

**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 and Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director
Barbara Kourajian, Guest Musician

**The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**
**Proclaiming the Light**
February 16, 2025

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## The Gathering of the Community

*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 find the courage to acknowledge the brutality and violence of our forebears who seized these lands, and may we be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

*The bell is rung three times*

**Prelude:** *Fantasia* J.S. Bach

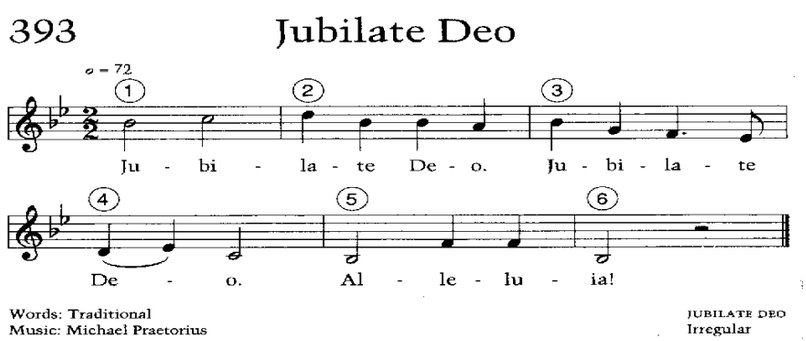
*Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell*

**Opening Hymn 544** *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (in back of bulletin)*

**Opening Acclamation**
*Celebrant:* God of proclamation and epiphany,
*Congregation:* **May we hear the words of the prophets**
**to help us discern the possibilities of a different way for the world.**

*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.**

**Hymn of Praise:**




**The Collect of the Day**
*Celebrant:* May God be with you.
*Congregation:* **And also with you.**
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

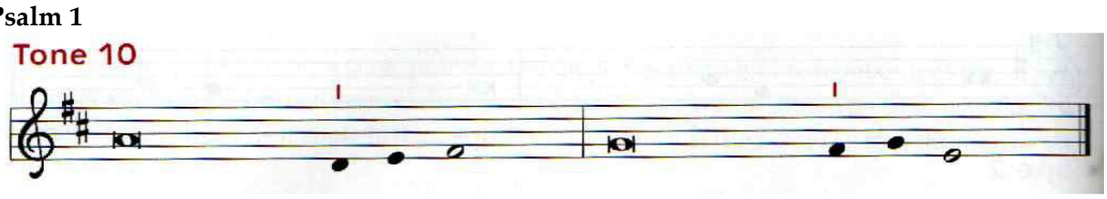
Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
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The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.
*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1**




Happy are they who have not walked in the I counsel of- the- wicked, | *(return to beginning of Tone)*
nor lingered in the I way- of- sinners, ‖
nor sat in the I seats- of the- scornful!
**Their delight is in the I law- of the- Lord, ‖**
**and they meditate on his law I day- and- night.**
**They are like trees planted by I streams- of- water, | *(return to beginning of Tone)***
**bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that I do- not- wither; ‖**
**everything they I do- shall- prosper.**
It is not so I with- the- wicked; ‖
they are like chaff which the I wind- blows- away.
**Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when I judg-ment- comes, ‖**
**nor the sinner in the I council of- the- righteous.**
**For the Lord knows the I way- of the- righteous, ‖**
**but the way of the I wicked- is- doomed.**

**Second Lesson: First Letter to the Corinthians 15:12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been

raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.
*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 656** *Blest are the pure in heart (in back of bulletin)*

**The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26**
*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
*Congregation:* **Glory to you, O Christ.**
Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.
Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."
"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.
"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.
"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

**Sermon** Pastor Elaine Hewes

*Silence will be commenced and ended with the sounding of a bell.*

**Affirmation**
**We believe in one God, creator of all life,**
**maker of past, present and future.**
**Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ,**
**God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,**
**who came to declare good news to those in despair,**
**to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,**
**to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.**
**We believe in God's Holy Spirit,**
**who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,**
**who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,**
**who resurrects us to new life,**
**and sends us out into the world**
**to be signs of God's incarnate presence**
**in the world God so loves.**

**Prayers of the People**
*Leader:* God of light and life, arise and shine in our hearts as we offer our prayers to you in hope and faith.
*Leader:* Grant to us, the Body of Christ, wisdom to discern the presence of God in our midst.
*Congregation:* **Give us courage to follow wherever You lead us.**
*Leader:* Let the light of truth and justice shine forth across our nation.
*Congregation:* **May we create a place of peace and welcome for all.**
*Leader:* Be with us today and every day.
*Congregation:* **May your light show forth in our lives.**

*Leader:* Instill in us awe and thankfulness for the majesty of your created world.
*Congregation:* **Kindle in our hearts a sense of urgency to be better stewards of creation.**

*Leader:* Grant healing to those who suffer from anxiety and depression, from disease and from all manner of things that affect our body, mind and spirit.
*Congregation:* **Let all your people know wholeness, wellness, and peace.**

*Leader:* Grant to the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love.
*Congregation:* **Bless the dying with peace and the grieving with comfort.**

*Leader:* We remember those on our prayer list

Tammie and Jason Cox, Tyler Goss, Joyce Dunn, Kate Hallen & Bob Blum, Judith Jerome, Judy C., Beverly Braxton, Michelle, Louise Stevens, Bob Temple, Tom Russell, Isabelle Valencia, Dan Fowler, Janet, Mimi Maslan, Susan Manne, Semantha and Lee, Judy, Emily Gibson, Beth Kyzer, Megan, Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Robert B. Tobin, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Brent Was, Bill Scaife, Julie, 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:* 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:* God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

**Confession**
*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.
*Congregation:* **God of Light,**
**we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light.**
**We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.**
**We follow the dim lights that call us**
**to be more religious by following rules.**
**We follow the fading light of personal salvation**
**rather than seeking the true Light**
**of Your love for all the world.**
**Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus,**
**who commanded us to love one another.**
**Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice,**
**in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.**
**In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
God's mercy is wider than our transgressions.
God's love is deeper than our fear.
God's longing for our wholeness is stronger than our resistance.
We have been freed by grace to be God's people in the world.
Let our lives reflect the light entrusted to us,
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

**The Peace**
*Leader:* 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*

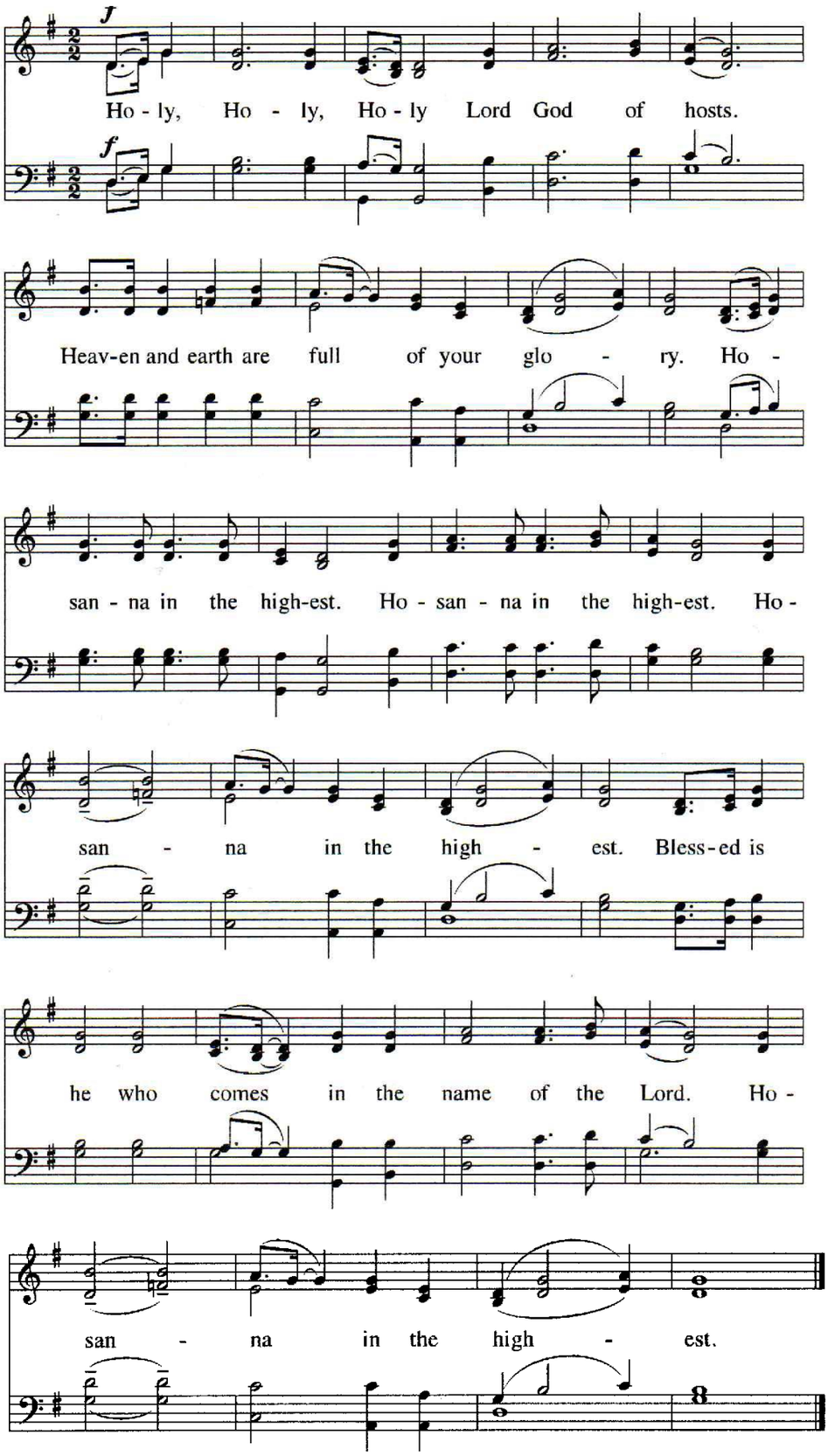
**<u>The Holy Eucharist</u>**

**Offertory Hymn 707** *Take my life, and let it be (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.**

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love
Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.
Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.
With the angels of light who envelop us,
with all the saints before and beside us,
with brothers and sisters, east and west,
we sing to you.
And with our loved ones, separate from us now,
who yet in this mystery are close to us,
we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**Sanctus** *(next page)*




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Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.
In the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.

*Congregation:* **Hear us, O Christ,**
**and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine.**
**May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life.**

**May they heal, renew, and make us whole.**
**And as the bread and wine**
**which we now eat and drink are changed into us,**
**may we be changed again into you,**
**bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,**
**loving and caring in the world. Amen.**

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

**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**
We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.
*Celebrant and Congregation:* **Gathered in the name of Jesus, whether here or on Zoom, we are 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.*
*Wine from Palestinian owned Taybeh Winery, West Bank, Palestine*

*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 your people in heaven and on earth.**
**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,**
**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**
**and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Sending Hymn ELW 449** *We know that Christ is raised (in back of bulletin)*

**Postlude:** *Andante* J. G. Albrechtsberger

**Announcements**

**Dismissal**

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**CALENDAR**

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

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| Monday, February 17 | 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom) |
| Wednesday, February 19 | 10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person)<br>10:30 a.m. Bible Study<br>4:00 p.m. No choir rehearsal |
| Sunday, February 23 | 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling presiding |

**Looking Ahead**

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| Tuesday, February 25 | 4:00 p.m. A Gathering for these Difficult Times |
| Tuesday, March 4 | 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper |
| Friday, March 28 | 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Mariners SOAR! Empty Bowl Supper |

**Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action**

**Justice for All**

**February is Black History Month**

This month's GPS focus will be on racial justice and specifically looking for ways to create a world, a culture, and a mindset that better acknowledges the richness of the African American contributions throughout this country's history.

A well-reviewed 2023 National Geographic documentary, "The Space Race," "weaves together the stories of black astronauts seeking to break the bonds of social injustice to reach for the stars." This documentary is available on Hulu and Disney Plus. At the library, you can take out the DVD, "Hidden Figures," (2016), a biographical drama film of three brilliant female African American mathematicians who worked at NASA during the Space Race of the 1960s and were pivotal in the successful launching of John Glenn's mission to the moon.

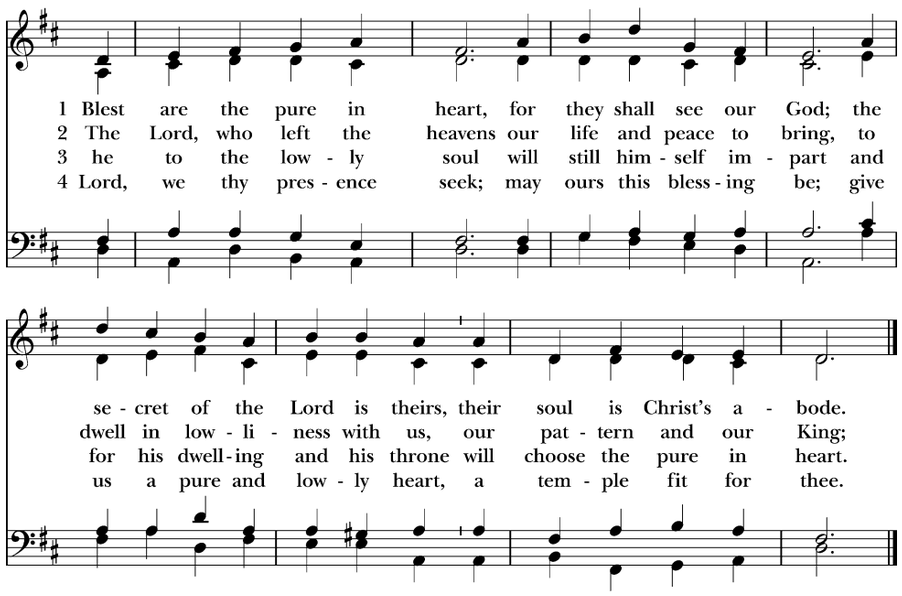
Finally, please read Governor Janet Mills' proclamation on January 29, 2025, declaring February 2025 Black History Month in the State of Maine. A link is available in the Navigator.

# Jesus shall reign where'er the sun *The Hymnal 1982,* #544




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# Blest are the pure in heart *The Hymnal 1982,* #656

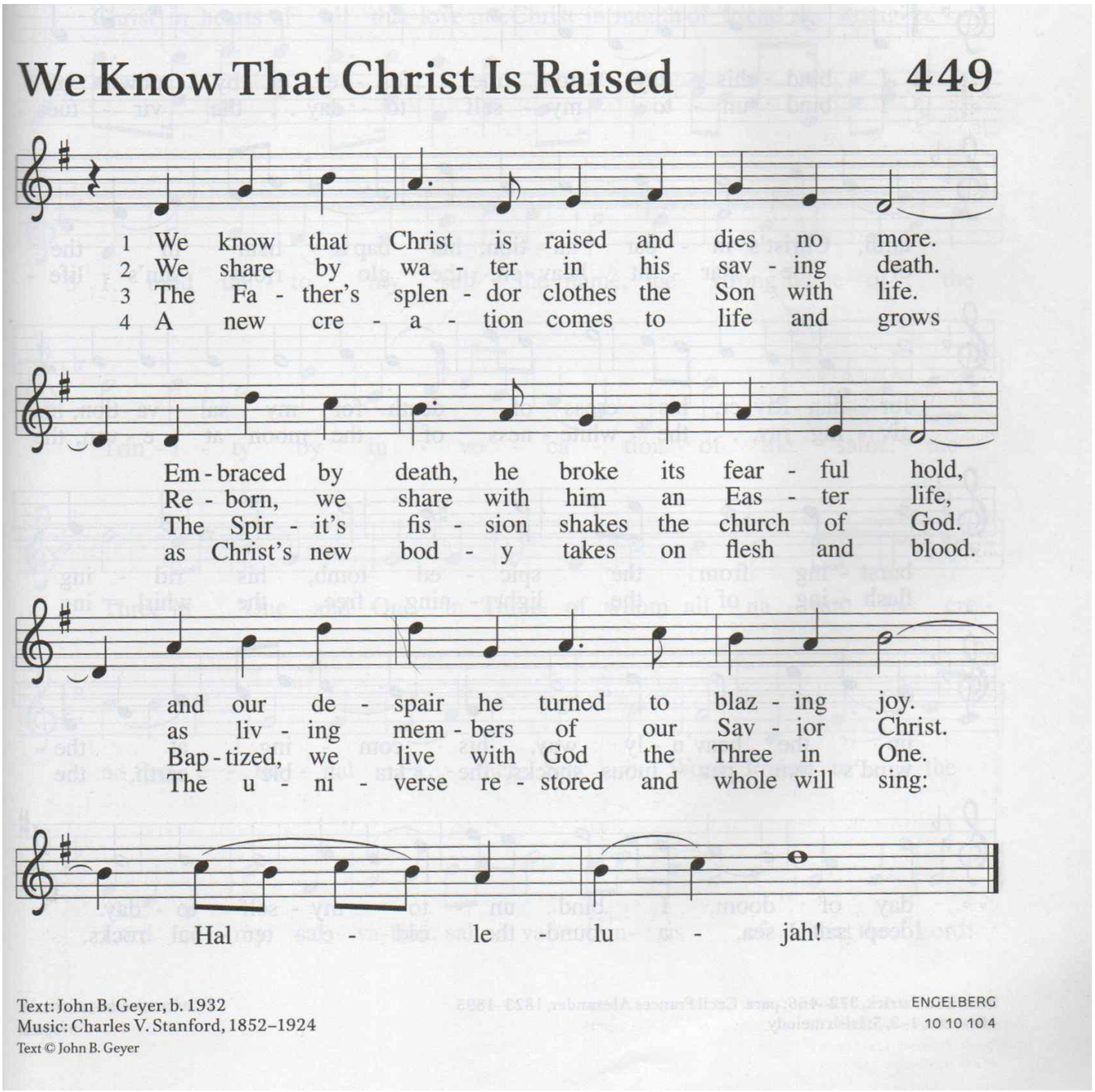



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# Take my life, and let it be *The Hymnal 1982*, #707




Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).




**<u>Our Values</u>**

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 j**oyfully 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**.