

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
Scott Cleveland and Bruce Downs, Guest Musicians

Proper 26
All Saints' Day
November 1, 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.**

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: *We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder* African American Spiritual

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn: ELW 423 *Shall We Gather at the River (in back of bulletin)*

Leader: For the Saints who have gone before us and now rest in the fullness of God's love,
Congregation: **We give thanks**.

Silence

Leader: For those who taught us what it means to work for justice,
Congregation: **We give thanks**.

Silence

Leader: For those who opened our eyes to beauty,
Congregation: **We give thanks**.

Silence

Leader: For those who deepened our faith,
Congregation: **We give thanks**.

Silence

Leader: For those who expanded our vision, our heart, and our understanding,
Congregation: **We give thanks**.

Silence

Leader: For those who kindled our inner fire, our imagination, and our dancing feet,
Congregation: **We give thanks**.

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Leader: For those who helped us know our belovedness in the eyes of God,
Congregation: **We give thanks**.

Silence

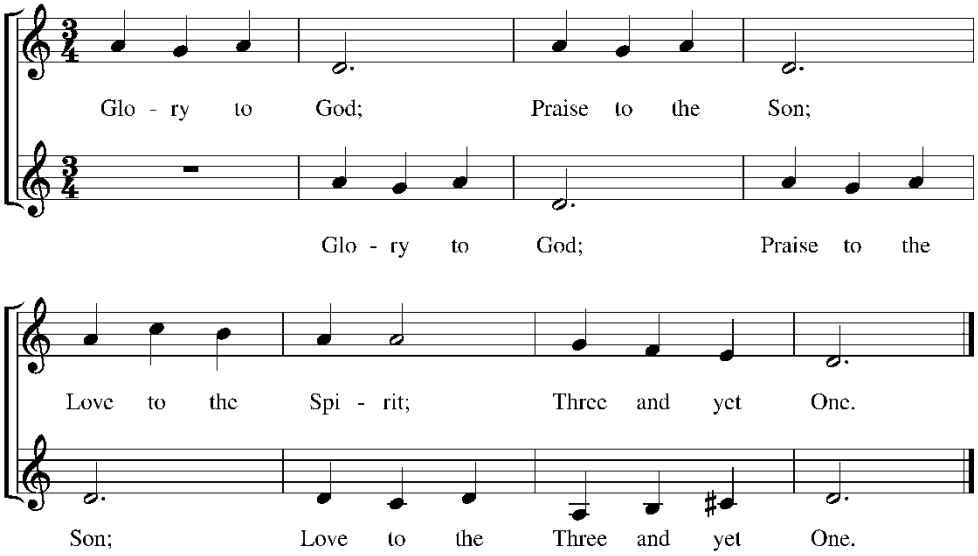
Leader: For those who still, through their witness, make it possible for us to trust that despite everything, love is still moving, rising and singing in the dark,
Congregation: **We give thanks**.

Silence

Leader: And we pray that God's Spirit might fill and inspire us to live our lives in keeping with the gifts these Saints have bestowed upon us.
Congregation: **Amen**

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: May God be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know

the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: The Book of Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

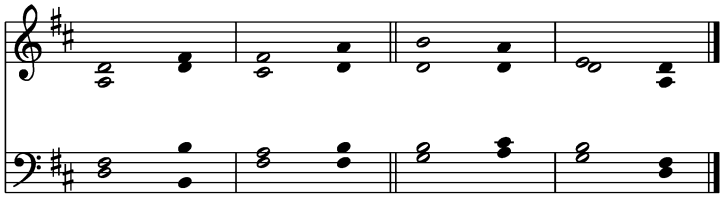
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



A I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth. *(return to A)*
A I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and re-joice. ‖
B Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt his Name to-gether.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror. ‖
Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be a-shamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles. ‖
The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will de-liver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him! ‖
Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. ‖
The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Lesson: First Letter of John 3:1-3
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: ELW 438 *My Lord, What a Morning (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

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.

Honoring and Remembering

Anthem: All Is Well *(sung by Choir. Lyrics below)*

Text: Revival Melodies, 1842, Music: J.T. White, 1844 arr. Peter Amidon

What's this that steals, that steals upon my frame,
Is it death? Is it death?
That soon will quench, will quench my mortal flame,
Is it death? Is it death?
If this be death, I soon shall be from ev'ry pain and sorrow free,
I shall the King of Glory see,
All is well, all is well.

Weep not my friends, my friends weep not for me,
All is well, all is well.
My sins forgiv'n, forgiv'n and I am free,
All is well, all is well.
Bright angels are from glory come,
They're round my bed, they're in my room,
They wait to waft my spirit home,
All is well, all is well.

Prayers of the People:

Leader: We remember those in the St. Brendan's community who have died this year: Tony Stoneburner, Anne Williams.
We remember others who have died

People are invited to light candles for those people congregants wish to remember.

Leader: May your church pursue its ministry and proclaim the good news with integrity, humility, and courage, that the whole world may come to know the love of Christ.
Congregation: **God of Mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: May our nation be blessed with leaders who pursue the common good and work for the health of the whole nation.
Congregation: **God of Justice, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Kindle hope and courage in our hearts that we might continue the good work of those who came before and someday pass on our mission to generations to come.
Congregation: **God of Hope, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give us courage to face our global challenges and a willingness to adopt sustainable ways of living.
Congregation: **Creator God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Mend what is broken, heal what is amiss, and bring wholeness and peace to all people.
Congregation: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We are surrounded by the love of those who have already entered your eternal care. Grant that we may one day join them in that great cloud of witnesses.

Congregation: **Eternal God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Please add your own prayers

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

Leader: I invite those on zoom to add your own prayers and thanksgivings.

Leader and Congregation: **God, you have cared for us since we first drew breath and walked the earth. Continue to be with us so that our lives may reflect your love to the world. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.
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.**

We acknowledge people celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other significant events in November

The Peace
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 exchange the peace

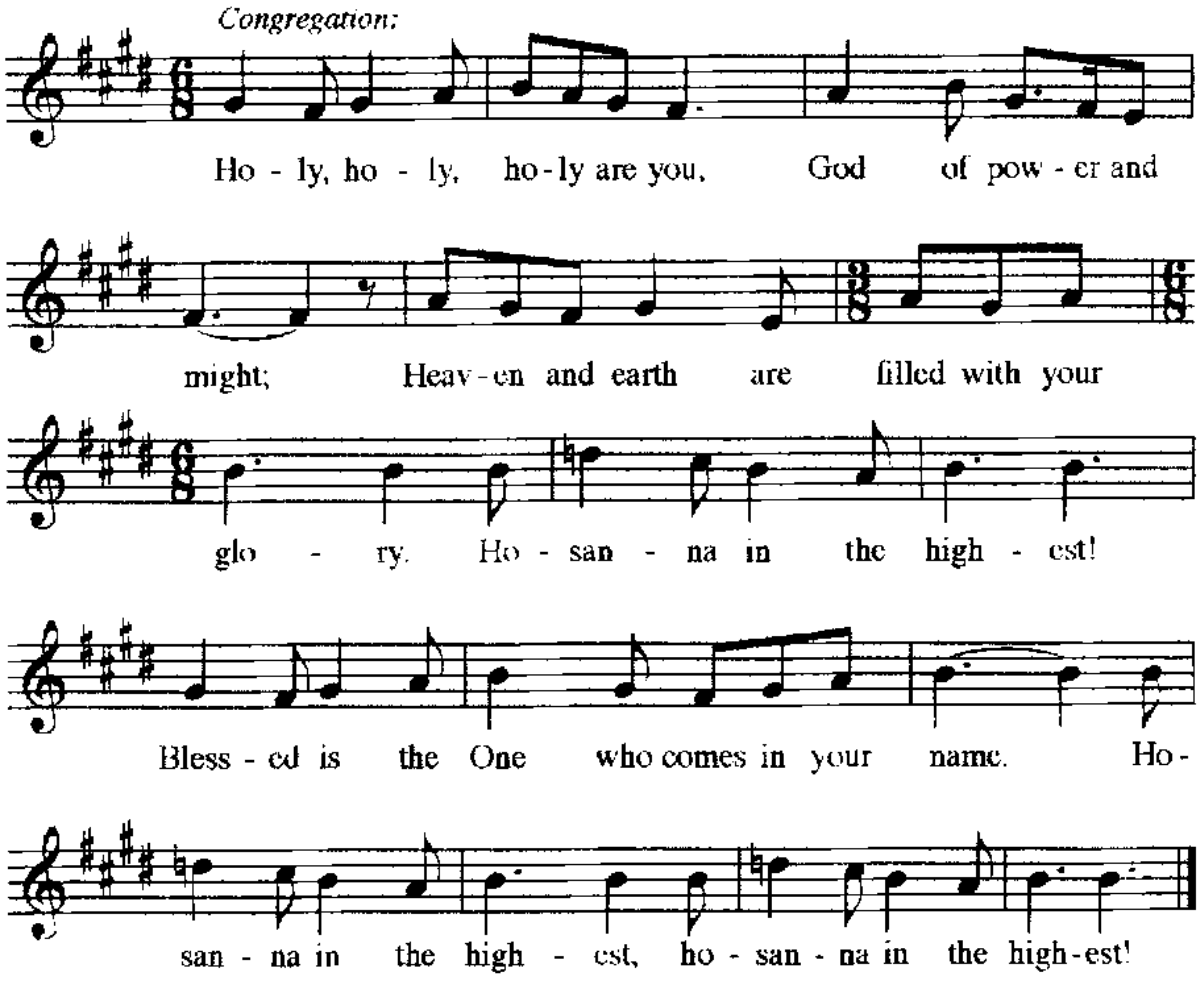
The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: ELW 728 *Blest are They (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.**

Celebrant: Holy are you, O Lord, and great is your majesty. For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. And so all the saints in heaven and on earth sing their praise of your eternal glory.

Sanctus ELW 191 *(next page)*



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The Celebrant continues:
For in the beginning, you prepared the worlds by your holy Word.
By faith, Abraham and Sarah obeyed your calling and went forth from Ur to a place promised but unseen.
By faith Moses brought your people from slavery to promised freedom.

By faith the prophets proclaimed your Word in the face of hostility, arrogance and contempt.
By faith Hannah and Mary trusted in your promise and dedicated their first born to you.
In Jesus we proclaim that hope of all the saints: salvation and love shall prevail.

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 your saints and 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.

Celebrant continues: 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.**

Celebrant: 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

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. 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.

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 to whom the saints give praise, you have fed us with the presence of Jesus; you have united us and all your saints, past and present, with Christ and one another; and you have made us all 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.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: 287 *For All the Saints (vss. 1-6) (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *When the Saints Come Marching In*

Announcements

Dismissal

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Permission granted by Steven Charleston to use his words of the Peace Prayer

GPS Action Items

GPS (Giving Our Priorities Shape) Action Item

Love Thy Neighbor

In these last 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 – **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, Simmering Pot soup preparation on November 23 and 30, a meal shared, a letter written, a phone call made, a smile, a kind word, a gesture of forgiveness….

CALENDAR

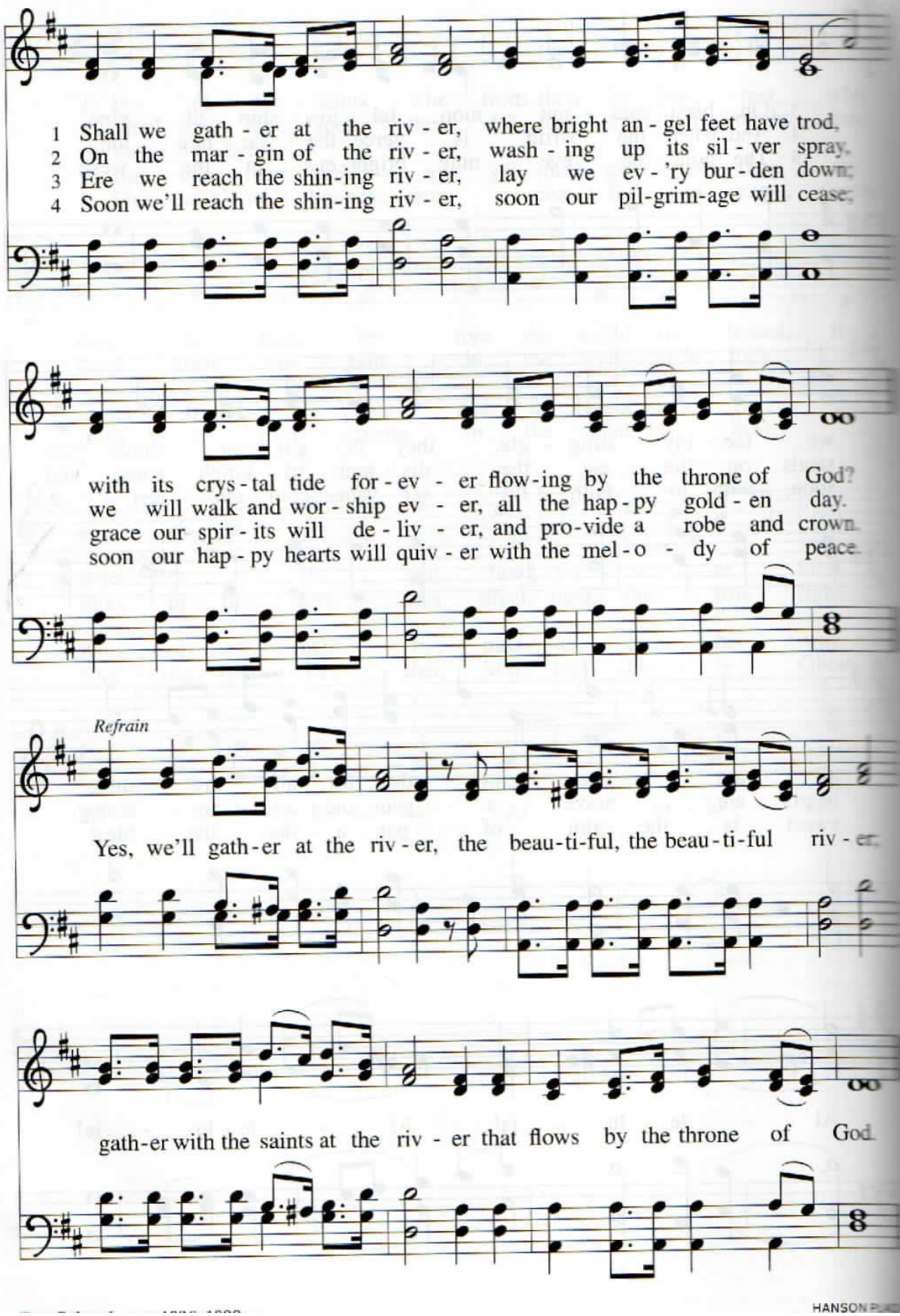
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, November 2	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
November 1-5	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. WindowDressers Build
Wednesday, November 4	10:30 No Bible Study 4:00 p.m. No Choir
Sunday, November 8	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Andrew Stoessel presiding

Looking Ahead

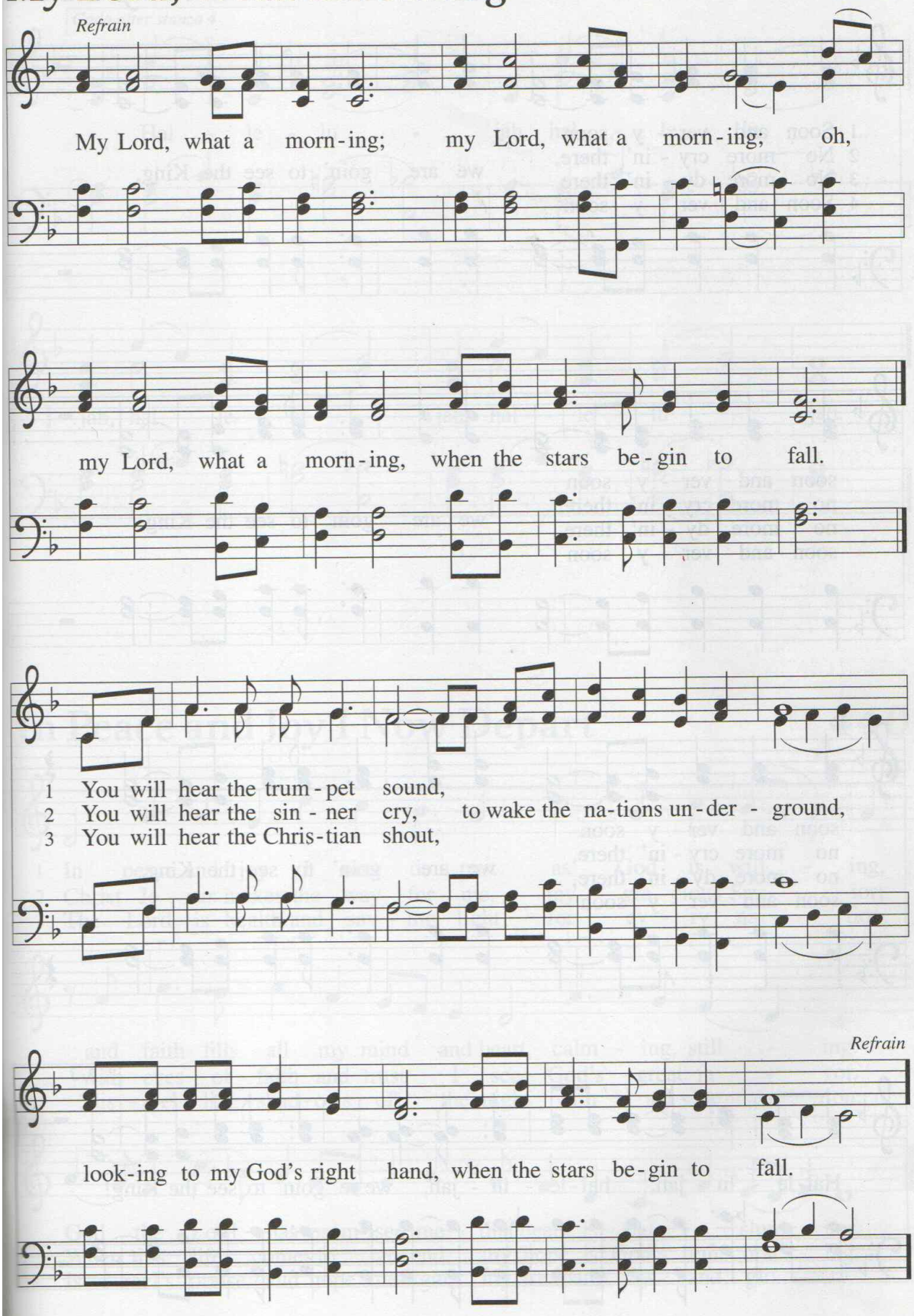
Thursday, November 12	5:00 p.m. Potluck Supper and Discussion on Bishop Mariann Budde's book *How We Learn to be Brave*
Saturday, November 14	3:00 p.m. IHAP fundraiser concert – Frank Gotwals & Kit Loekle (more info in the Navigator)

423 Shall We Gather at the River



My Lord, What a Morning

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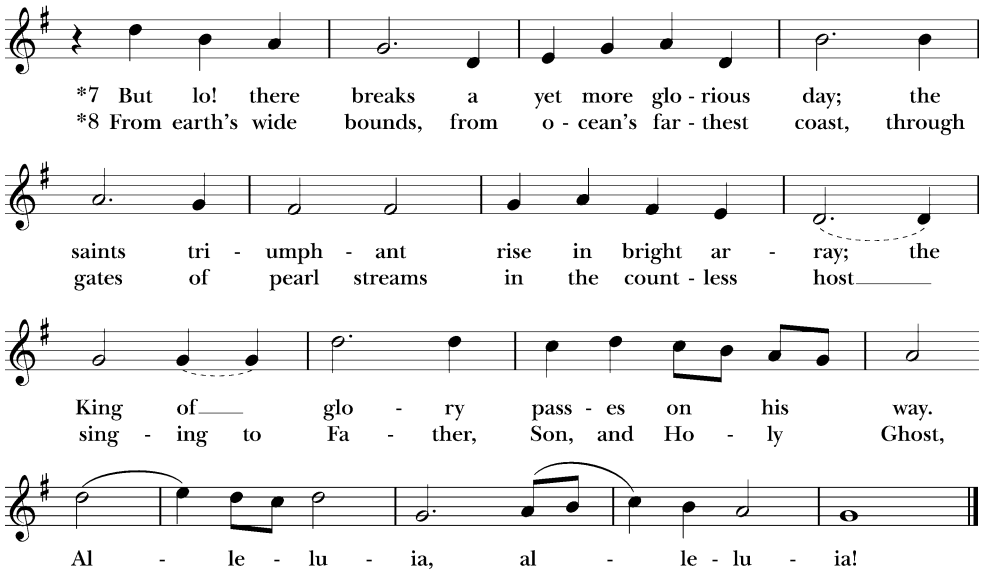


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Irregular

For all the saints, who from their labors rest *The Hymnal 1982*, #287





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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**.