

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 Edward Dufresne, preaching
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Morning Prayer
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Prelude: *St. Cuthbert* Healey Willan

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV)

Let us pray.
O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people,
and the wisdom of the earth.
By the resurrection of your Son,
free us from our fears,
restore us in your image,
and ignite us with your light,
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 Invitatory
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen
Congregation: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Leader: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
Congregation: **And your glory all the day long.**
Leader: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
Congregation: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn 205 *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*, vss. 1-3 *(in back of this bulletin)*

Lesson: 1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory;

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

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

[Jesus said,] "Just as the Father loves me,
and because of this love,
so do I love you.
Remain in my love.

You will remain in my love
if you do what I have asked you to do,
just as I remain in my Father's love
because I have done
what my Father has asked of me.

And I have done this so that my joy might be in you
and you might be filled with joy.

This is what I ask of you:
Love one another in the manner that I love you.

[And to what extent?] There is no greater love
than to lay down one's life for the beloved.

And you are my beloved when you do [the works of love that] I ask of you.

I no longer call you servants or slaves,
because the servant or slave
doesn't know what the lord is doing, or why.
But you, I call my beloved,
because I have made known to you
all that I have heard from my Father.

You didn't choose me, I chose you
and I appointed you to bear the fruit [of love],
fruit that will remain for you,
so that whatever [that is loving that] you ask of the Father in my name
will be given to you.

This is what I ask and expect of you:
that you love one another.

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Presider: The Gospel of the Lord
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon "Lois Lane's Lament" Pastor Edward Dufresne

A prayer from the *Confessions of St. Augustine*, Book 10, Chapter 17:

Late have I loved you, oh beauty so ancient, yet so new! How late has been my love for you!

You were within me, but I was outside myself. You were there with me, but I was not there for you.

I sought you in things made by you, things that do not exist apart from you, yet they kept me far from you. Among those beautifully formed things, I had become deformed.

You called me, you cried out to me, you burst in upon me, but I was deaf to you! You blazed, you burned, you banished my darkness, and still I remained blind!

Then I smelled your sweet fragrance, drew in my breath, and I gasped. Now that I have tasted you, I hunger and thirst for you. You have touched me, and so enflamed, I glow in your peace.

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Silence

A Creed from the Iona Community

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,
in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth and
to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,
for the glory of God. Amen.

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
Congregation: **And also with you.**

The Prayers

Leader: The Lord be with you
Congregation: **And also with you**
Leader: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer *(chanted – in back of bulletin)*

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.

The Collect of the Day

Leader: O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Collect
Christ our life,
You are alive –
in the beauty of the earth
in the rhythm of the seasons
in the mystery of time and space
You are alive –
in the tenderness of touch
in the heartbeat of intimacy
in the insights of solitude
You are alive – in the creative possibility
of the dullest conversation
of the dreariest task
the most threatening event.

(Adapted from "Resurrection Prayer" a poem by Rev. Kathy Calloway)

The Prayers of the People
In this Easter season, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, those in need, and all the members of God's family.

We pray for all who are victims of war, for refugees who live with violence and uncertainty, for victims of domestic violence.
May we open our hearts to deeper compassion, awareness, and connection with those who live with threat and danger.

We pray for all who work tirelessly that justice may come, for renewed energy in their struggle and for discernment when the path of peace is hard to see, for those feeling outnumbered, out-argued or overwhelmed.
May we have the courage to say, I stand for peace.

We pray for guidance and a listening heart, that we may be ready in this Easter season to embrace your promise of rebirth.
May we be strengthened by your Spirit as we go on to do your work.

We remember those who have died.
Assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us united with them in your everlasting love.

Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated;
for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance.

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

Christ our life,
You are alive - to offer re-creation
to every unhealed hurt
to every deadened place
to every damaged heart

You set before us a choice.
May we learn to be that Grain of Wheat that dies in order to live.

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.

This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
We will not offer to God
offerings that cost us nothing.
Let us go in peace to love and to serve;
we will seek peace and pursue it.
In the name of the Trinity of love,
God in community, holy and one.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 199 *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain (in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude: *F Major Prelude* J. S. Bach

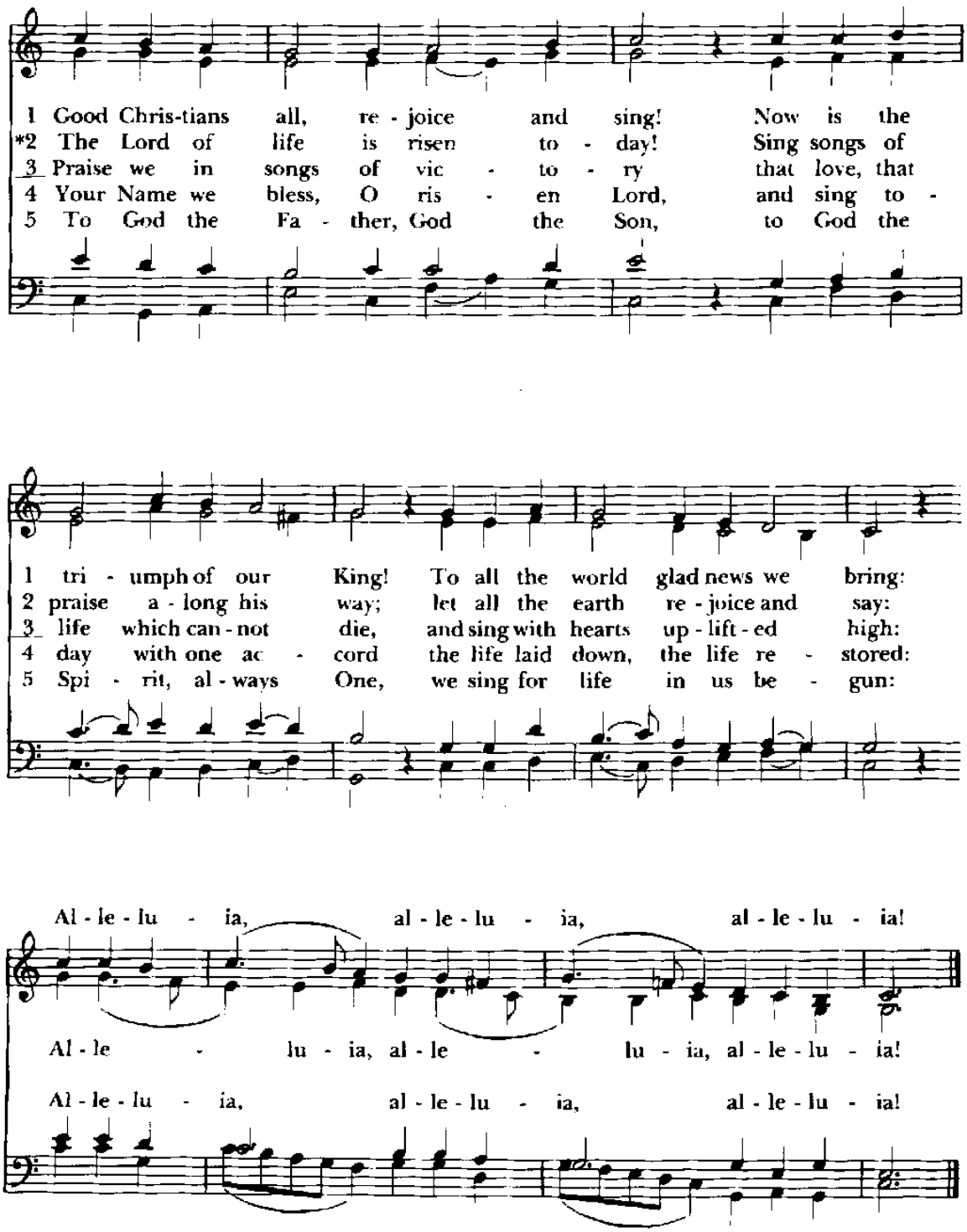
Dismissal

Announcements

You are invited to stay for Virtual Coffee Hour

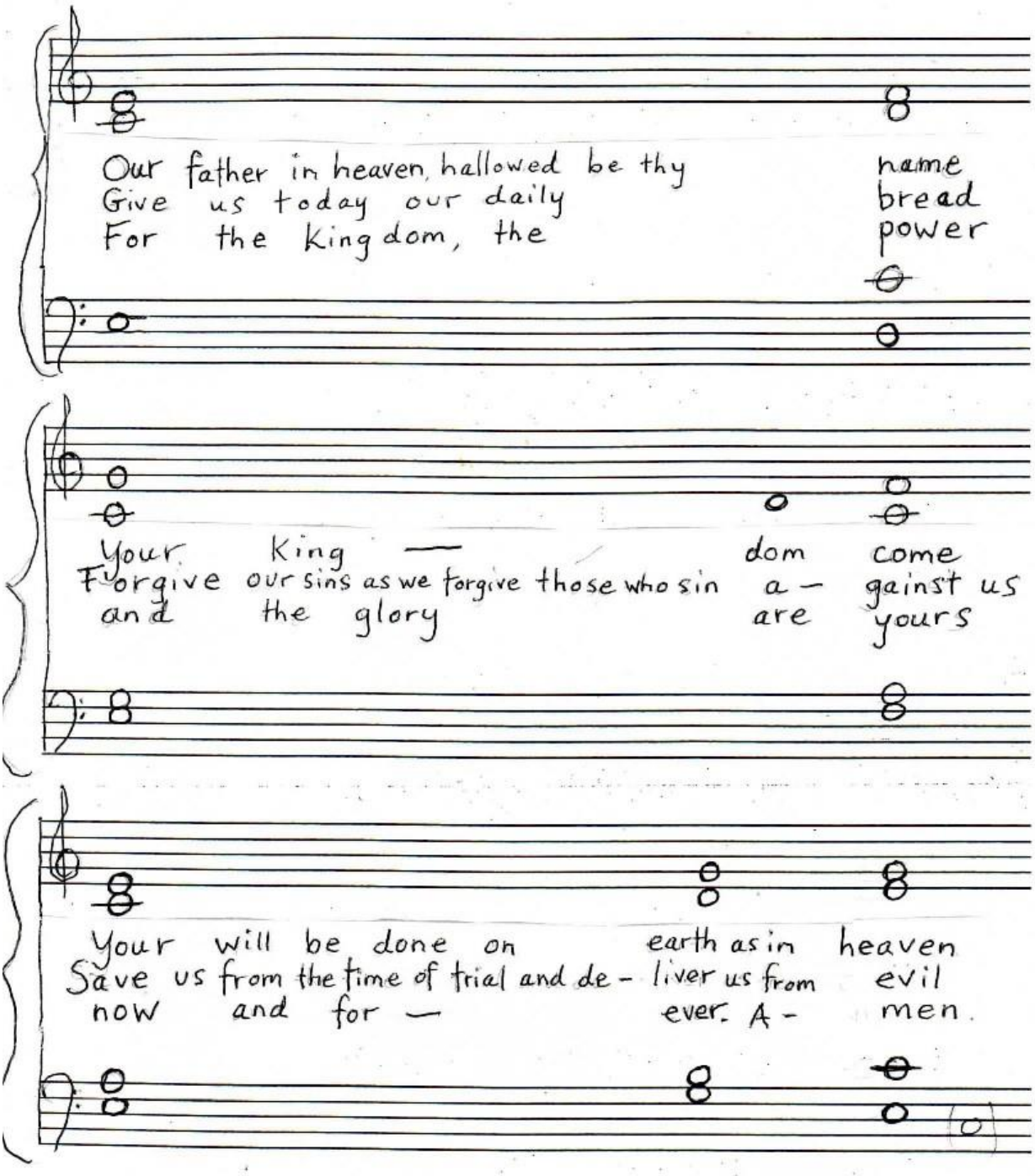
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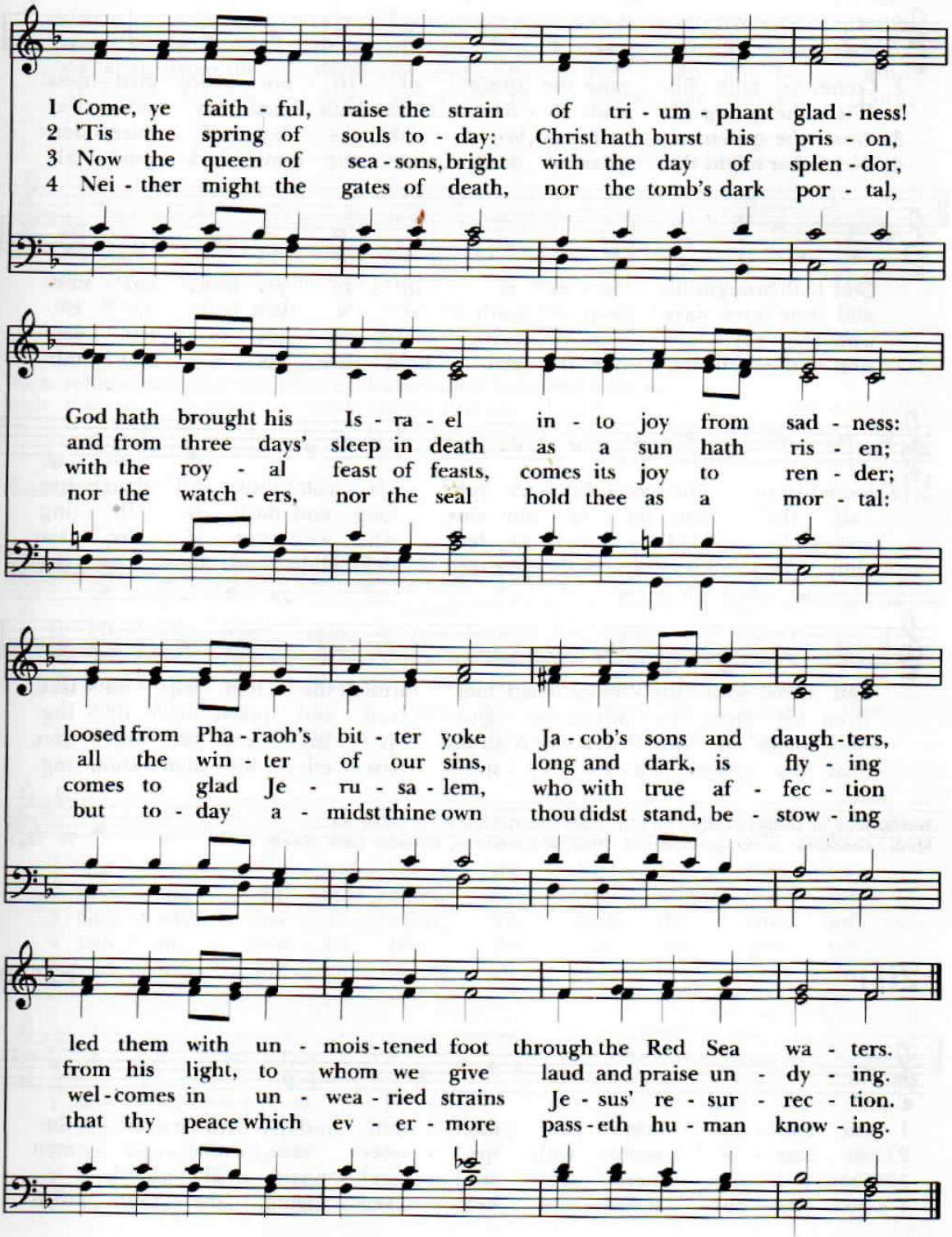
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Our father in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Give us today our daily bread
For the kingdom, the power
Your King — dom come
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin a — gainst us
and the glory are yours
Your will be done on earth as in heaven
Save us from the time of trial and de - liver us from evil
now and for — ever. A - men.



Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: *St. Kevin*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

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