

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, Priest in Charge
The Rev. Andrew Stoessel, Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director and Organist
Sophie Webb, Guest Musician
Third Sunday in Lent
Preparing for Resurrection in a Time of Lament
March 23, 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 service begins with the ringing of the bell three times.

Prelude: *Largo* Antonio Vivaldi

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

Opening Hymn 574 *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel (in back of bulletin)*

Celebrant: We lift our voices in deep lament for the suffering of our world.
Congregation: **Even as we dare prepare our hearts for resurrection.**

Celebrant: We lift our voices in deep lament for the fears that keep us bound.
Congregation: **Even as we dare prepare our hearts for resurrection.**

Celebrant: We lift our voices in deep lament for all things closed, unjust, unkind.
Congregation: **Even as we dare prepare our hearts for resurrection.**

Celebrant: We lift our voices in deep lament and ask Love's visitation.
Congregation: **For only love can open hearts to prepare for resurrection.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Celebrant and Congregation: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**
Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison My Heart Sings Out, *#14*



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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 Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63: 1-8



O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul [I] thirsts for you; ‖
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there [I] is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the [I] sanctuary, ‖ beholding your [I] power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than [I] life, ‖ my lips will [I] praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I [I] live; ‖ I will lift up my hands and [I] call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a [I] rich feast, ‖ and my mouth praises you with [I] joyful lips
when I think of you [I] on my bed, ‖ and meditate on you in the watches [I] of the night;

for you have been my [I] help, ‖ and in the shadow of your wings I [I] sing for joy.

My soul clings to [I] you; ‖ your right hand [I] upholds me.

Second Lesson: First Letter to the Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 648 *When Israel was in Egypt's Land (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree,

and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon The Rev. Andrew Stoessel

Silence will be commenced and ended with the sounding of a bell.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: All here and on Zoom are asked to offer your prayers after each invitation.

(Note: examine the seven invitations and see where your prayers best fit)

Leader: I invite your prayers for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers for our nation.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers for the welfare of the world and the health of our suffering planet.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers for the concerns of this Island and Peninsular community.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers for those who suffer and those in any trouble.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers of lament.

People offer prayers

Leader: I invite your prayers for those who have died and those who mourn.

People offer prayers

Leader and Congregation: **Oh Lord our God, who takes notice of the marginalized, the alien and the powerless, do not let us forget those who cry out to you. Accept their prayers; look with compassion upon all who turn to you for help; for you stand under us all, and to you we give glory, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people exchange the peace.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 315 *Thou who at thy first Eucharist did pray (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.**

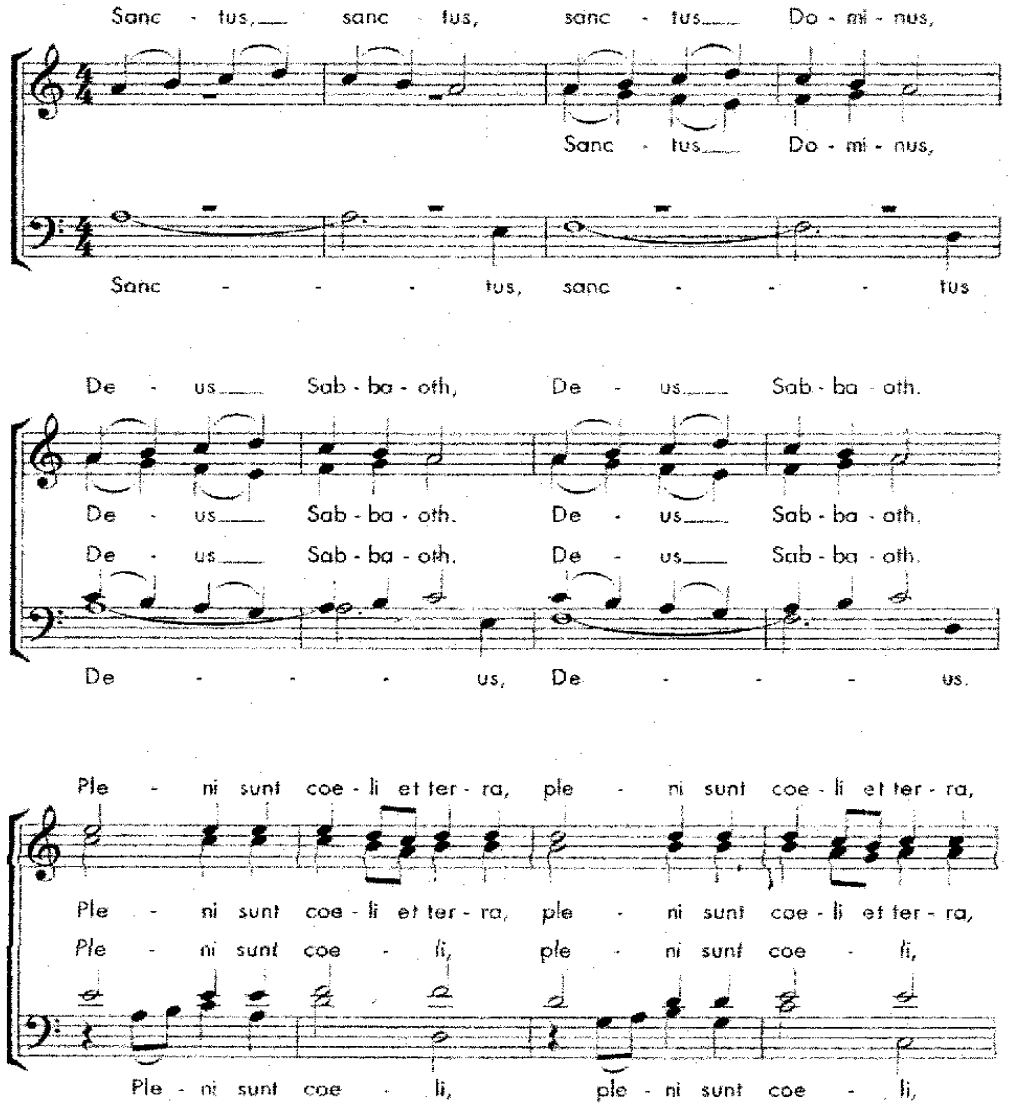
Celebrant: Lord God, you have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have reconciled us to you and to one another in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name singing…

Sanctus *(next pages)*

Sanctus

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Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and on the cross opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this is remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore, his life, death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Congregation: **Pour out your Holy Spirit, O Lord, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all of your people and of your creation in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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: Let us pray.
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.

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, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,
the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.
Give us grace in this season, as we walk with Jesus toward the cross,
to fast from anything that leads us away from you and
to feast on those things that draw us nearer to you,
so we might be signs of your healing and redeeming love for all the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn *We Belong to God (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Prelude* Alexander Scriabin

Announcements

Dismissal

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CALENDAR

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

Monday, March 24	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, March 25	1:00 p.m. Worship & Music Ministry meeting (Zoom) 4:00 p.m. A Gathering in these Difficult Times
Wednesday, March 26	8:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting 10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers – Ann van Buren reflector
Friday, March 28	5:00-7:00 p.m. Mariners Soar! Empty Bowl Supper
Sunday, March 30	10:00 a.m. Lay lead Healing Service and Holy Eucharist.

GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Justice for All

Celebrating Women's History in the month of March

There is a highly recommended and award-winning American war drama just released in December of 2024, *The Six Triple Eight*, which is based on the true story of an all-black, all-female women's battalion in World War II-a possible way to celebrate Women's History Month. See The Navigator for a link to the film.

And closer to home learn about and support the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, (MCEDV.org) and the legislation, LD 670 , introduced a few days ago to the Judiciary Committee by Deer Isle and Stonington's Representative Holly Eaton , to address the gap in protection-from-abuse laws in the state of Maine. The Navigator has a link for more information on the bill.

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel *The Hymnal 1982*, #574



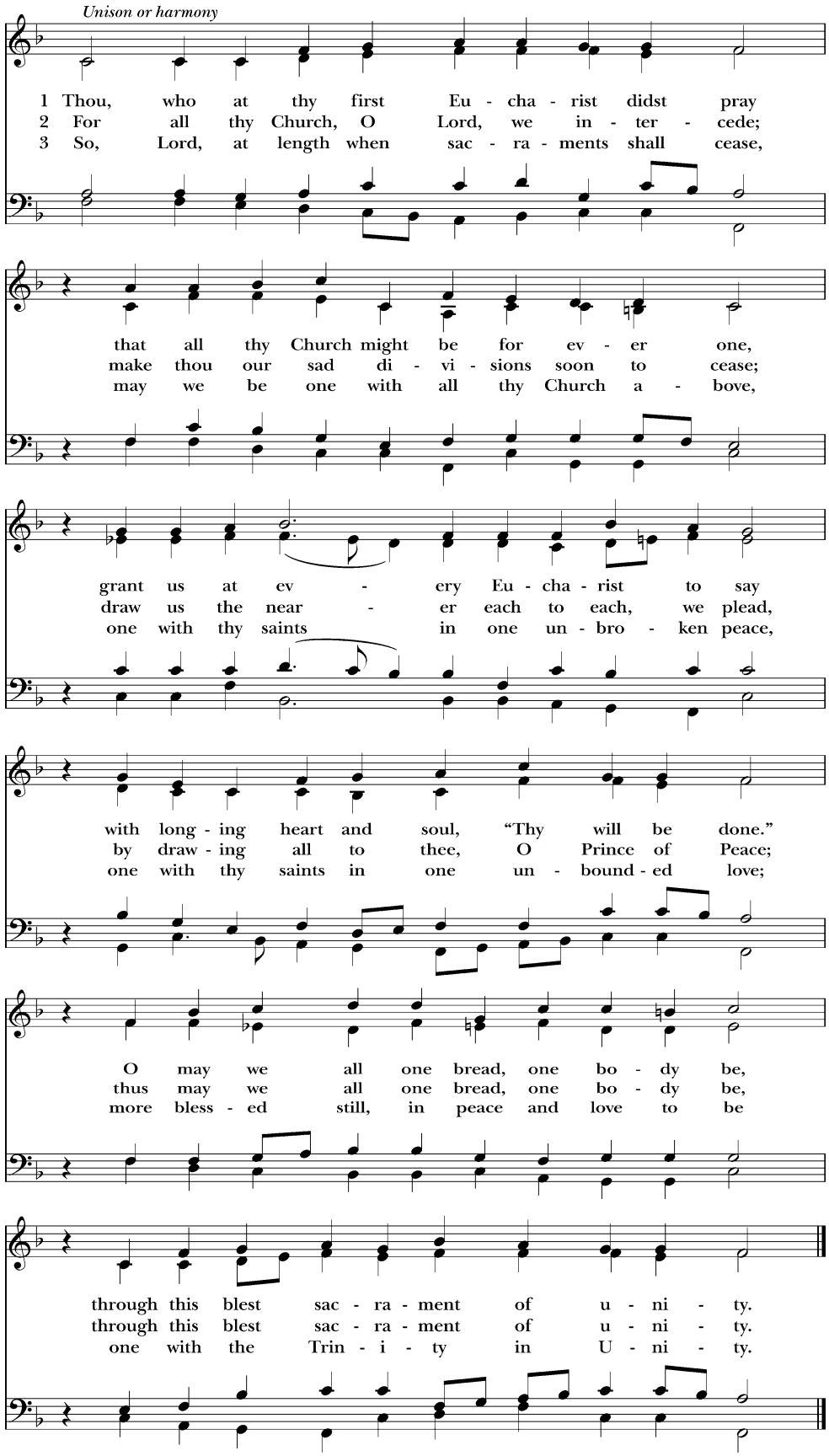
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When Israel was in Egypt's land *The Hymnal 1982,* #648



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Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray *The Hymnal 1982,* #315



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We Belong to God



2. Each day allows us to decide for good, loving and serving as we know we should;
in thankful giving, in hopeful living, we belong to God, we belong to God.

3. Sometimes we sorrow, other times we embrace, sometimes we question everything we face;
yet in our yearning is deeper learning: we belong to God, we belong to God.

4. Till earth is over may we always know, love never fails us: God has made it so.
Hard times will prove us, never remove us; we belong to God, we belong to God.

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;