

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Pastor Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge and Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 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 Gathering of the Community

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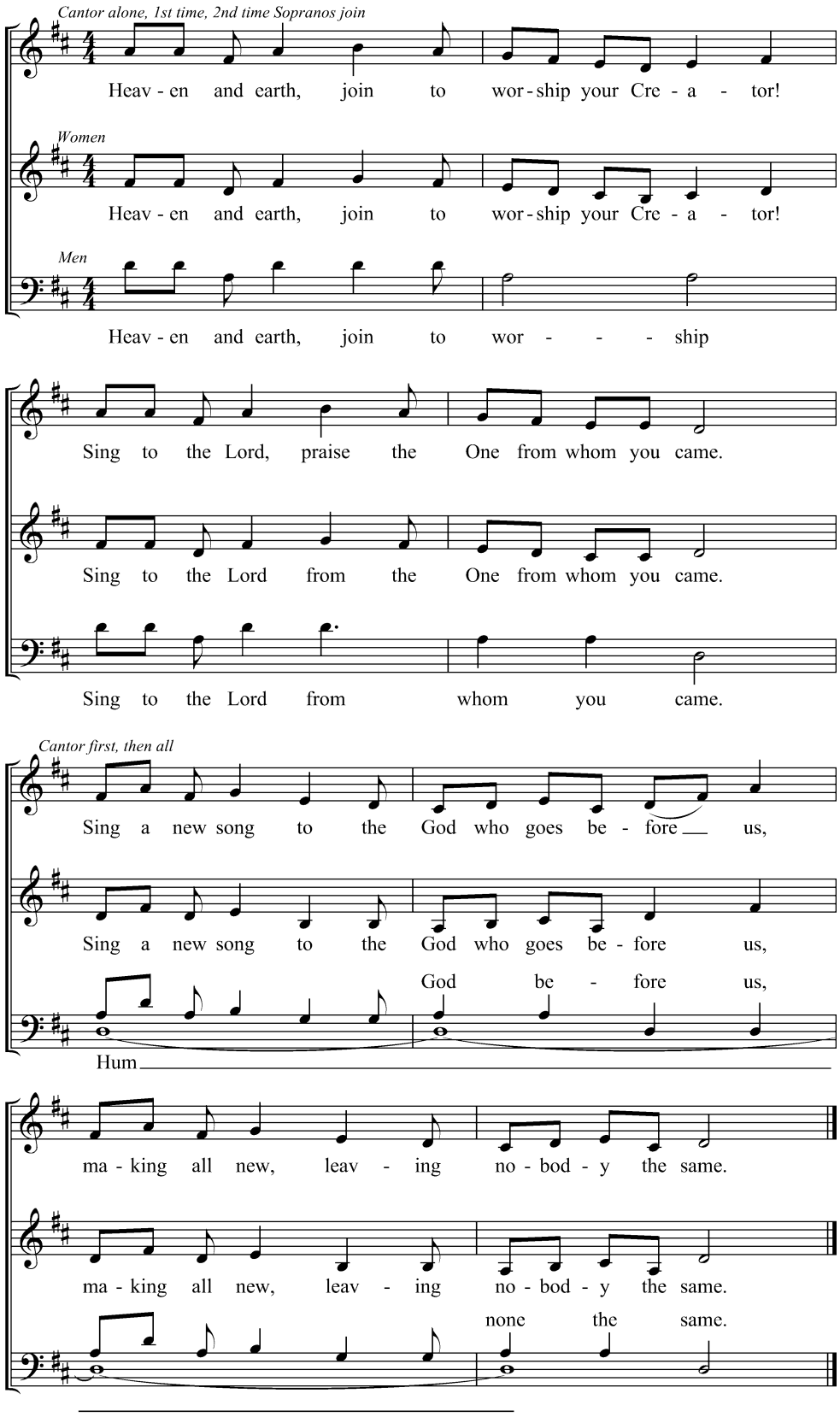
Prelude: *Landler* Franz Schubert

Anthem: *Mercy's Free* Leonard P. Breedlove

Sung by the Choir

The Acclamation
Celebrant : Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Congregation: **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Song of Praise: ***Heaven and earth*** **My Heart Sings Out, *#133*** *(Sing Twice)*



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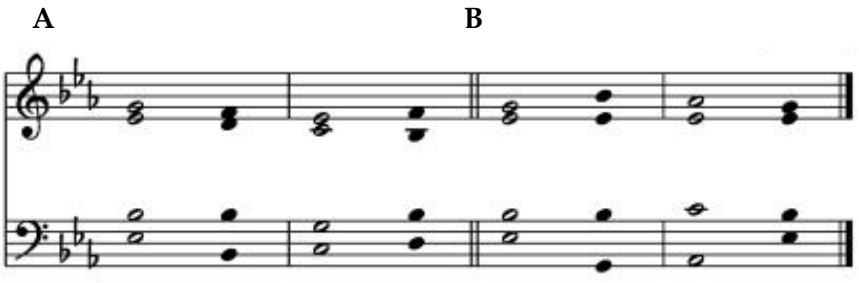
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal and all-merciful God, we give thanks for the spirit of the risen Christ among us. And we ask that this Spirit might transform our hearts so to reflect your passion for justice, peace, mercy, and love. Put to death anything in us that does not conform to the way of Jesus, and raise us to be Easter people in this Good Friday world. In Jesus' name we pray.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-20
Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.
Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.
For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."
Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30



I will exalt you, O Lord, *
because you have lifted me up ‖
and have not let my enemies *
triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health. ‖
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

A Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
A For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime. ‖
B Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." ‖
Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying, ‖
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

A Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper." ‖
A You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
B Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Second Lesson: The Book of Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
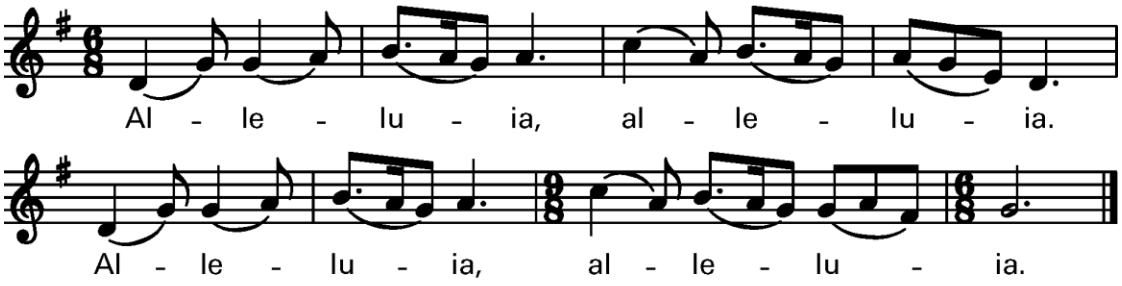
And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Celtic Alleluia

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



The Gospel John 21:1-19

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.
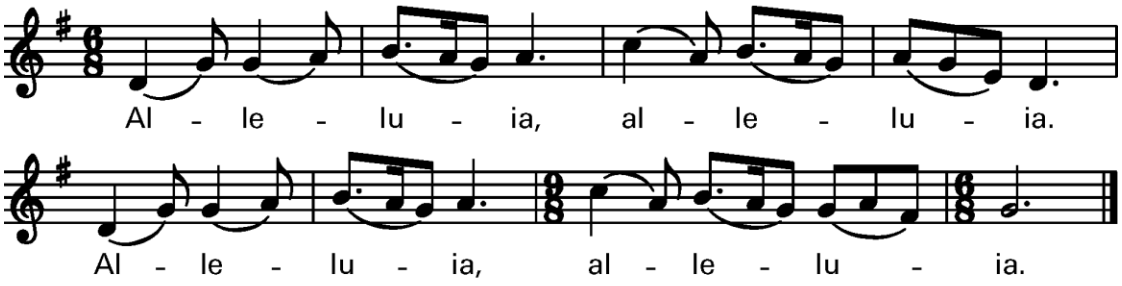
When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

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.
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

Risen Lord, whose love defeated even death, hear and answer our deepest hopes and needs as we say, Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

When our cups seem empty Lord, fill them with your love so that our acts of service to the world overflow with courage, generosity and persistence.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Break open the hearts of those who hold authority in our country and in the world that they might focus their attention on policies that promote peace, justice, and the relief of suffering.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to see the needs of those we encounter in our daily lives - our neighbors, the children, and the elders. May we respond with love and compassion.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us wisdom and determination to respond effectively to climate change. Help us to be stewards, not destroyers, of your magnificent creation.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and heal those who are anxious of heart, hopeless in spirit or ill. Give them relief from suffering and the peace of your presence.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort those who are in their last days, their caregivers, and those who will grieve their loss. May we all learn to trust in your eternal care.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

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?

Risen Lord, open our eyes to your presence today, reassure our hearts of your promises, embolden us for mission, and hear and answer our prayers that we might more perfectly be bearers of your love.
Amen.

We recognize those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other significant events in May

The Peace
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.
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Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.
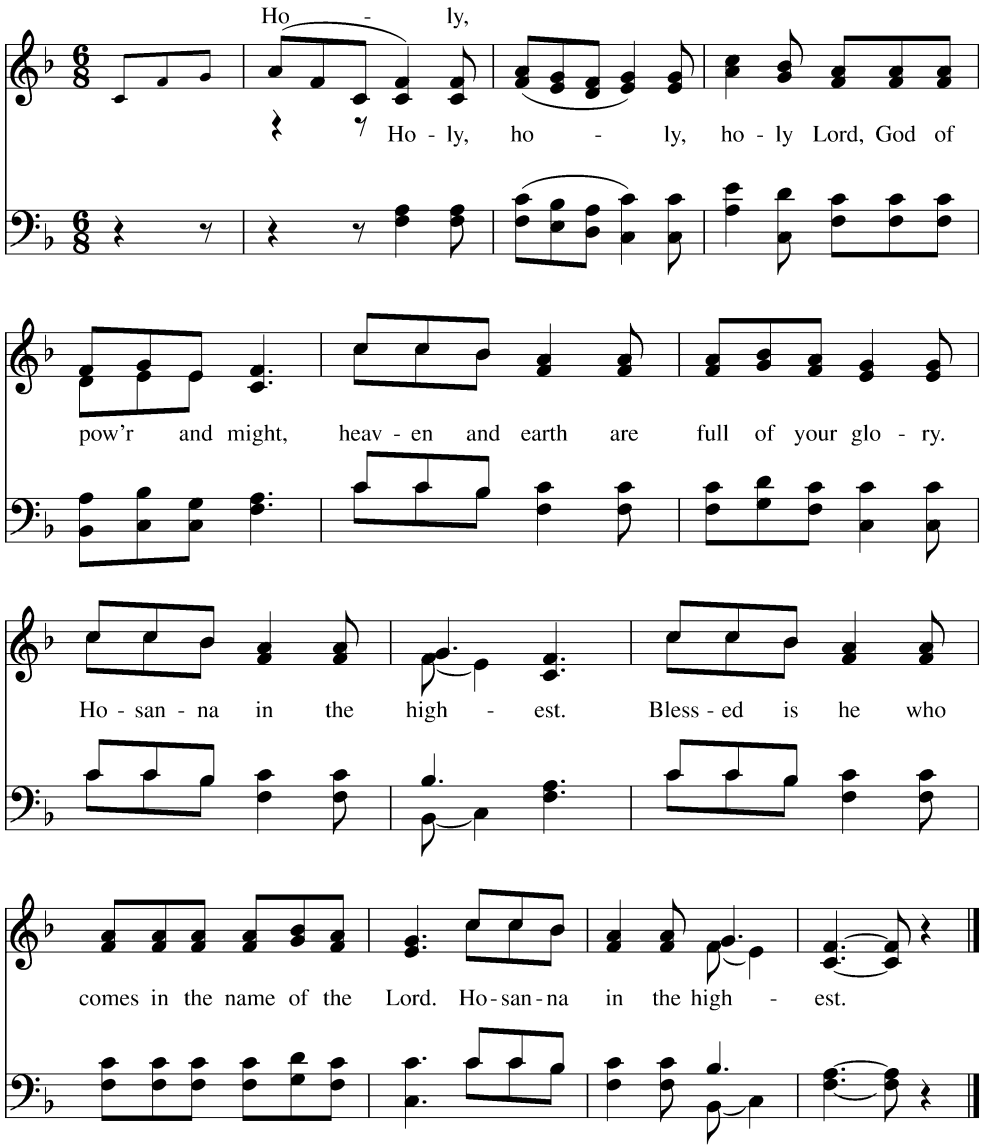
The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn ELW 722 *O Christ your heart compassionate (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:

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Celebrant: 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.

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
God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing
Go now as those who have met with Christ
in the morning of this day.
Go now as those who hearts have burned within them,
as the Scriptures were explained.
Go now as those
who have been touched by resurrection.

And may the blessing of God be upon you,
body, mind and spirit, as you leave this place,
Congregation: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn 554 **'***Tis the gift to be simple (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Waltz* Franz Schubert

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Care for Creation

The GPS Action for this Third Sunday of Easter is simply an invitation to enter into the mysteries of God's unfathomable love for us and for all of creation and to allow ourselves to be held in that mystery. By the power of this love we are released from the things that hold us captive, such as fear, hopelessness, or anger, and set free to be signs of God's love in the world in which we now live.

Let our GPS Action this week lead us to be "insurrections of resurrection", bringing hope, comfort and caring into the grief and suffering of the world around us.

Richard Rohr identifies death and resurrection as the universal pattern of Reality. See The Navigator for the link.

CALENDAR

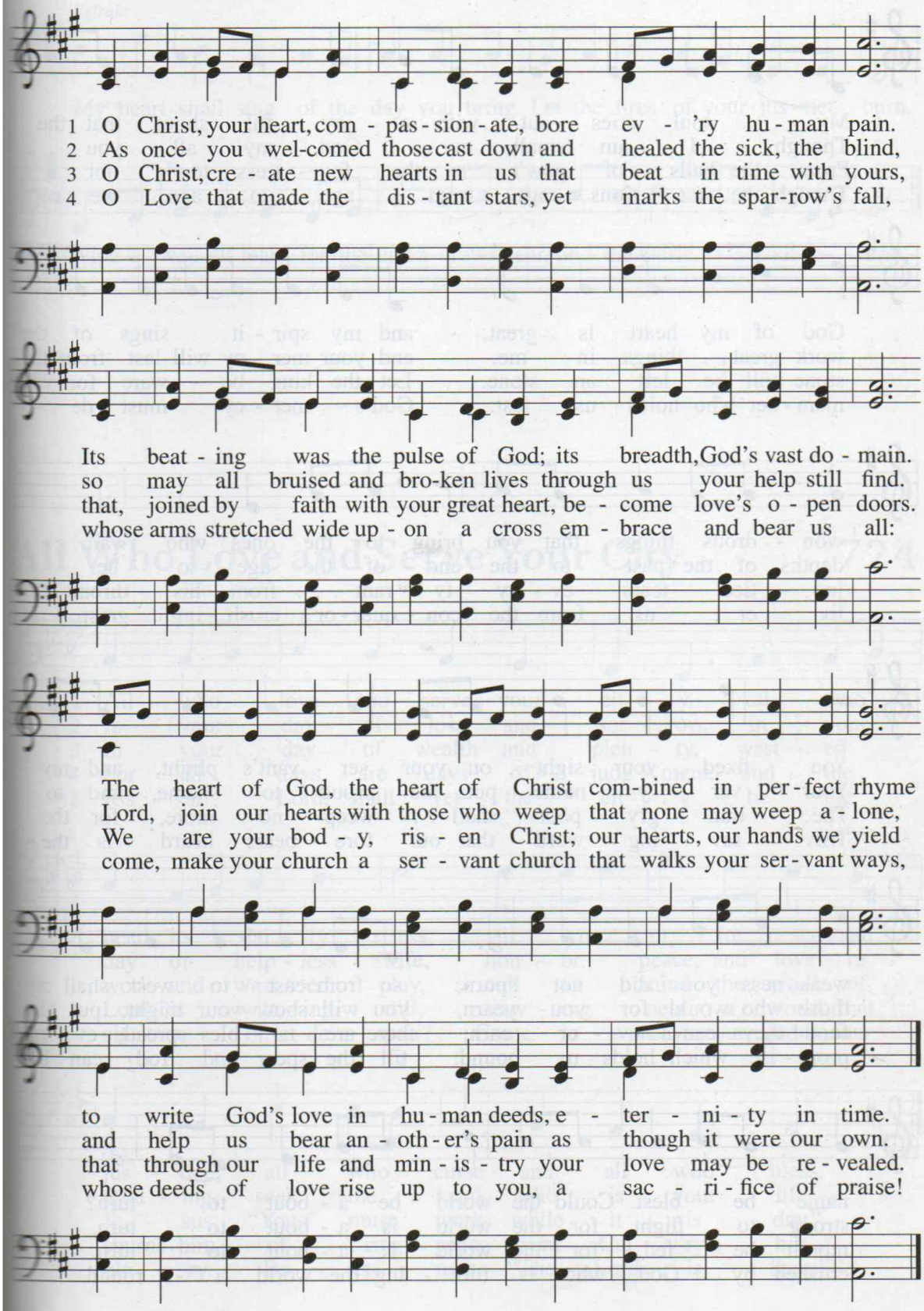
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, May 5	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, May 7	1:00- 4:00 p.m. Fist Session Creating Mandalas Workshop with Sensei Frederica Marshall 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, May 10	9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast, Stonecutters Kitchen
Sunday, May 11	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, May 14	1:00 p.m. Second Session Creating Mandalas Workshop with Sensei Frederica Marshall
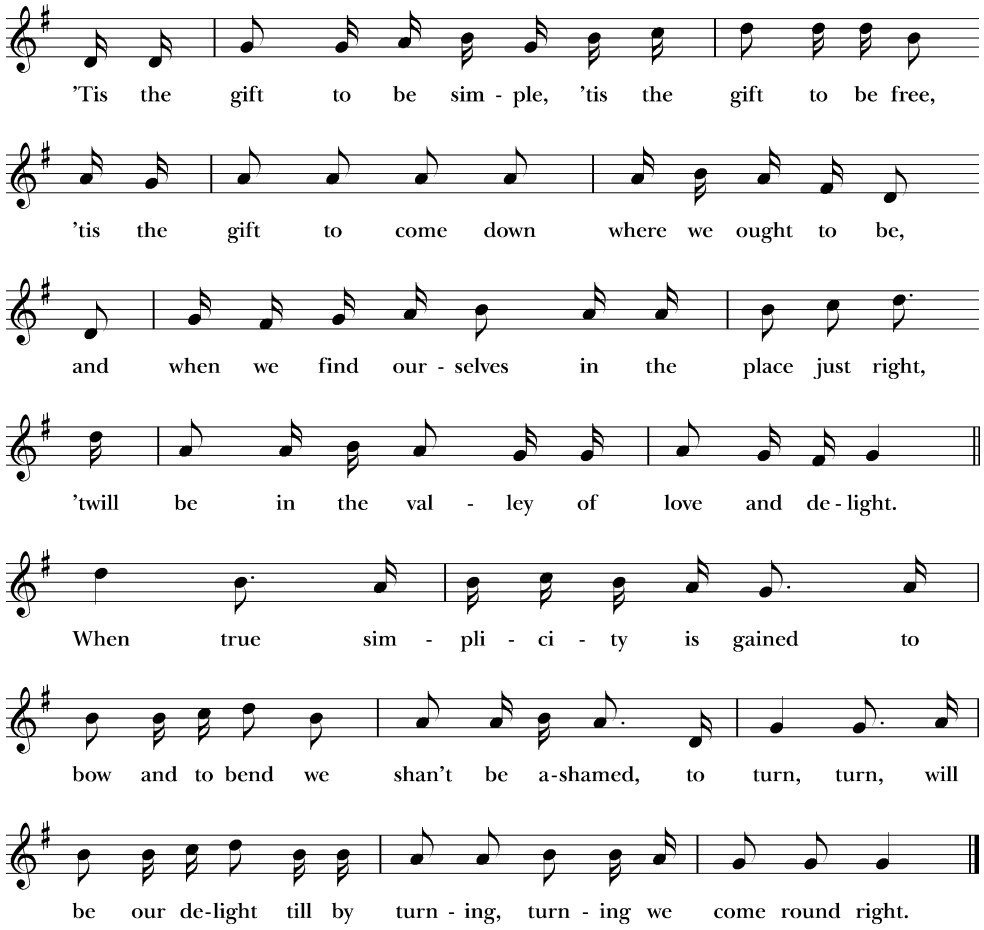
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate 722



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Music: German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833
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'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free *The Hymnal 1982*, #554



Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

Unless a tadpole stills its gills and dies to underwater ways,
It remains a silent voice in the choir of "Peeper Praise."
But if it lets go of gills, takes a chance and takes a breath,
It will find a song inside where it feared was only death.
And then, oh then, what once was still will lift its voice to heav'n above,
Filling falling dark'ning dusk with God's Easter song of love.