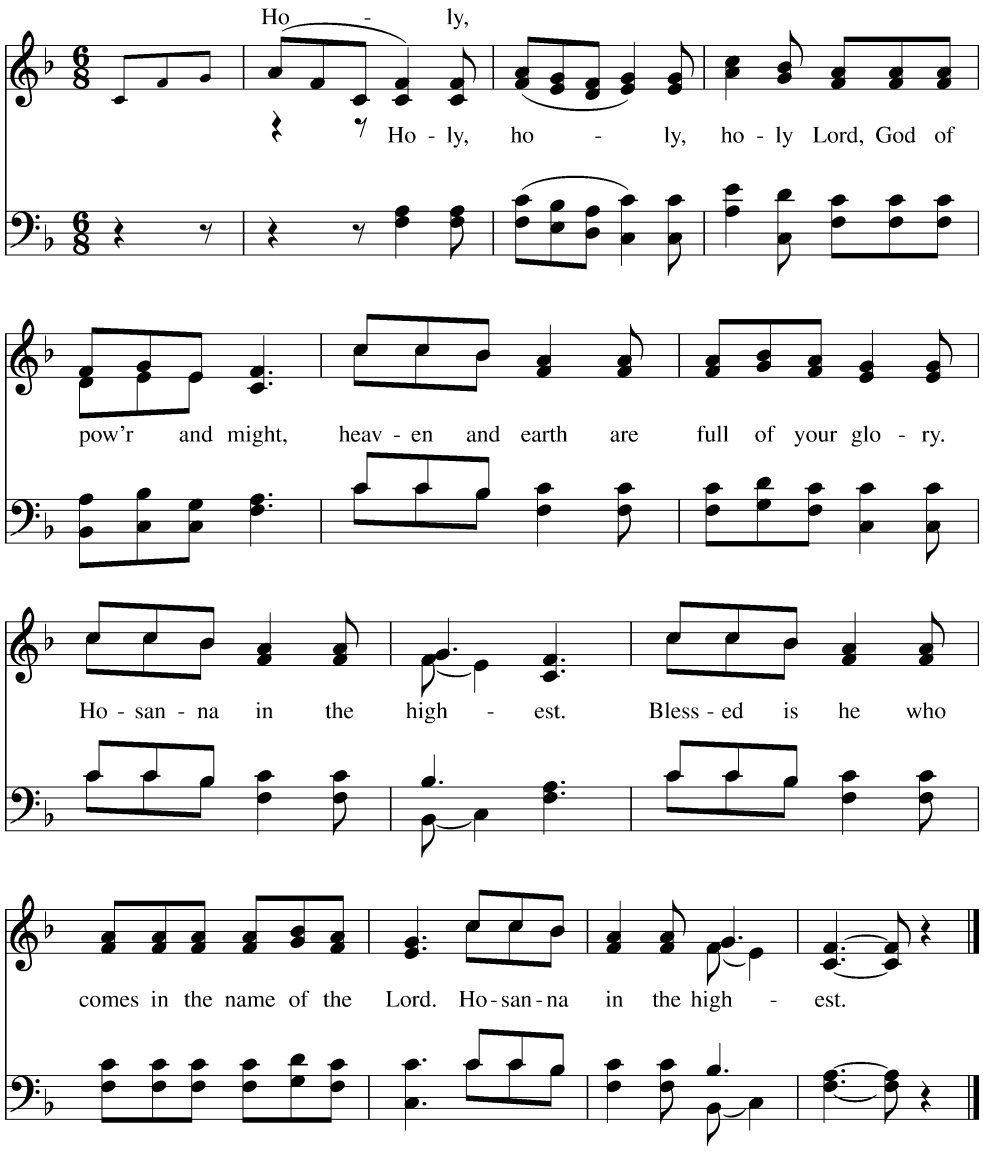
Eucharistic Prayer *Enriching our Worship #3*

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 *(next page)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord *[Sanctus]*



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The 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:

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.

Congregation: **Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer our Lord taught us to 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.**

Celebrant: In recognition of and in solidarity with those who are worshiping with us remotely this morning, we pray this prayer of spiritual communion:

*Celebrant and Congregation***: In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of the Church**

where the bread and wine are offered, and in union with those who are with us today by the internet, we offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. We believe that Jesus is present in the Breaking of the Bread, the Holy Sacrament of Communion and in ways more numerous and mysterious than we can imagine. We embrace you, Jesus, with all our hearts, souls and minds. Nothing can separate us from you, nor are we separated from one another.

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

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

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 WLP 773 *Heal me, hands of Jesus (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *St. Anne* C. S. Lang

Announcements

Dismissal

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The Confession was written by Elaine Hewes.
The Prayers of the People were written by Emily Blair Stribling.

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

Monday, June 3	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, June 5	9:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Ministry meeting 10:00 a.m. In Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Thursday, June 6	9:00 a.m. Worship & Music Ministry meeting
Sunday, June 9	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding 5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide

Looking Ahead

Wednesdays, June 19-July 3	10:30 a.m. *Vices of the Mind* study
Saturday, June 29	11:00 a.m. Marilyn Verhey's memorial service
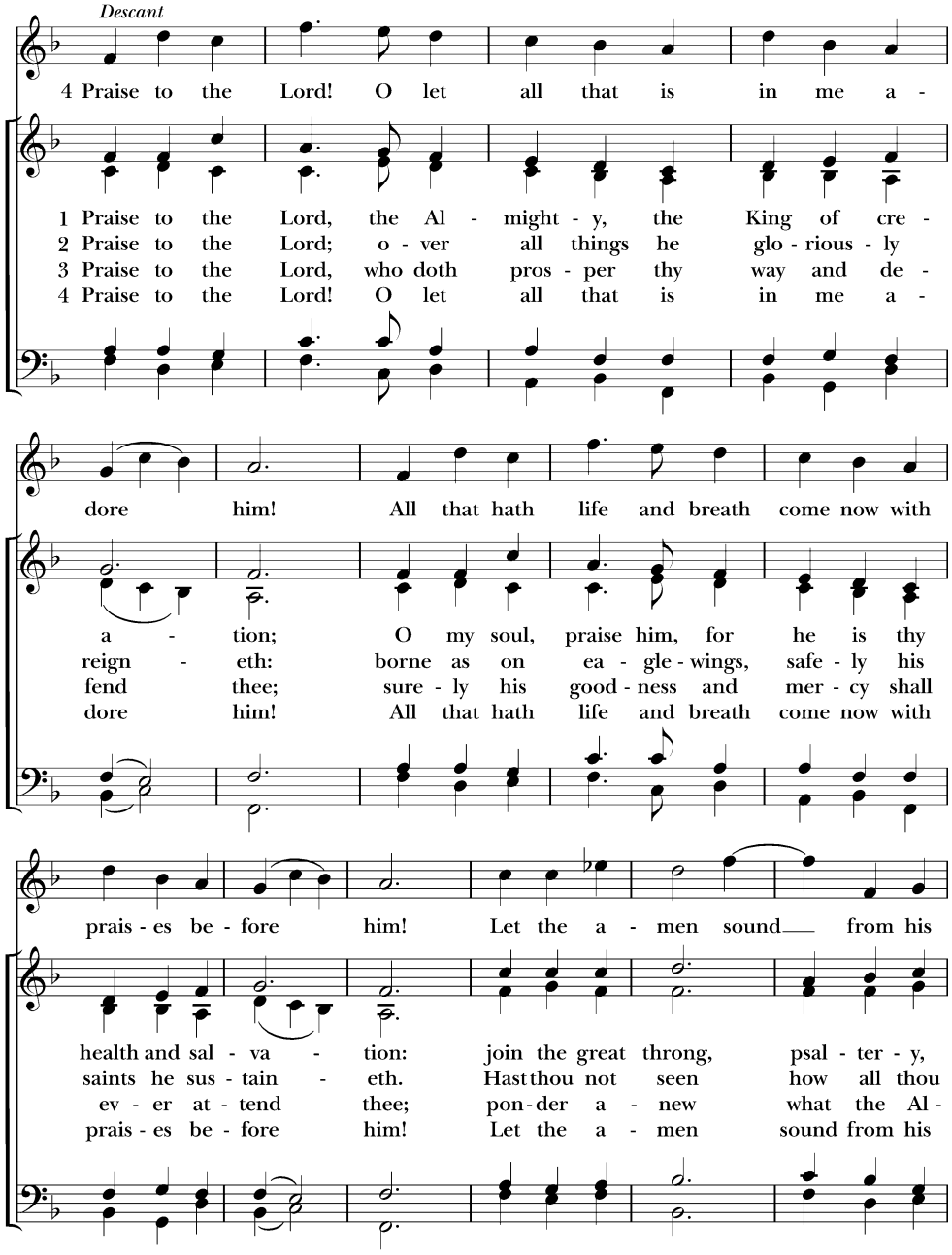
GPS (Getting our Priorities Straight)
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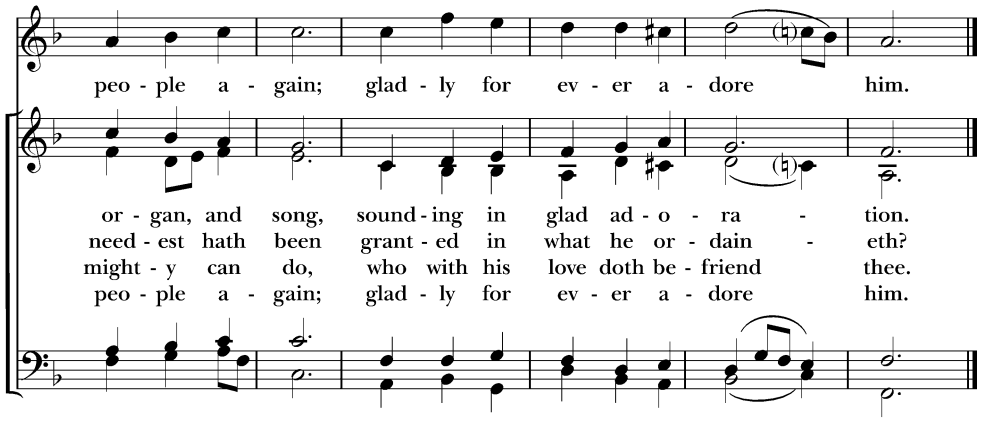
Love Thy Neighbor

Do you have a few hours to spare on a Wednesday or Friday?

Healthy Island Project is always seeking volunteers to support their health programming. They have a Food Pantry every Wednesday, 2-5:30 p.m., at Community of Christ Church, 91 S. Burnt Cove Road, and a once-a-month delivery of food staples from Good Shepherd Food Bank on the morning of the fourth Wednesday of the month for which many hands-on deck are needed. They could use volunteer workers at their booth every Friday at the Stonington Farmer's Market. For more information on these events and other ways you can help, call (207) 367-6332.
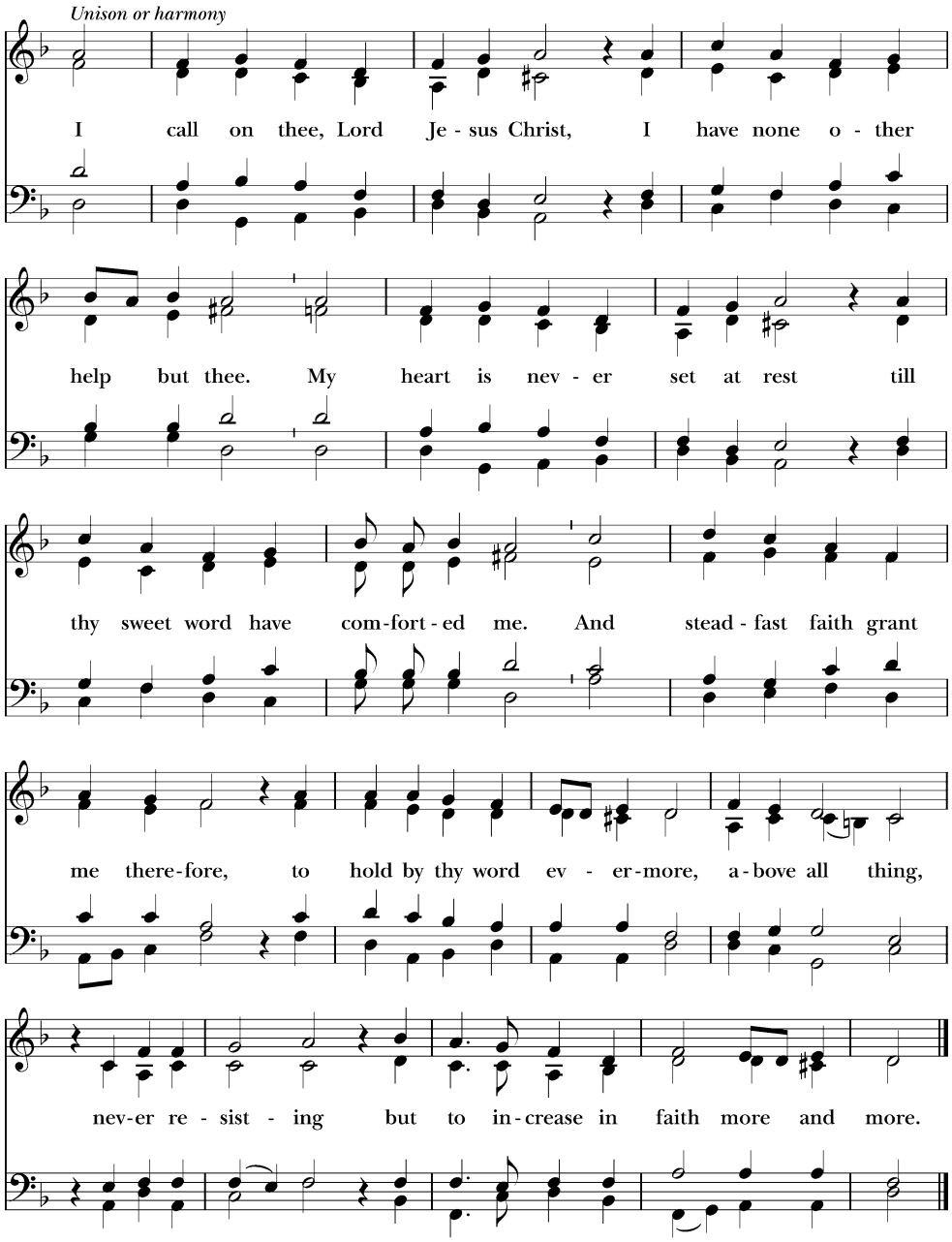
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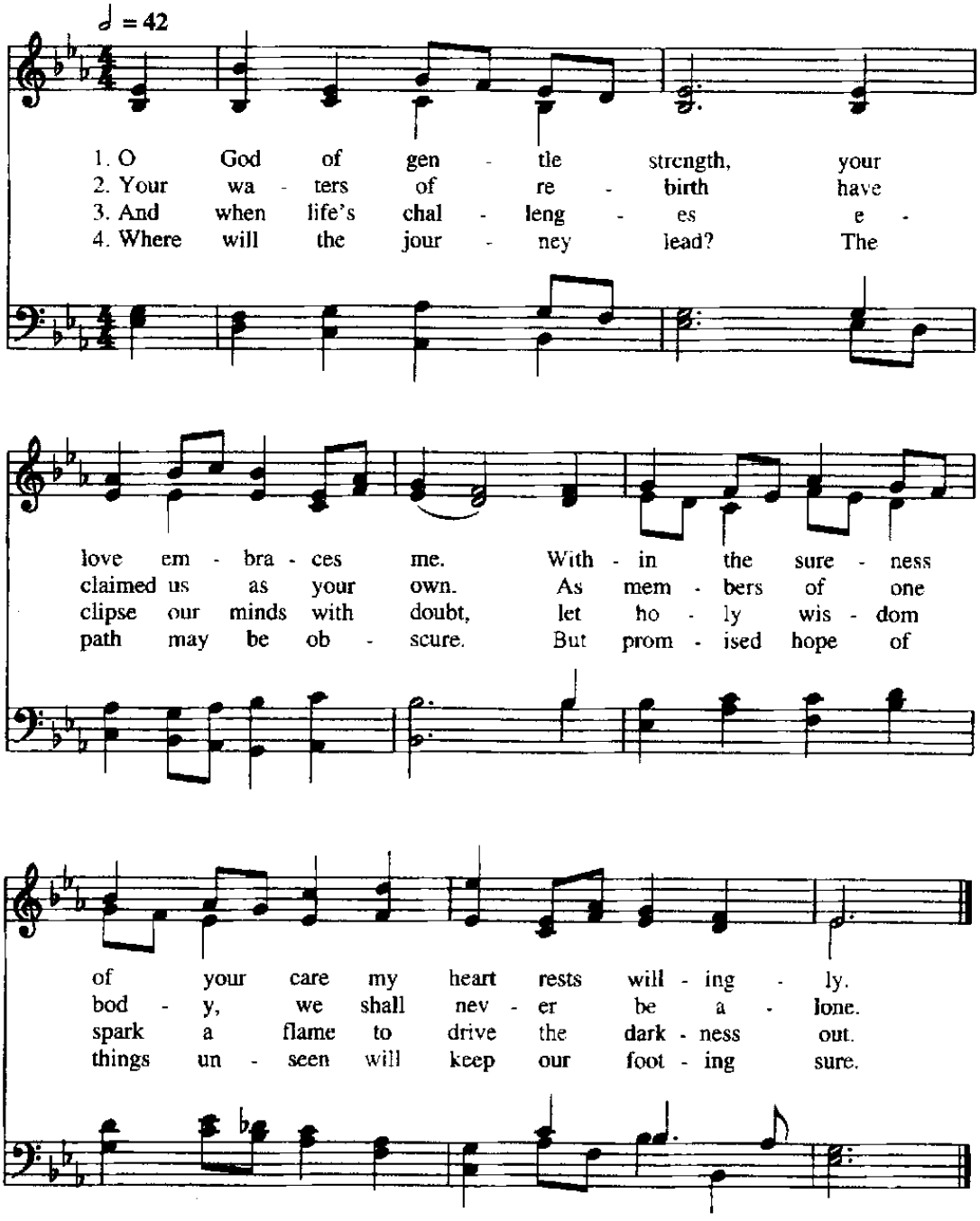




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I call on thee, Lord Jesus Christ *The Hymnal 1982*, #634
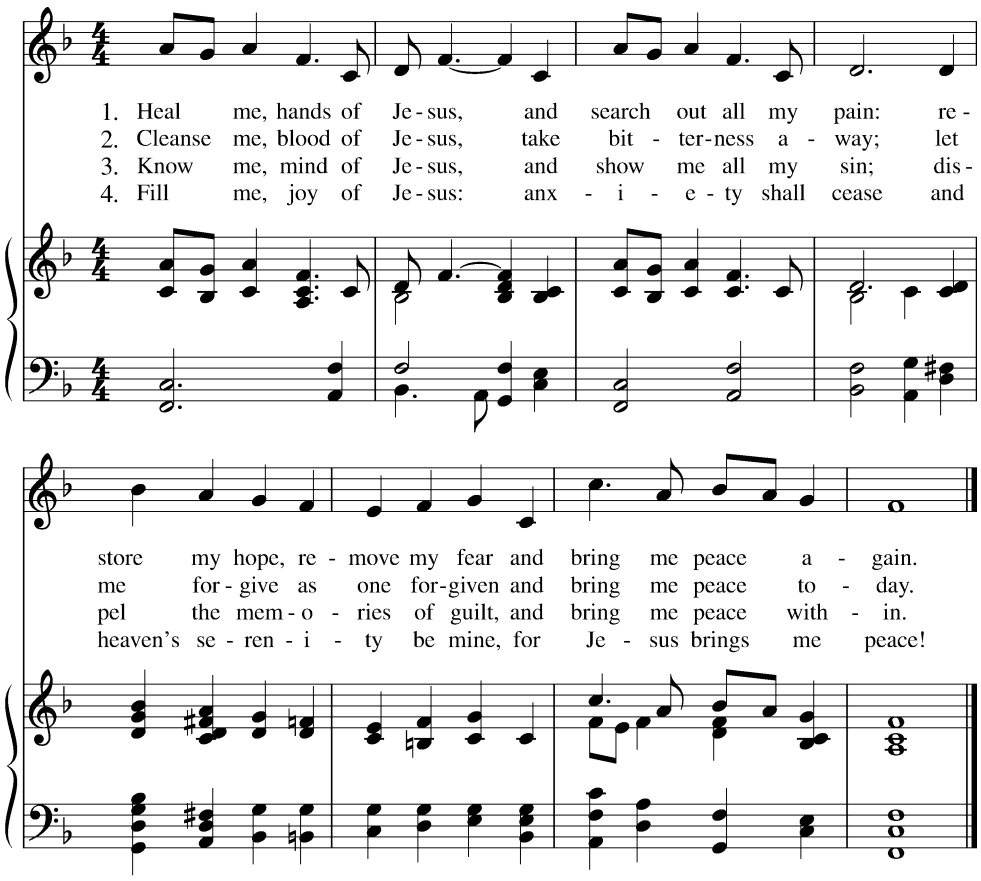


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771 O God of gentle strength



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Music: *Carlisle*, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815) SM

Heal me, hands of Jesus *Wonder Love and Praise,* #773



Words: Michael Perry. Music: *Sharpe*, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Tunes for Grace*.