

1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne. —
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad. —
 3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets. —
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high. —

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
 Zi - on, Zi - on,

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God. —

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899).

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**



Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore my soul keeps them. ||

The unfolding of your words gives light;

it imparts understanding to the simple.

With open mouth I pant,

because I long for your com-mandments. ||

Turn to me and be gracious to me,

as is your custom toward those who love your name.

Keep my steps steady according to your promise,

and never let iniquity have dominion over me. ||

Redeem me from human op-pression,

that I may keep your precepts.

Make your face shine upon your servant,

and teach me your statutes. ||

My eyes shed streams of tears

because your law is not kept.

You are righteous, O Lord,

and your judgments are right. ||

You have appointed your decrees in righteousness

and in all faithfulness.

My zeal con-sumes me

because my foes forget your words. ||

Your promise is well tried,

and your servant loves it.

I am small and des-pised,

yet I do not forget your precepts. ||

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,

and your law is the truth.

Trouble and anguish have come up-on me,

but your commandments are my de-light. ||

Your decrees are righteous for-ever,

give me understanding that I may live.

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord.

I will keep your statutes. ||

I cry to you; save me,

that I may observe your decrees.

I rise before dawn and cry for help,

I put my hope in your words. ||

My eyes are awake before each watch of the night,

that I may meditate on your promise.

In your steadfast love hear my voice;

O Lord, in your justice preserve my life. ||

Those who persecute me with evil purpose draw near;

they are far from your law.

Yet you are near, O Lord,

and all your commandments are true. ||

Long ago I learned from your de-crees

that you have established them for-ever.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: 615 *“Thy kingdom come! (in back of bulletin)”*

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

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.**

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: 597 *O day of peace that dimly shines (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: WLP 857

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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: 522 *Glorious things of thee are spoken (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: Voluntary on *Austria*

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Justice for All

Please consider supporting the [Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project \(ILAP\)](#). When a neighbor is detained or facing deportation, what they need most is a lawyer, and ILAP provides free immigration legal services to Maine's immigrants, backed by community outreach and advocacy for a system that is more just and humane. Your contribution helps make sure Maine families don't have to face the immigration system alone. Donate at www.ilapmaine.org.

CALENDAR

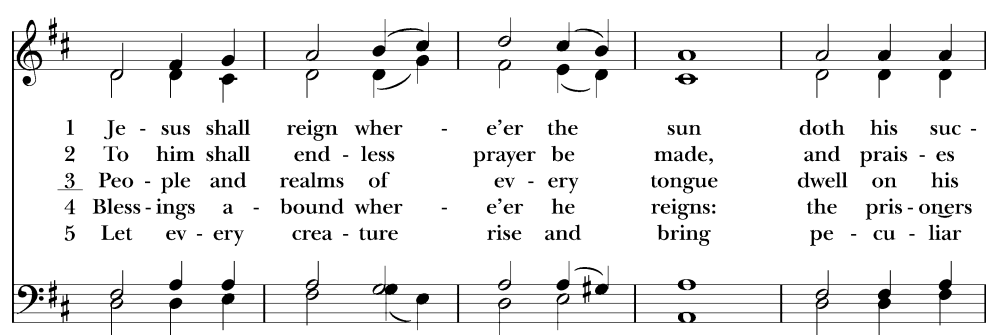
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, July 27	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, July 29	10:00 a.m. In-Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Prof. Peter Antich leads final session on the Phenomenology of Illness 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, August 2	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist led by Pastor Elaine Hewes, Celebrant

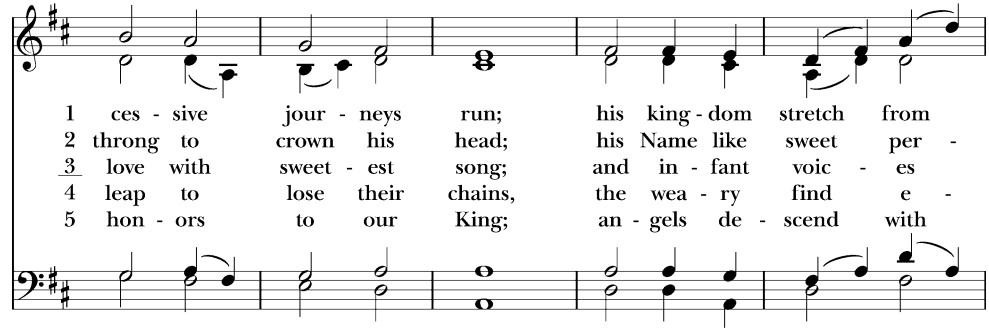
Looking Ahead

Wednesday, August 5	10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Session A on Antigone
Thursday, August 6	Celebration of the lives of Tony and Pat Stoneburner
Tuesday, August 11	Benefit Concert for Broadway play
Thursday, August 13	10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Session B on Antigone
September 8-11	17 th Annual St. Brendan’s Women’s Retreat at Bishopswood

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



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee *The Hymnal 1982*, #615

1 “Thy king - dom come!” on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
5 when know-ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king-dom's day.
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro-claim the day is near;
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom-ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

O day of peace that dimly shines *The Hymnal 1982, #597*

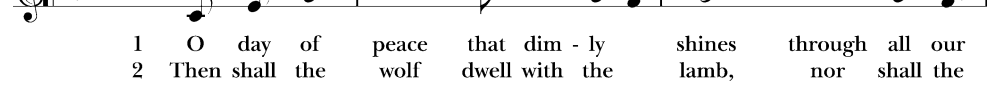
Introduction



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



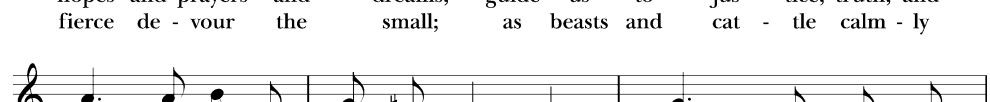
hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



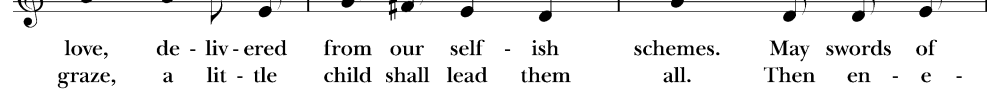
love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

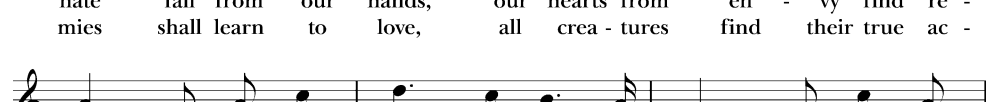


prom - ised reign of peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)

Interlude



Final Ending



Lord.

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Glorious things of thee are spoken *The Hymnal 1982, #522*

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
man - na which he gives them when they pray.
prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1807); desc. Michael Y. Young, (b. 1939).
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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**.