

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Pastor Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece, Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

Alan Flowers and Barbara Kourajian, Guest Musicians

Pentecost Proper 12

July 27, 2025

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 bell is rung three times before the Prelude

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: *We Pray to Thee, Lord God* Dietrich Buxtehude

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

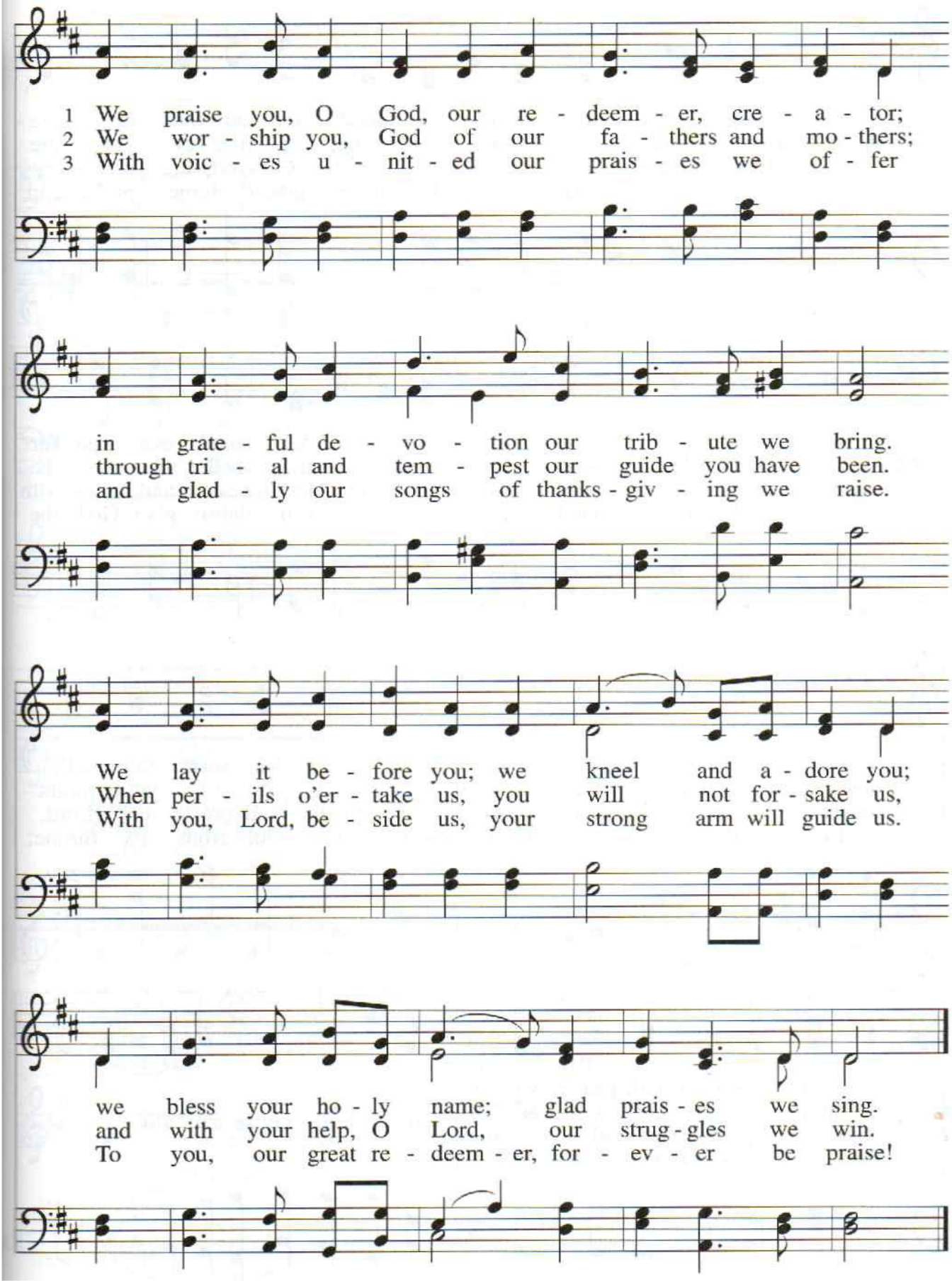
Opening Hymn: ELW 532 *Gather us in (verses 1, 3 and 4, in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Congregation: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**
Celebrant: God of grace,
Congregation: **you have given us minds to know you,**
hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you
in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise *(verse 1 only) (next page)*

We Praise You, O God 870

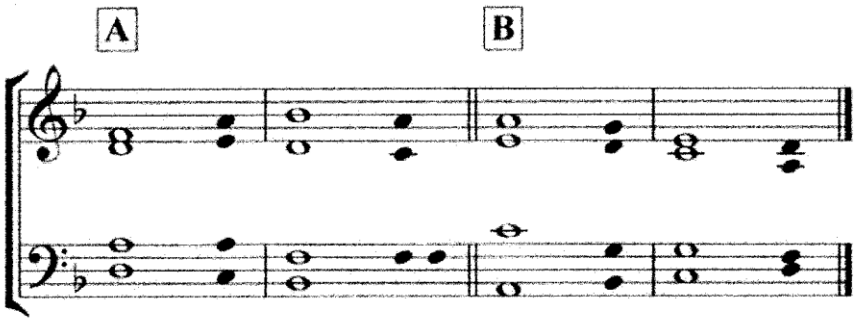


The Collect of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Genesis 18: 16-32
Then the men set out from there, and they looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to set them on their way. The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that Abraham shall become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? No, for I have chosen him, that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."
So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.
Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 138



I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise. ‖
I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *

because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things. ‖
When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength with-in me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth. ‖
They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

A Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from a-far.
A Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me. ‖

B The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Colossians 2:6-19

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.
Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.
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Sequence Hymn: WLP 827 *O Lord, hear my pray'r (sing twice, in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ**
Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."
And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, `Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, `Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.
"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

Silence will begin and end with ringing of bell

Affirmation 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.

Prayers of the People
God of joyous love, hear our prayers and be swift to answer us as we say, *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer*. Embolden your church. Let it seek to bring the healing power of the living Christ to a wounded world. Lord, in your mercy,
Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: In our nation grant courage to those who stand for the equality of all persons and who advocate justice for all. Strengthen us to stand up and speak out against all efforts to dehumanize others, especially those on the margins of our society. Lord, in your mercy,
Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Strengthen the faith of those gathered here today that we might be encouraged in the work you have called us to, even in these uncertain and frightening times. Lord, in your mercy,
Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We offer thanksgiving for the rich bounty of your creation. Guide us in working to ensure its abundance is shared equitably and sustainably. Lord, in your mercy,
Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Relieve the suffering of those impacted by illness, despair, hunger, war and violence, and grant them a share in the peace which passes understanding. Lord, in your mercy,
Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We continue to remember Elaine and all the Hewes family as they and we grieve the loss of Michael. We hold fast to your promises, especially your care for those whose earthly journey has ended. Lord, in your mercy,
Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

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 and Congregation: **Throughout history, you have empowered your people to make your love manifest in the lives of those who have known suffering. Empower us today to be agents of your love and heralds of your gospel to a world in need of both; and all this we ask through our Lord, Jesus, who is your Christ and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit eternally. Amen.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts
through faith.
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

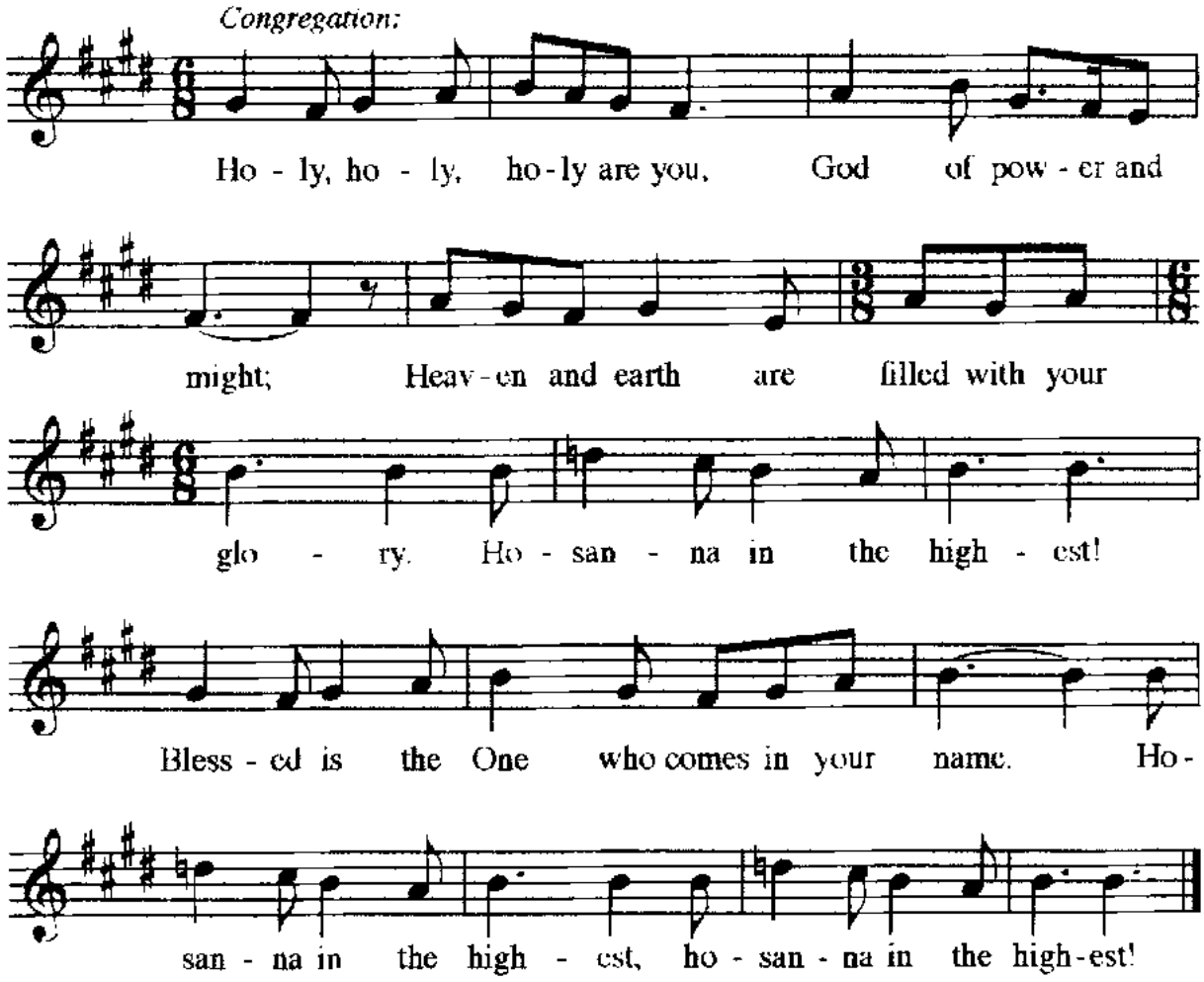
Offertory Hymn: 509 *Spirit divine, attend our prayers (in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer *Enriching our Worship #1*

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: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: ELW 191



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The Celebrant continues: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and Congregation:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

Celebrant and Congregation: **By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St Brendan and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.**

Celebrant: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

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

Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: 657 *Love divine, all loves excelling (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Voluntary on Hyfrydol*

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Love Thy Neighbor

As the month of July draws to a close, and our GPS focus moves to Faith in Action, you are invited to consider supporting our Neighbors in Kerr County Texas with a donation to one of the Texas Flood Relief Funds. Links are here to explore highly reliable relief fund organizations, including Episcopal Relief and Development.

https://support.episcopalrelief.org/disasters
https://www.communityfoundation.net/ (of the Texas Hill Country)
https://www.charitynavigator.org/discover-charities/where-to-give/central-texas-flooding/

as well as local organizations that need our support and presence

The Garden Project (thegardenprojectme.org) **Last chance!** Please visit the Saturday Café/Market from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on July 26, or August 2, on the road to the Stonington Transfer Station.
Be part of a learning and growing experience. Peer to Peer, youth-run Garden to Table Café, plus a Maker's Market featuring our makers along with gifts from local artisans.

Healthy Island Project needs help at their booth at the Friday Farmer's Market, delivering meals to Seniors, in their Community Garden, and more.
Call: 207-367-6332 or visit healthyislandproject.org/give for more information.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, July 28	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, July 29	11:00 a.m. Worship and Music Ministry (Zoom)
Wednesday, July 30	10:00 a.m. In Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Third session: Philosophy of Love led by Prof. Peter Antich 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, August 3	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes, Celebrant

Looking Ahead

Wednesday August 6	10:30 a.m. Final session on Philosophy of Love led by Prof. Peter Antich
Saturday, August 9	4:00 p.m. Lobster Picnic
Wednesdays, August 13, 20 and 27	10:30 a.m. Matters of Life and Death with The Rev. Alice Hildebrand
Monday, September 8 to Thursday, September 11	Women's Retreat at Bishopswood
Saturday, September 20	10:00 a.m. Service of Celebration for Michael Hewes at the Blue Hill Congregational Church

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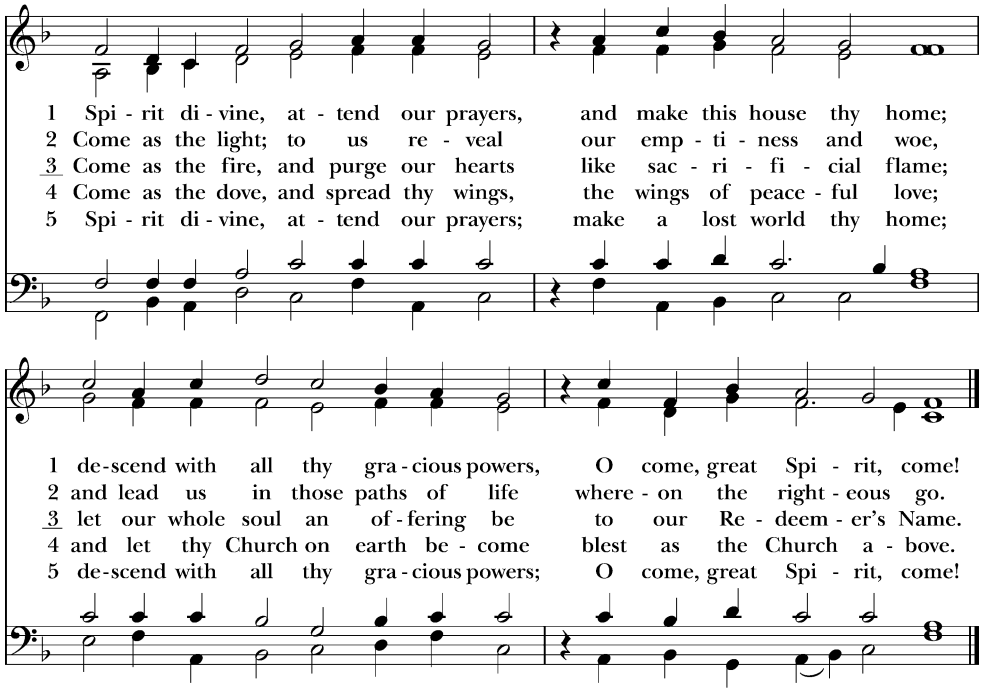
O Lord hear my pray'r *Wonder Love and Praise,* #827

(Sing twice)



Words: Psalm 102. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

Spirit divine, attend our prayers *The Hymnal 1982,* #509



Words: Andrew Reed (1787-1862). Music: *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*, melody att. Johann Cruger (1598-1662).

Love divine, all loves excelling *The Hymnal 1982*, #657



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

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**.