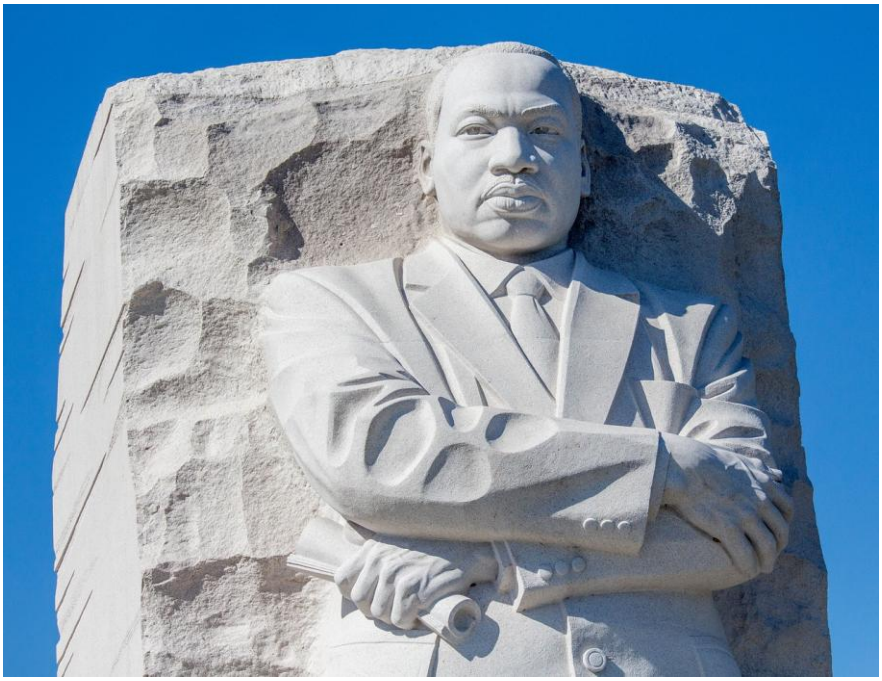


ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR
Deer Isle Maine

Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge and Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Second Sunday after Epiphany
Martin Luther King Day
January 19, 2025

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: We honor the Indigenous people everywhere, particularly the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth.
Congregation: **May we find the courage to acknowledge the brutality and violence of our forebears who seized these lands, and may we be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

The bell is rung three times

Prelude: *Voluntary #6* Edward Elgar

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn ELW 722 *O Christ, your heart, compassionate (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: This morning we remember dreams and dreamers.
Joseph, Jesus' father, dreamt about uncertainty.

Congregation: **We, too, know the uncertainty of dreaming.**
May we, like Joseph, respond in faith.

Celebrant: Mary, Jesus' mother, dreamt about a child, a new beginning.

Congregation: **We, too, dream of new beginnings.**
May we, like Mary, respond in hope.

Celebrant: The Magi dreamt about going home by a different way.

Congregation: **We, too, know how dreams can alter our plans.**
May we, like the Magi, respond with our feet.

Celebrant: There have been many dreams, many dreamers. Today we remember Martin Luther King Jr. who dreamed of justice rolling down like the waters, of a beloved community where all people find kinship, belonging, dignity and love.

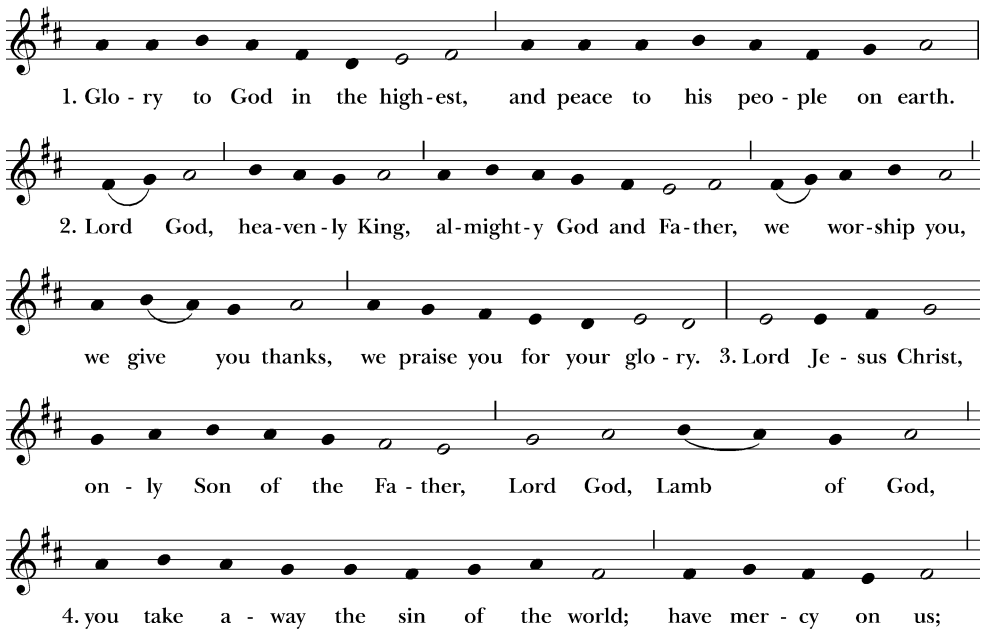
Congregation: **We, too, dream of justice and your beloved community.**
May we, like Dr. King, respond with our voices, with our lives and in your love.

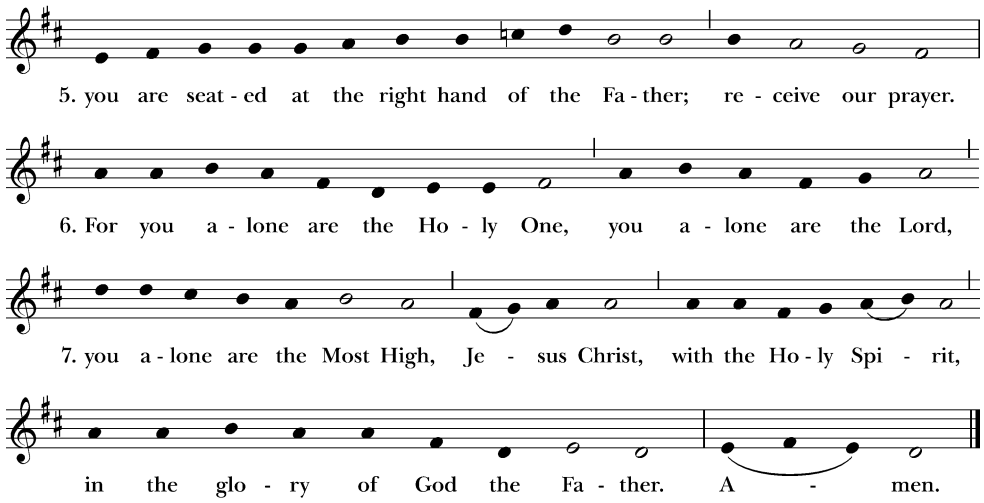
Celebrant: Awaken us to our dreams, Holy God —
and to your voice speaking from within them.

Congregation: **Awaken us to your world, Holy God —**
and to the places where our greatest joy can meet the world's greatest need.

Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson, USA

Canticle 20, Glory to God: ***Gloria in excelsis The Hymnal 1982, Service Music*****,** #277





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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the creation of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

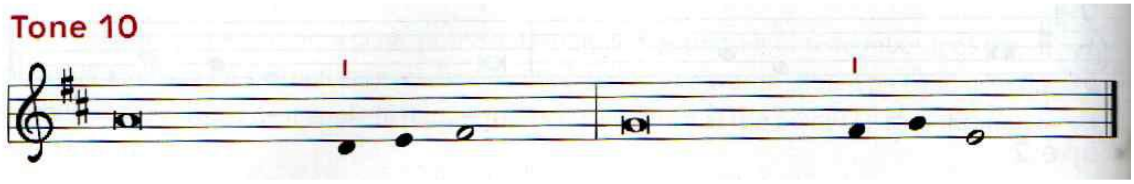
The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: First Lesson: Amos 5: 18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals,
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133



How very good and I pleasant it is ‖ when kindred live to-I gether in unity!
It is like the precious oil I on the head, ‖ running down up-I on the beard,
on the I beard of Aaron, ‖ running down over the I collar of his robes.
It is like the I dew of Hermon, ‖ which falls on the I mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord or-Idained his blessing, ‖ life for I ev-er-more.

Second Lesson: First Letter to the Corinthians 12: 1-11
Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn WLP 795 *Come now, O Prince of Peace (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: John 2: 1-11
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**
On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what

concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.
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
Leader: We are called to proclaim the truth. Let us believe:
It is not true that the world and its people are doomed to die and be lost.
Congregation: **This is true: Jesus has come that they may have life in all its abundance.**

Leader: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction.
Congregation: **This is true: the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, the poor are hearing the good news.**

Leader: It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word,
and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.
Congregation: **This is true: death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore.**

Leader: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world.
Congregation: **This is true: the Lord whom we seek will suddenly come to the temple; and the Lord is like a refiner's fire.**

Leader: It is not true that our dreams of liberation, of human dignity, are not meant for this earth and for this history.
Congregation: **This is true: it is already time for us to wake from sleep, for the night is far gone and the day is at hand.**

Allen Boesak, South African Dutch Reformed Church cleric, politician and anti-apartheid activist.

Prayers of the People
God of all races and nations, we praise you for all your faithful servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles, martyrs, leaders, and saints, and for humble folk whose names were never in the news, but are recorded in your book of life, **We give you thanks, O God.**

Especially this day we thank you for Martin Luther King, Jr., for his courage and conviction, for his passion for peace, and for his tireless quest of a nation that keeps faith with its promises,
We give you thanks, O God.

For the memory of Martin Luther King, Sr. and Mrs. King, Coretta Scott King and the King family; for Medgar Evers, Rosa Parks, James Meredith, Malcolm X, Desmond Tutu, Howard Thurman, Pauli Murray, John Lewis and countless others who stood in the front lines and marched, integrated schools and restaurants, or sat in buses and refused to move,
We give you thanks, O God.

For nameless multitudes who suffered the tortures of slavery and the tyranny of oppression, who were beaten, raped, or lynched; and for the nameless multitudes today whose lives are stunted and cut short by economic and social structures of brutality,
We grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

For children, women, and men of every race who are denied education, health care, jobs, housing, and hope in our land,
We grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

Leader: Please offer your prayers and thanksgivings at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Leader: Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

Leader: Hear our prayers, and bless us, living God.
Hold the secret longings of our hearts in the mystery of your love.
Shine your light on us that our lives may be a light to the world.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.
Congregation: **Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved you with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us.**
We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ.
We often give in order to receive.
We love our friends and hate our enemies.
We go the first mile but dare not travel the second.
We forgive but dare not forget.
And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you.
But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters, by the power of God's Spirit we are always called into newness of life in Christ Jesus. Whatever has previously bound us in fear and kept us from living fully into God's kingdom of justice and peace, this is a new day. In the mercy of God we have been set free to be God's people in the world. Let us live in the light of this good news.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: 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 exchange the peace
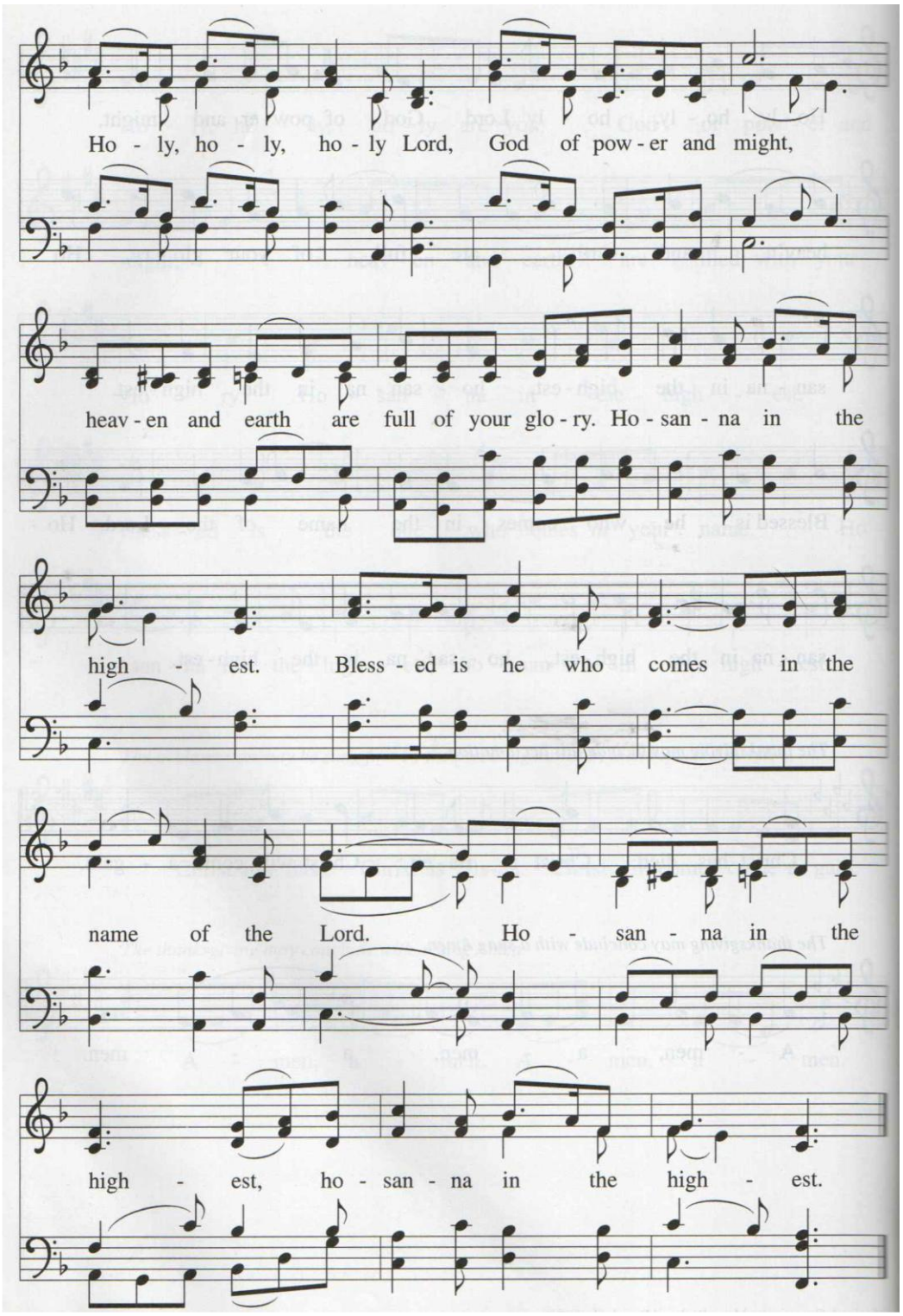
The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn LEVAS II 106 *Precious Lord, take my hand (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.**
We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love
Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.
Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.
With the angels of light who envelop us,
with all the saints before and beside us,
with brothers and sisters, east and west,
we sing to you.
And with our loved ones, separate from us now,
who yet in this mystery are close to us,
we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus ELW 193 *(next page)*



Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread

and having blessed it he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.
In the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.

Congregation: **Hear us, O Christ,**
and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life.
May they heal, renew, and make us whole.
And as the bread and wine
which we now eat and drink are changed into us,
may we be changed again into you,
bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world. Amen.

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

Celebrant: In recognition with those who are worshiping with us remotely we pray.
Celebrant and Congregation: **Gathered in the name of Jesus, whether here or on Zoom, we are 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

Celebrant: In thanksgiving for the gifts of grace and mercy that have nourished us at this table, we pray for the courage to bear these gifts to the world, remembering the life to which Jesus calls us.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

Congregation: **To find the lost,**
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman

The Blessing

Sending Hymn ELW 717 *Let justice flow like streams (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Voluntary* J. G. Albrechtsberger

Announcements

Dismissal

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Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action

Justice for all

Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.

Martin Luther King Jr.

There is a stark inequity in the state of Maine in levels of poverty based on race and ethnic identity. While approximately 15% of white children live in poverty, the rate is 44% for children from Maine's American Indian families and over 46% for children from Maine's Black or African families (State Legislature figures from 2021).

Let's renew our commitment to the power of love and join with others to address this inequity. **Please explore the work of Maine Equal Justice** (MaineEqualJustice.org), a nonprofit civil legal aid and economic justice organization based in Augusta that works to increase **economic security, opportunity, and equity** for Maine residents. Or, closer to home, contact Community Compass or Healthy Island Project to see how your time, energy, and love can make a difference in your neighbors' lives and well-being.

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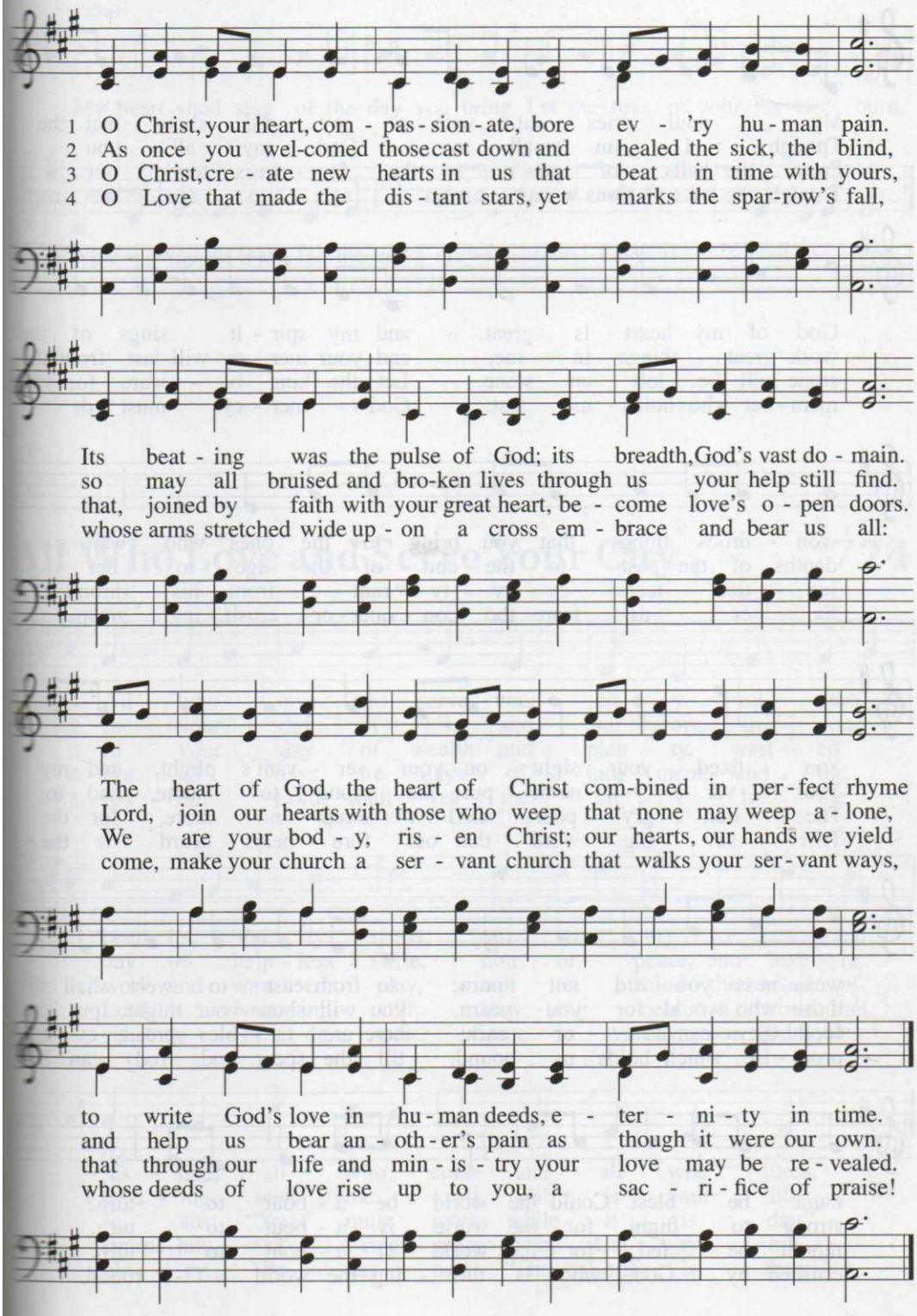
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Sunday, January 19	2:00 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Celebration at Reversing Falls Sanctuary
Monday, January 20	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, January 21	10:00 a.m. Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 22	8:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting 10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in-person) 10:30 a.m. Second session on Luke with Dr. Pam Shellberg 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, January 26	10:00 a.m. Eucharist with The Rev. Andrew Stoessel Presiding

Looking Ahead

Thursday, January 30	5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Gumbo at the Danes'
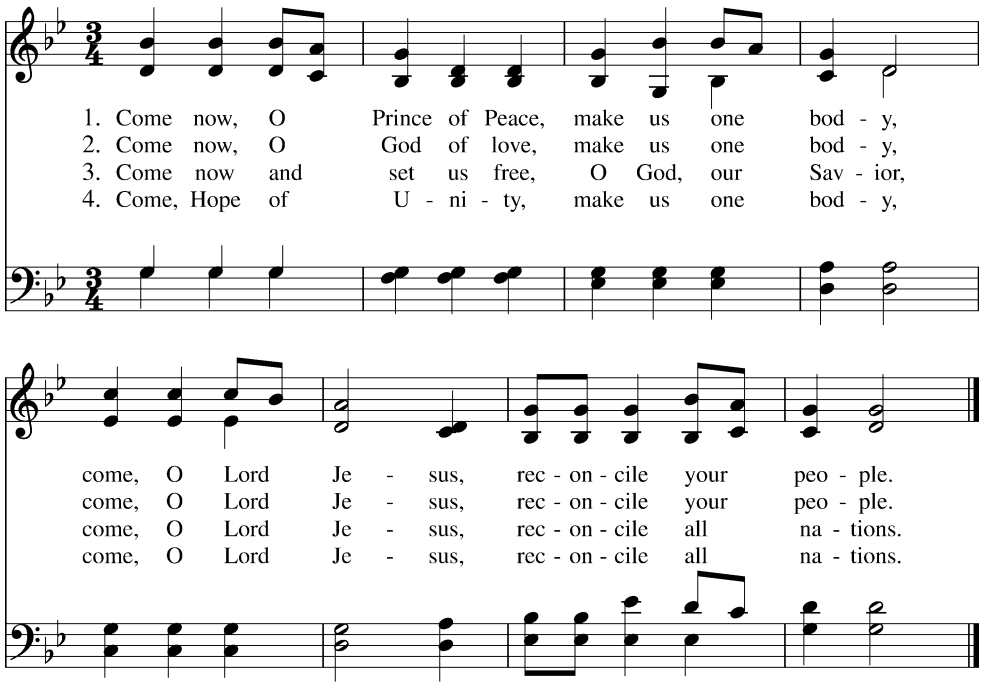
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate 722



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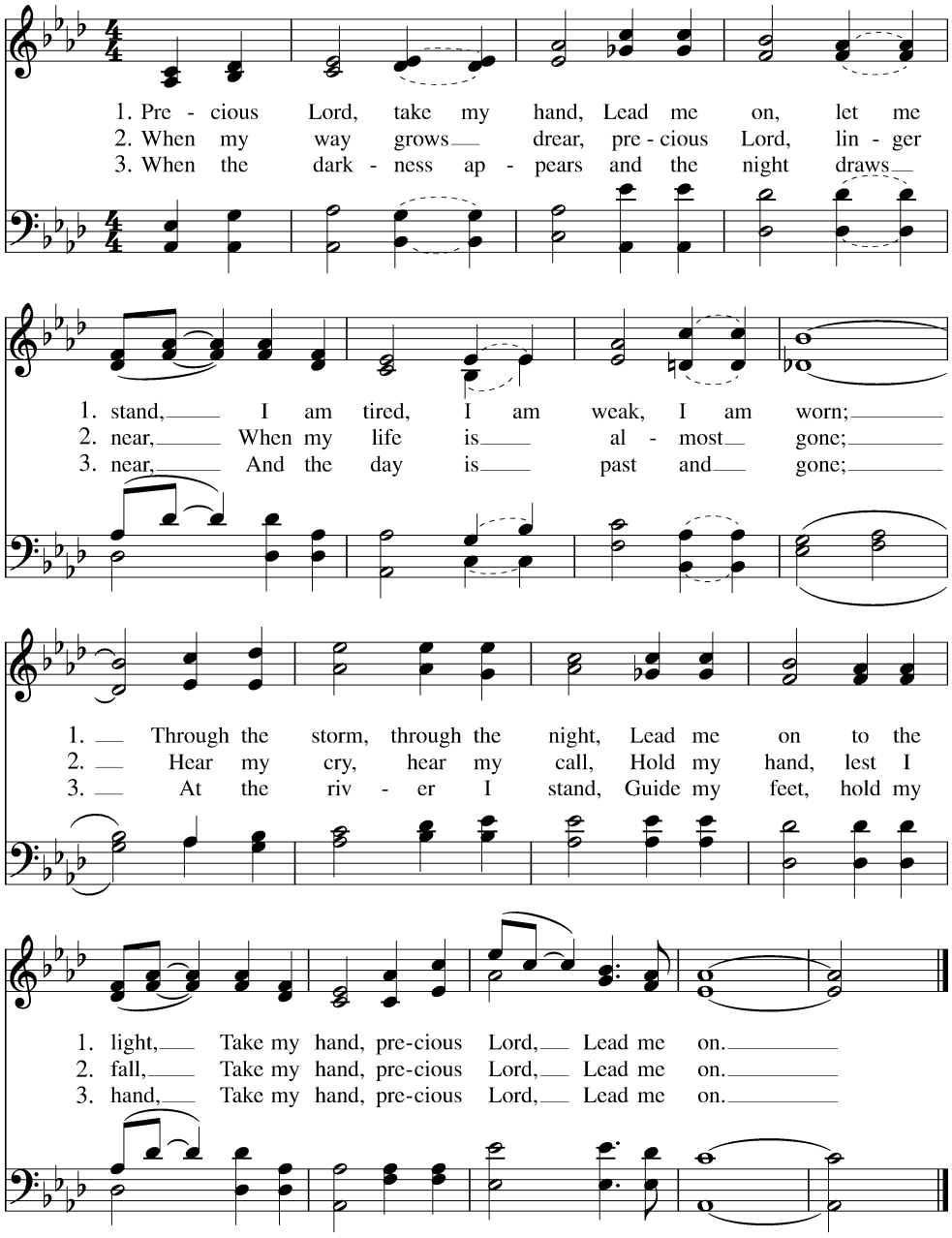
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Come now, O Prince of Peace *Wonder Love and Praise,* #795



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Take My Hand, Precious Lord *Lift Every Voice and Sing II,* #106



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