



ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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Pentecost Proper 9

July 5, 2026

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.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: *A Contemplative Moment on America*

Alan Flowers

Opening Hymn: *We the People of One Nation (back of bulletin)*

Patrick Michaels

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Congregation: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise

Gloria, Gloria

Canon

1. Gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a, 2. in ex - cé - l - sis De - o!

3. Gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a, 4. al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia!

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, © 1979, 1988, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Psalm 66:1-12

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- A Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. (return to A)
- A Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe be-fore you. ||
- B All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”

Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. ||
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in him,
who rules by his might for-ever, ||
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—*
let the rebellious not exalt them-selves.

Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard, ||
who has kept us among the living*

and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us;*

you have tried us as silver is tried. ||

You brought us into the net;*

you laid burdens on our backs;

you let people ride over our heads;*

we went through fire and through water; ||

yet you have brought us out to a spacious place*

Hallelu-jah! Hallelu-jah!

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: 554 *Simple Gifts (in back of bulletin, sung twice)*

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence begins and ends with the ringing of the bell

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.

But death was not the last word.

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us invite the Spirit to blow through our lives and our world, as we lift our needs in prayer.

We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost faith in themselves, in others, and especially in you.

Congregation: **May the Spirit renew and inspire us.**

Leader: We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost their hope in what life can become for themselves and for all people.

Congregation: **May the Spirit encourage and challenge us to break new ground with you.**

Leader: We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost their ability to love freely and recklessly.

Congregation: **May the Spirit comfort and soften us.**

Leader: We remember those who have died and those who mourn. We give thanks for their presence in our lives.

Congregation: **May the Spirit keep us united with them in your everlasting love.**

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: Holy, uncontainable fiery Spirit,

Congregation: **Fill the world with your peace, fill communities of faith with your purpose, and fill us with your power, for the sake of your Reign. 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.**

We recognize those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other significant events in July

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: 593 *Lord, make us servants of thy peace (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)

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 2/4 time, marked with a forte 'f' dynamic. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system of lyrics is 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.' The second system is 'Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third system is 'san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -'. The fourth system is 'san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is'. The fifth system is 'he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The sixth system is 'san - na in the high - est.' The score uses a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some chords and rests. The piano part provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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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:

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.

Celebrant: 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.**

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.

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.

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

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.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: ELW 887 *This is my Song (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: Voluntary on *Materna*

Announcements

Dismissal

GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Justice for All

As an Episcopal faith community in Deer Isle, Maine, how do we commemorate the 250th year of the Declaration of Independence?

An article in the Episcopal News Service (see the Navigator for the link) is worth a read, reflecting on the Episcopal Church's history and intimate involvement with the new government from the late 1700's forward.

In the article, Bishop Sean Rowe and others reflect on the ever-widening divergence between the practices and goals of the United States Government and the Episcopal Church.

Sean Rowe writes: "It's time for the church to stand in solidarity with those who have no voice, to speak up. **It means us taking a hard look at the systemic work that still has to be done...** to make lives different, to bring people closer into relationship with God, to show love in the world."

How are we at St Brendan's giving shape to the priorities of our mission statement: "To serve the needs of one another and of those on the island, the peninsula and throughout the world."

CALENDAR

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

Monday, July 6	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, July 8	10:00 a.m. In-Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Prof. Peter Antich leads first session on the Phenomenology of Illness 12:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry meeting 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, July 11	9:00 a.m. Women’s Breakfast at Stonecutters Kitchen
Sunday, July 12	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist led by The Rev. Donna Downs, Celebrant 5:00 p.m. Celtic Evensong – Mary Jane Poole, reflector

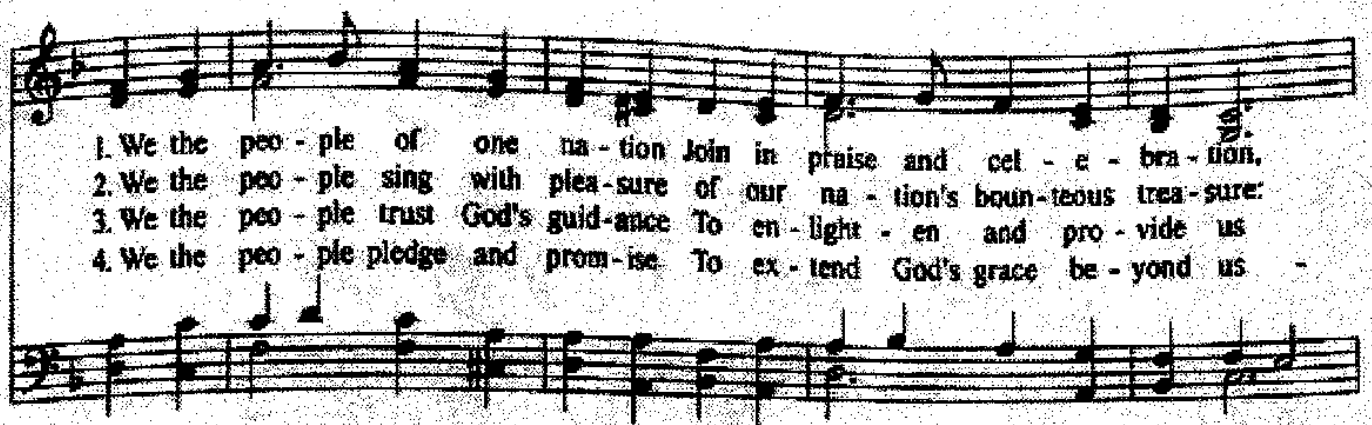
Looking Ahead

Wednesdays	
July 15, 22 and 29	10:30 a.m. Prof. Peter Antich leads sessions on the Phenomenology of Illness
Sunday, July 19	9:30 a.m. Lev Sherman’s service in the Memorial Garden 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 25	4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Annual Lobster Picnic
Thursday, August 6	Celebration of the lives of Tony and Pat Stoneburner
September 8-11	17 th Annual St. Brendan’s Women’s Retreat at Bishopswood

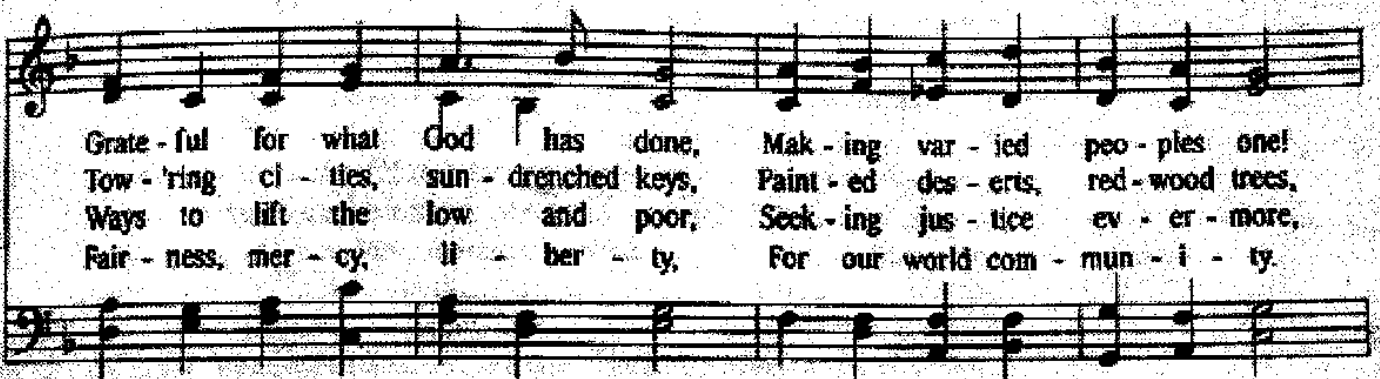
WE THE PEOPLE OF ONE NATION

John Dalles

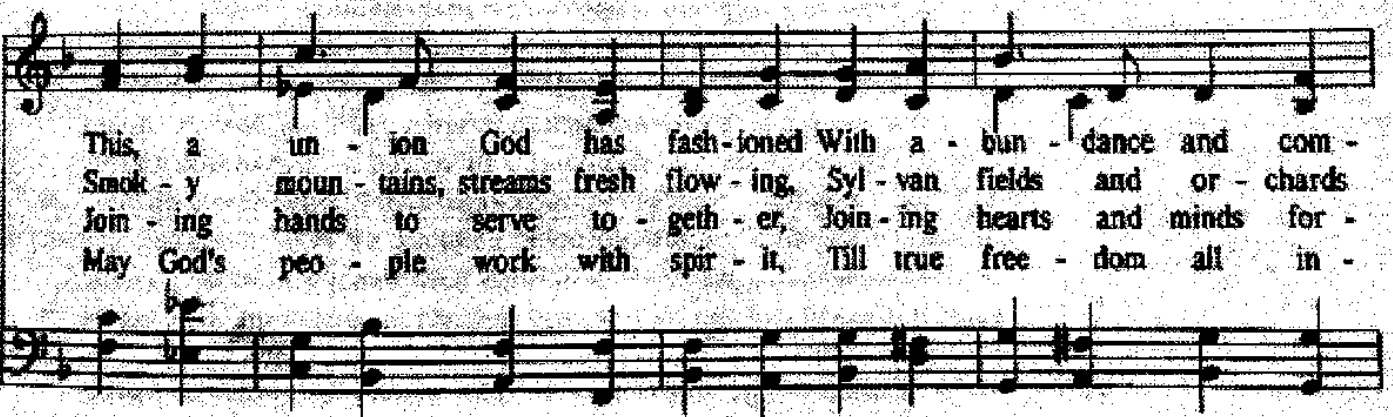
Patrick Michaels



1. We the peo - ple of one na - tion Join in praise and cel - e - bra - tion,
 2. We the peo - ple sing with plea - sure of our na - tion's boun - teous trea - sure:
 3. We the peo - ple trust God's guid - ance To en - light - en and pro - vide us
 4. We the peo - ple pledge and prom - ise To ex - tend God's grace be - yond us -



Grate - ful for what God has done, Mak - ing var - ied peo - ples one!
 Tow - 'ring cl - ties, sun - drenched keys, Paint - ed des - erts, red - wood trees,
 Ways to lift the low and poor, Seek - ing jus - tice ev - er - more,
 Fair - ness, mer - cy, li - ber - ty, For our world com - mun - i - ty.



This, a un - ion God has fash - ioned With a - bun - dance and com -
 Smok - y moun - tains, streams fresh flow - ing, Syl - van fields and or - chards
 Join - ing hands to serve to - geth - er, Join - ing hearts and minds for -
 May God's peo - ple work with spir - it, Till true free - dom all in -



pas - sion. God bless A - mer - i - ca this day!
 grow - ing. God bless A - mer - i - ca we pray!
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 her - it. God bless A - mer - i - ca al - ways!

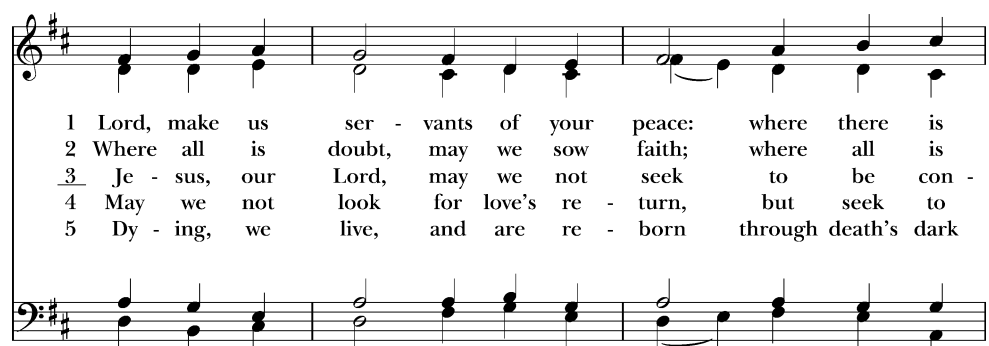
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'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free *The Hymnal 1982, #554*

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

Lord, make us servants of your peace *The Hymnal 1982, #593*



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

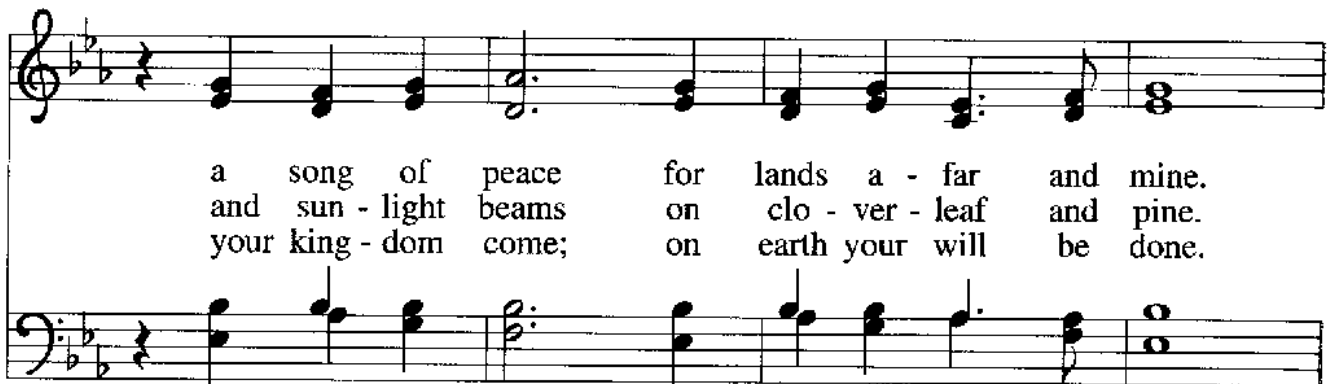
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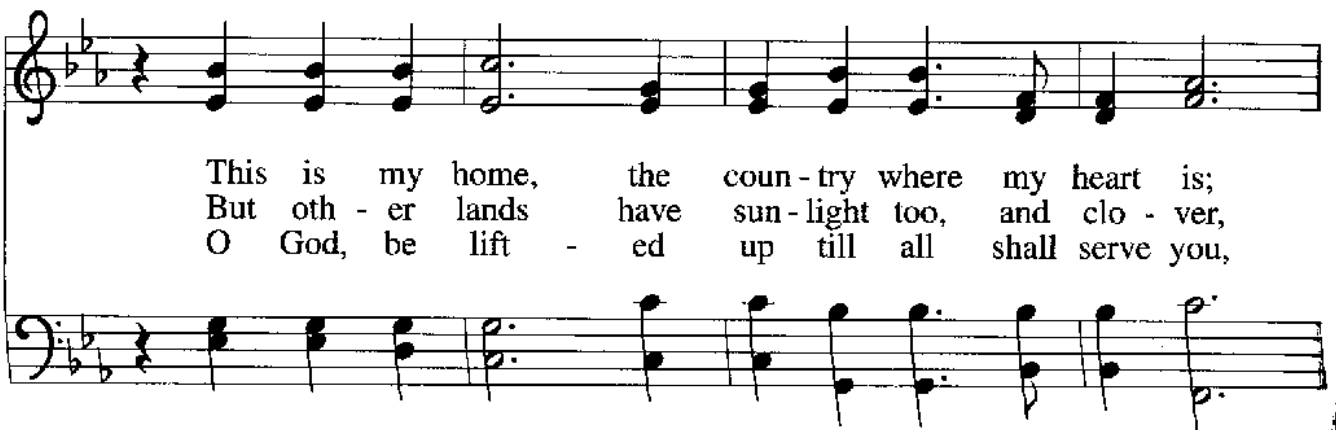
This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

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here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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;

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