

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 Elaine Hewes, preaching
Connie Mayo, Musical Director

Morning Prayer
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

Prelude Connie Mayo

A brief silence

Leader: Alleluia! Risen Lord, come be with us,
Congregation: **and teach our hearts to live in you. Alleluia!**
Leader: Jesus, divine companion: As the day unfolds, give us strength to understand and eyes to see, as you teach us to walk the soft earth, related to all that lives.
Congregation: **Amen.**
Leader: 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**.

Opening Hymn 478 *Jesus, our mighty Lord (in back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader: Open our lips, O God,
Congregation: **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise**

Canticle 12 (Part II)

Leader: Let the earth glorify God
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Glorify God. O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Congregation: **Glorify God, O springs of water, seas, and streams,**
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify God,
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Leader: Glorify God, O beasts of the wild,
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify God.
Praise and highly exalt God for ever

Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23 *Psalm of David* *Setting by Bobby McFerrin*

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

Reader: The Gospel according to John.
Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice

of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.
So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

A brief 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.

Leader: 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
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.

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord;
Congregation: **And grant us your salvation.**
Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Congregation: **Let your people sing with joy.**
Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
Congregation: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
Congregation: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Leader: Let your way be known upon earth;
Congregation: **Your saving health among all nations.**
Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Congregation: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Congregation: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Congregation: **Amen**

Prayers of the People

Leader: In this Easter season we pray for the church, the earth, the world, and those in need responding after, in your mercy, O God, with the words: Hear our Prayer.

We pray for all churches and for people of all faiths around the world during this time of sorrow and distress. We pray for a deepening sense of your presence among us.

a brief silence

You are our Temple, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear our Prayer**
Leader: We pray for the well-being of creation, for the health of seas and rivers and lakes and the will to care for your earth.

a brief silence

You are our Rainbow of promise, in your mercy, O God
Congregation: **Hear our Prayer**
Leader: We pray for justice and peace in the world; an end to war and international turmoil.

a brief silence

You are our Mighty Fortress, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear our Prayer**
Leader: We pray for all who are facing the coronavirus, for all who mourn their dead, for those who have contracted the virus, for those quarantined or away from home, for the homeless, and for those who fear the future. We offer special prayers for all health care workers. Fill the aching in our hearts with your merciful power.

a brief silence

You are our Everlasting Arms, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear our Prayer**
Leader: We commend to your care all who have died that they may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

a brief silence

You are the Beginning and the End, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear our Prayer.**
Leader: Please offer your own prayers

The congregation is invited to offer their own prayers and petitions

Leader: Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy through your Son Jesus, our Lord and Savior.
Congregation: **Amen.**

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.

Leader: In the work we do this day,
Congregation: **May the risen Christ teach us.**
Leader: In the challenges we face this day,
Congregation: **May the risen Christ guide us.**
Leader: Through the people we meet this day,
Congregation: **May the risen Christ renew us.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn 664 *My Shepard will supply my need (in the back of this bulletin)*

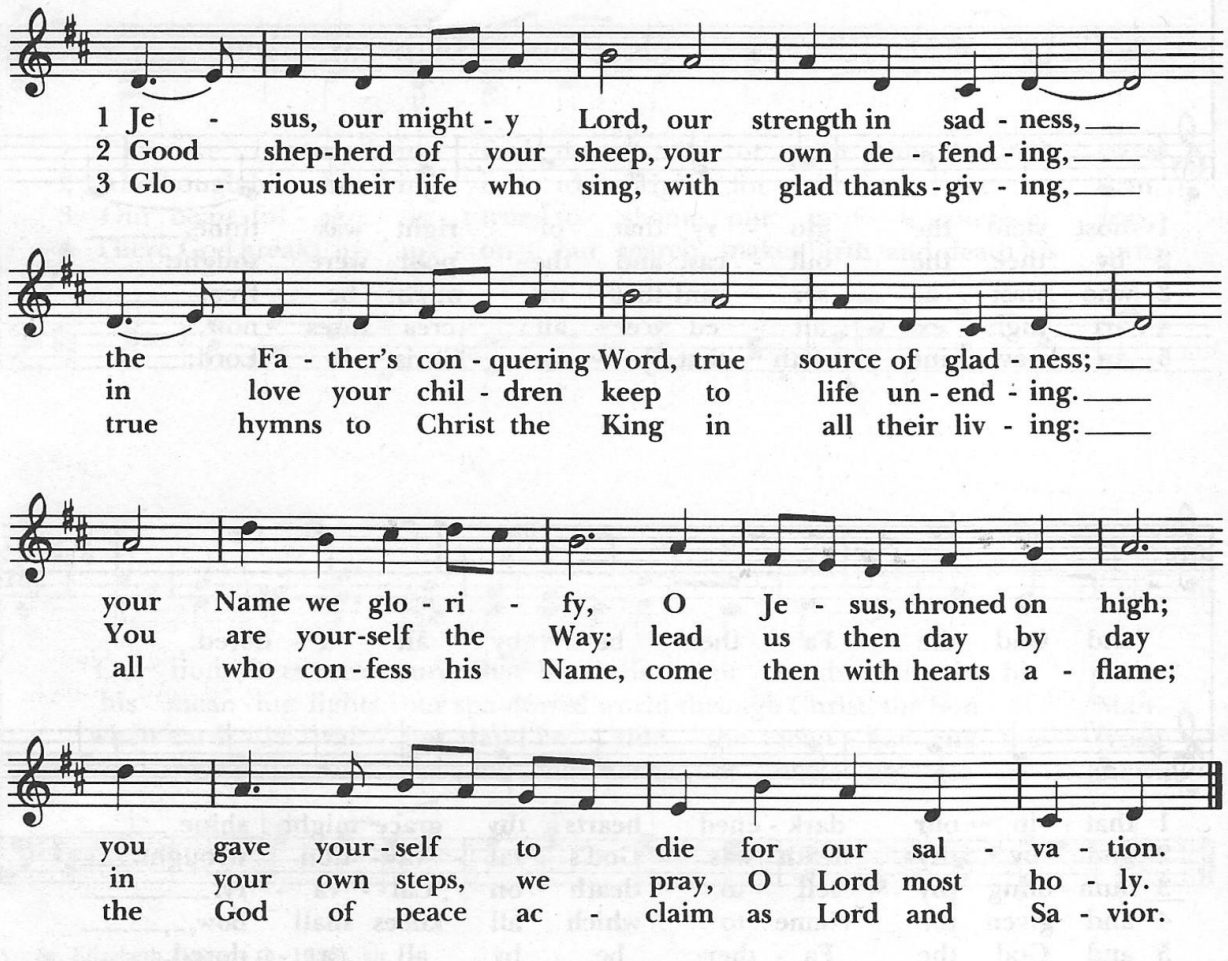
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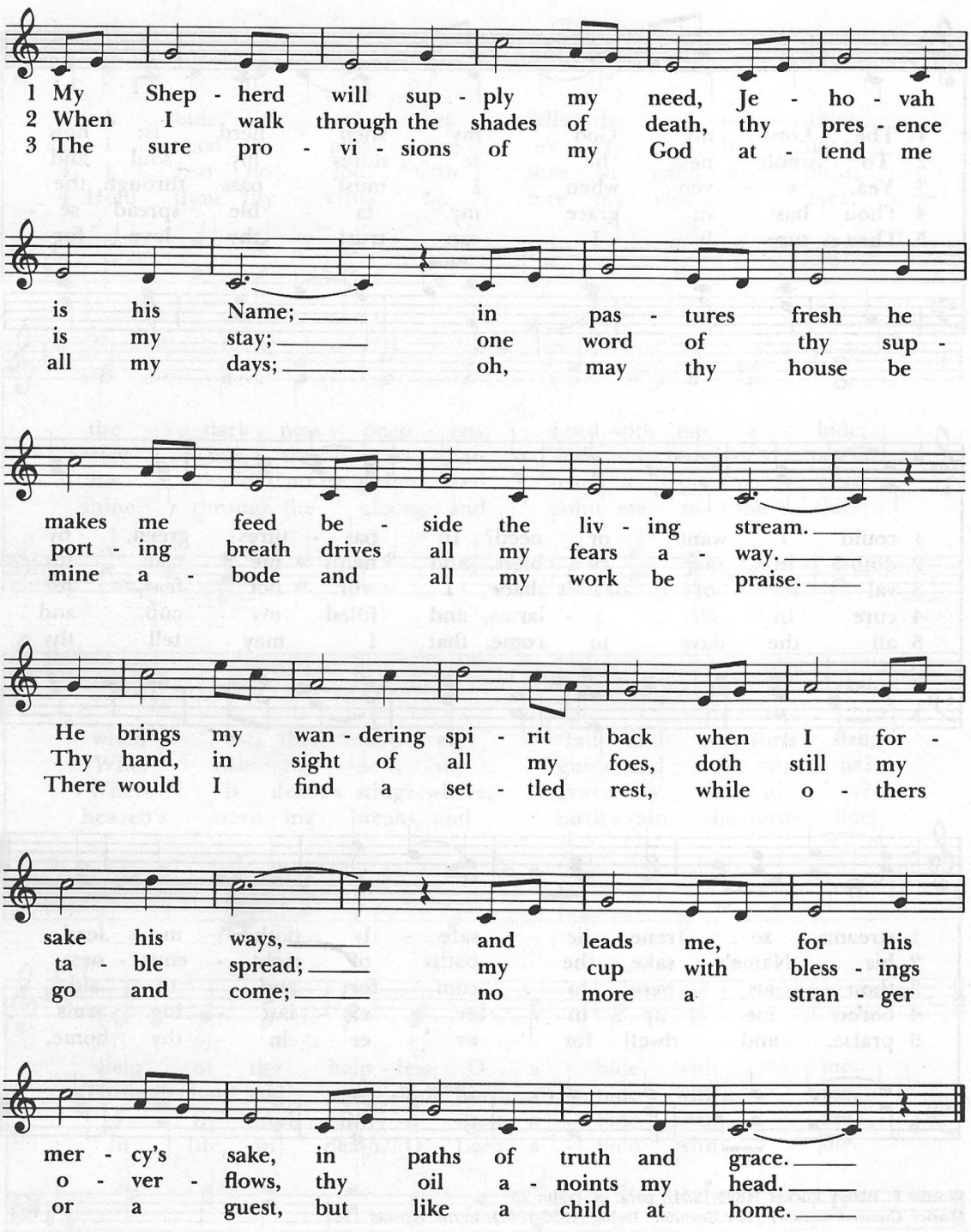
Dismissal

You are invited to stay for virtual Coffee Hour

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Words: Clement of Alexandria (170?-220?); para. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.
Music: *Monk's Gate,* Sussex folk melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) 11 11. 12 11



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23
Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody

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