

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
Emily Blair Stribling, Celebrant
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Lent 4
March 30, 2025

This service of prayers for healing asserts that God's purpose for us all is a life of wholeness, as expressed in the life and teaching of Jesus. The ministry of healing is an integral part of our Christian witness.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community, nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in times of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

During communion, after receiving the bread and wine, there will be an opportunity for those desiring healing to receive a blessing with the laying on of hands by a member of the healing team. *Whether or not you choose to receive such a blessing (indicated by extending your open hands), we know that God's healing purpose, the promise of God's fulfilling and sustaining love, is for every one of us, and is carried in bread and wine as well as in the laying on of hands. We invite you to receive God's healing presence in all the ways that feel right for you.*

The Gathering of the Community

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 of supporting 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

Prelude: *Sarabande* J. S. Bach

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn *Create within me a Clean Heart (sung three times, 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 Eleison *My Heart Sings Out, #**14***



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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: Genesis 16: 1-13

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, and Sarai said to Abram, "You see that the Lord has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife.

He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!" But Abram said to Sarai, "Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai." The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her."

The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude." And the angel of the Lord said to her, "Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael, for the Lord has given heed to your affliction. He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him; and he shall live at odds with all his kin." So she named the Lord who spoke to her, "You are El-roi"; for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32



Happy are they whose transgressions are for- I given, ‖ and whose sin is I put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no I guilt, ‖

and in whose spirit there I is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered aw- I ay, ‖ because of my groaning I all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and I night; ‖

my moisture was dried up as in the I heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my I sin to you, ‖ and did not con- I ceal my guilt.

I said," I will confess my transgressions to the I LORD." ‖

Then you forgave me the guilt I of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of I trouble; ‖

when the great waters overflow, they I shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from I trouble; ‖

you surround me with I shouts of deliverance.

"**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should I go; ‖**

I will guide you I with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and I bridle, ‖

or else they will not I stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the I wicked; ‖

but mercy embraces those who trust I in the LORD.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the I LORD; ‖

shout for joy, all who are I true of heart.

Second Lesson: Second Letter to the Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Anthem *Almighty and Everlasting God (sung by the Choir)* Orlando Gibbons

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflections Nathan Dane and Damon Beyer

Silence

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

Leader: Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace.

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. We remember those on our prayer list:

Mollie Ann Meserve, Heidi (Jonny's mother), Pam Jackson, Tammie and Jason Cox, Tyler Goss, Joyce Dunn, Kate Hallen & Bob Blum, Judith Jerome, Isabelle Valencia, Judy C., Mimi Maslan, Susan Manne, Semantha and Lee, Emily Gibson, Judy, Megan, Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Robert B. Tobin, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Brent Was, Bill Scaife, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Mary Ann Shaw, Lindsay Bowker, Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner, Carol Stoneburner

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled;
Congregation: **May they be made whole.**

Leader: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering;

Congregation: **Grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.**

Leader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin;
Congregation: **Mend broken relationships in our lives and restore wholeness in our relationship with our Mother Earth.**

Leader: Grant to the dying peace; give the departed eternal rest.
Congregation: **Uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.**

Leader: Hear us, O Lord of life:
Congregation: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Leader: Please add your own prayers

The congregation is invited to add their own prayers

Leader: We invite prayers from those who are with us on Zoom.

Leader: Let us pray.
Congregation: **O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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 141 *Wilt thou forgive the sin, where I begun (in back of bulletin)*

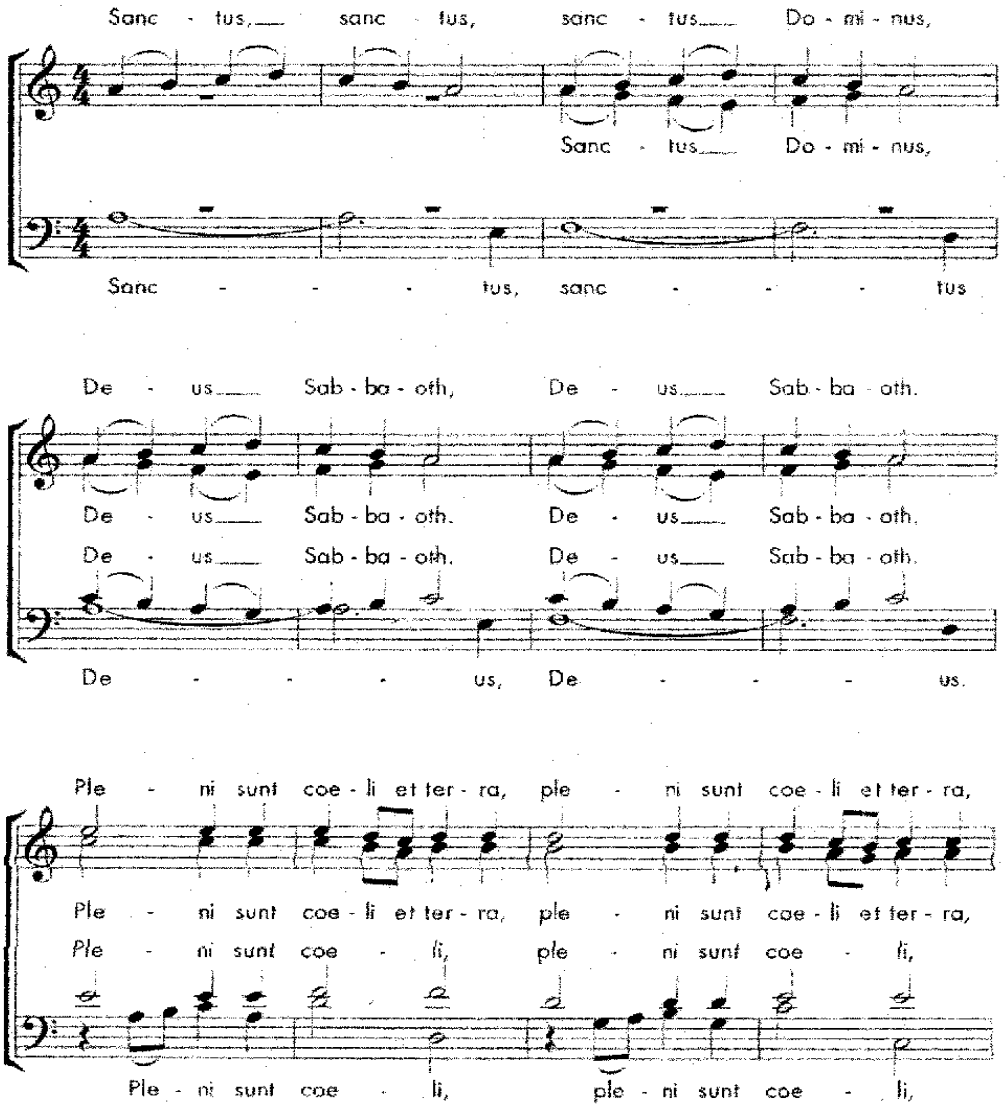
The Great Thanksgiving

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

Words: Liturgical traditional
Music: John L. Bell



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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
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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God …

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.
Those desiring healing should open their palms, and a member of the healing team will come to them for the laying on of hands.

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.
Congregation: **We pray for those who are with us virtually that they experience God's presence and love in any part of their lives that is in need of healing.**

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

Postlude: *Largo* G. F. Handel

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 31	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (zoom)
Wednesday, April 2	9:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Ministry Meeting 10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - The Rev. Tim Ensworth presenting 3:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers – Mickey Jacoba reflector
Saturday, April 5	11:30 a.m. Memorial Service for Barbara Wright's son Ted at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Windham. Contact Pastor Elaine if interested in carpooling.
Sunday, April 6	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, April 22	A Journey of Peace begins at the Penobscot Nation boat landing (See The Navigator for details)
September 8-11	Women's Retreat at Camp Bishopswood (Note date change)

GPS (Giving our Priorities Shape) Action

Justice for All

As we conclude our celebration of Women's History Month and its connection with our call for Justice for All, you are invited to remember three women with connections to Maine. **Margaret Chase Smith** served in Congress for 32 years (1940-1973) with integrity and outspoken courage. Consider a visit to the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan.

Another justice seeker in Maine's 20th century, **Frances Perkins**, the first woman to serve in a presidential cabinet, was the United States Secretary of Labor from 1933-1945. She advocated for the abolition of child labor, helped establish Social Security, and shaped American labor laws. Her home in Newcastle has recently been designated a National Monument.

A third extraordinary woman who was a Brunswick resident when she wrote *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1851) and whose home there is a National Historic Landmark is **Harriet Beecher Stowe,** a "ferocious abolitionist." The Southern Confederate states banned *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in 1852, and it is still banned in some communities today because it has been considered propaganda for "critical race theory."

Perhaps in your family history there is a woman you can remember with gratitude for and be inspired by her contributions to equal rights and justice for all.

CREATE WITHIN ME A CLEAN HEART *(sung three times)*



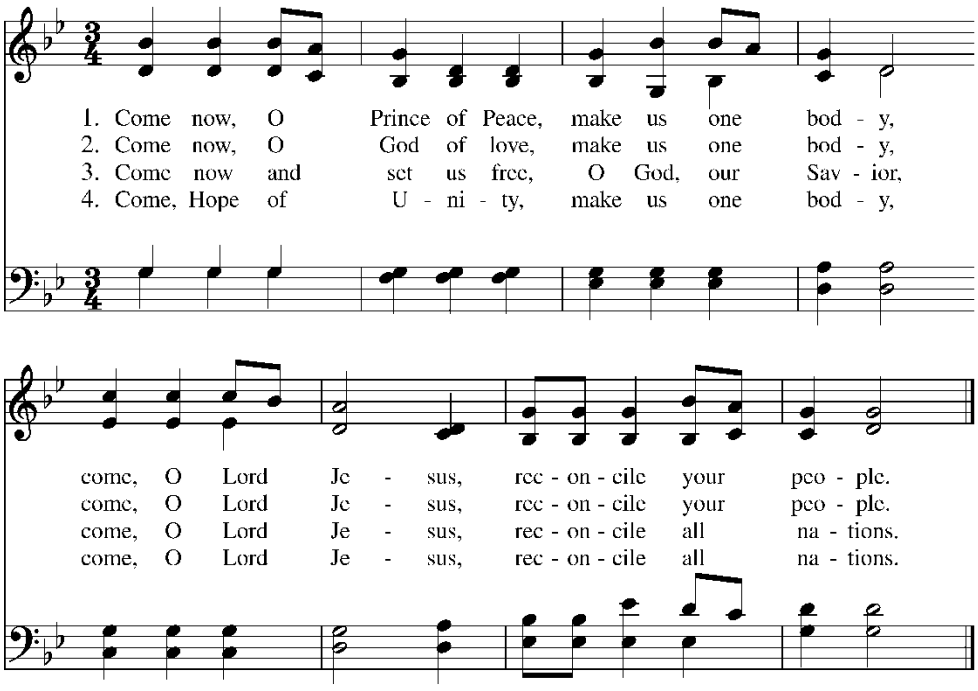
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Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun *The Hymnal 1982*, #141



Words: John Donne (1573-1631). Music: *So giebst du nun*, melody from *Geist und Lehr-reiches Kirchen und Haus Buch*, 1694; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

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



Words: Geonyong Lee; para. Marion Pope, alt. Music: *O-so-so*, Geonyong Lee.

<u>Our Values</u>

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**.