

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska

The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, VIIIth Bishop of Alaska

"A Harbor for God's Love"

Holy Communion with Reserve Sacrament

Children's Day

The Third Sunday after the Day of Pentecost

June 14, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.



The Mission of the Church:

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to
unity with God and each other in Christ.

Catechism, Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 855

Welcome visitors. Take time to sign the guest
book in the narthex and join us for coffee hour after the service.
Please join us in worship again, and may God bless your week.

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;
during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another.*

Holy Communion With Reserve Sacrament

Children's Day *(See pages 20-21)*

*Led by Worship Leaders trained and licensed by the Diocese of Alaska
Musician ~ Stephanie, piano & Elena Violin*

**Third Sunday after the Day of
Pentecost**

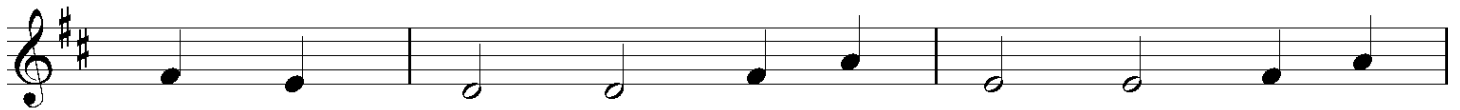
Sunday, June 14, 2026

Liturgy of the Word

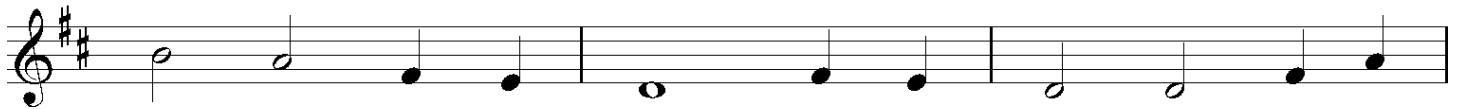
Opening Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

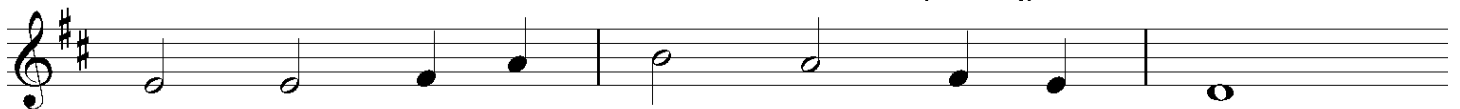
Hymnal 686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



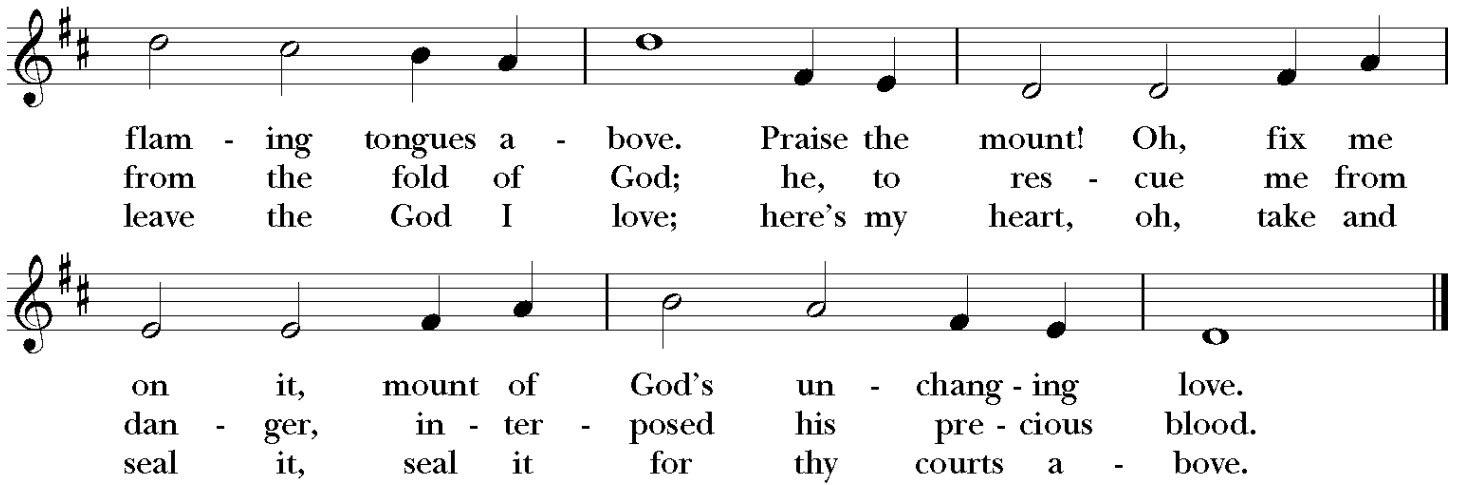
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and
 on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

All standing as able, the Officiant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.**

Confession of Sin

All kneel or stand as able.

The Officiant says

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." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Officiant and People together say

**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.**

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Officiant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following is sung, all standing, as able.

Gloria

Glory & Praise 100

The musical notation is for a Gloria in D major, 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The first measure is labeled 'Refrain'. The second measure contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4, with a '(clap)' instruction above the notes. The third measure contains a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4, also with a '(clap)' instruction above. The fourth measure contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The fifth measure contains a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The sixth measure contains a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F#3. The seventh measure contains a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, and a quarter note C3. The eighth measure contains a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note G2. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o.



1. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, peace you bring to
2. Je - sus, Sav - ior of all, Lord God, Lamb of
3. At the Fa - ther's right hand, Lord, re - ceive our
4. Glo - ry, Fa - ther and Son, Glo - ry, Ho - ly



1. us; _____ we wor - ship you, we _____ give you thanks,
2. God, _____ you take a - way our _____ sins, O Lord,
3. prayer, _____ for you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
4. Spir - it, to you we raise our _____ hands up high,



1. we sing our song of _____ praise.
2. have mer - cy on us _____ all.
3. and you a - lone are the Lord.
4. we glo - ri - fy your _____ name.

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Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated.

Psalm 116:1,10-17

Rob Smith

Dilexi, quoniam

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of
my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever
I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD*
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD*
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD*
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD*
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Ken Vaughan

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

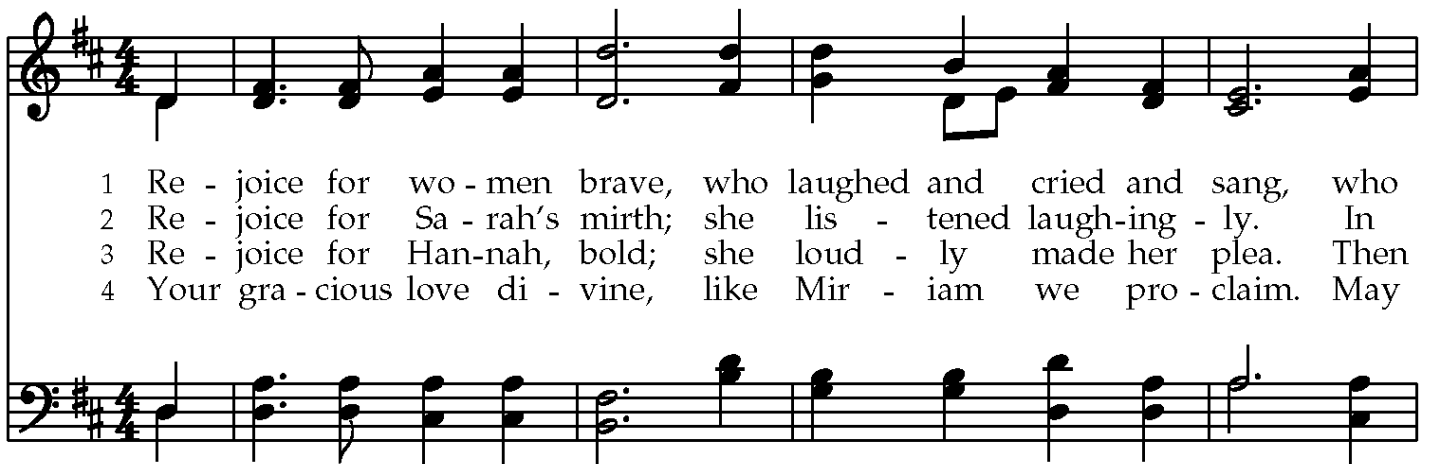
Reader **The Word of the Lord.**
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

All stand as able.

Rejoice for women brave

Voices Found 18



1 Re - joice for wo - men brave, who laughed and cried and sang, who
2 Re - joice for Sa - rah's mirth; she lis - tened laugh-ing - ly. In
3 Re - joice for Han-nah, bold; she loud - ly made her plea. Then
4 Your gra - cious love di - vine, like Mir - iam we pro - claim. May

lis - tened to an - gels, be - lieved their God, from them sal - va - tion sprang.
 joy she brought forth a new na - tion, say - ing all will laugh with me.
 God heard her prayers and she, ex - ul - tant, sang of vic - to - ry.
 we now sing praise and with Ma - ry mag - ni - fy your ho - ly name.

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, re - joice, a - gain I

say re-joice, re - joice a - gain, I say re - joice.

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Holy Gospel *Matthew 9:35–10:8, (9-23)*

The congregation may remain seated during the reading of the Gospel.

Officiant A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.”

“Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are

to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

Officiant The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

All stand as able and together say

**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: Form III

Stephanie Hall

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.** We pray for: **Peter, Dave & family, Natalie & Ed, the Long family, Tom, Judy & family, Sam, Marilyn, Jim, Catie, Stephanie, Tracy, Seena, Marilyn, Caroline, Laurie, Tamira, Heather, Fred, Sharon & family, David & Jackie, Gavin, Dee, John, Judi, Linda, John, Mike, Ashu, Karen, Ann, Eyerus, Maria, Justine, John, Don A., Mariah, Miryam, Steve, Julie, Linda, Penny, Jim, Cyndy, Anne, Aaron & Devonne, Dwayne, Constance, Troy, Cheryl, Jordan, Jeremy; for the victims of domestic violence and gun violence; all who live and work at the Johnson Youth Center, SEARHC'S:***

Ravens Way, and Lemon Creek Correctional Center; all who live with addictions; all who suffer from long term illnesses; and for those who love and care for them.

Give to the departed eternal rest; *especially Jessie.*

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Officiant adds the following prayer

For the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.*** (BCP page 829)

Officiant adds a concluding collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Peace

All Stand as able.

Officiant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Officiant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Today's loose offering will go to the Glory Hall.

Nothing But Nets

The envelope provided is for cash...

Envelope not necessary if writing a check. Make check to St. Brendan's with "Nothing But Nets" on the memo line. Donations will be collected during the month of June.

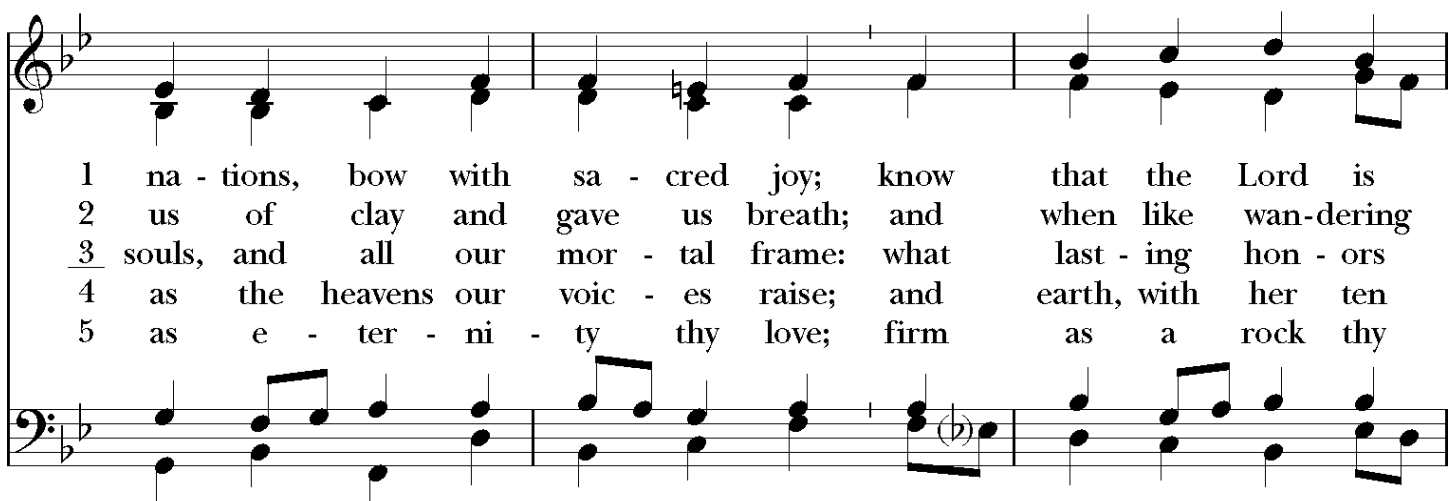
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Offertory Hymn Before the Lord's eternal throne

Hymnal 391



1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast



1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
 2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
 3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
 4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
 5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

Doxology (a hymn of praise)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
 Praise Him all creatures here below.
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The service continues with the authorized Thanksgiving Prayer, all stand as able.

**Prayer of Preparation for Communion
 The General Thanksgiving**

BCP page 836

Officiant and People say

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

The Officiant says

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to sing,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Officiant says

Let us make our Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people and received by faith.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. We are no longer strangers or guests but one family in the Lord. Let the Chalice Bearer know if you prefer alcohol free wine. Chalice Bearers – Rob Smith & Jo Schoeppe

Communion Music

Stephanie & Elena

After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People together say

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand as able for any birthdays or anniversaries and together say

Prayer for Birthdays (BCP 830, prayer 50)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Anniversaries (BCP p. 431)

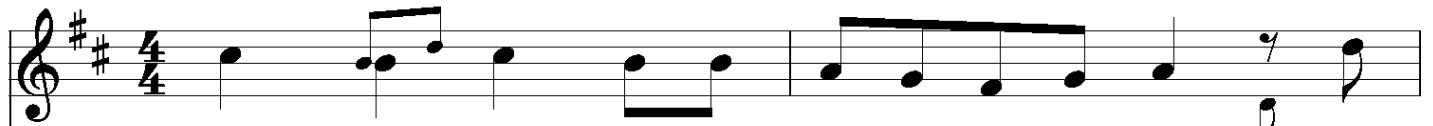
O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, N. that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness. That their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements...People may be seated and announcements are now made. See page 19.

Closing Hymn

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

WLP 810



1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to



bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

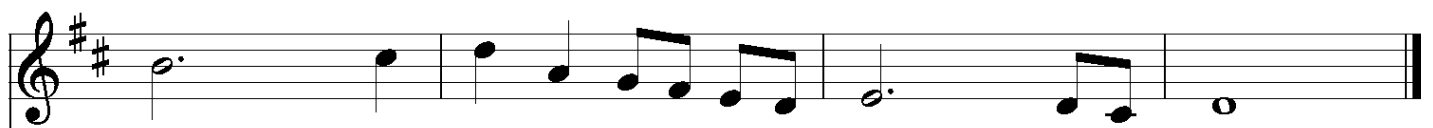
Refrain



"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

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Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

United to Beat Malaria/Nothing but Nets

The June Outreach Project is ***United to Beat Malaria***, formerly known as ***Nothing but Nets***.

We are all bothered by mosquito bites but for most of us it is just an irritating itch, but in many parts of the world they are deadly.



Every 60 seconds a child dies from malaria...90% of all malaria deaths occur in the Sub-Saharan Africa.

The price of each net is \$10.00 This includes delivery, education on proper use and will protect a family of 4 from malaria for about 4 years. The specially treated nets do not harm humans but kill the mosquitoes.

Eliminate contact with mosquitoes...eliminate malaria

Malaria kills, nets save lives

Children's Day

Children's Day predates Mother's Day and Father's Day. It had its beginnings in 1856 when Rev. Charles H. Leonard, D.D., the then pastor of the First Universalist Church of Chelsea, Massachusetts, set apart a Sunday in honor of children and named it "Children's Day". He declared that this day was to be observed every year and on this occasion Christian children were to show their commitment to their religion by observing a prayer service and their parents and guardians were to promise that they would bring up their children as proper Christian parents should. The first Children's Day service was observed on the second Sunday in June 1856.

Through the late 1800's several denomination passed resolutions recommending the observance of Children's Day as the second Sunday in June. Many of these denominations now observe the second Sunday in June as Children's Day.

The dream of a National Children's Day never caught on in until October 1998, President Bill Clinton proclaimed November 16th as Children's Day, and declared that it be held on this date henceforth. President George Bush proclaimed National Child's Day as June 3, 2001 and in subsequent years on the first Sunday in June.

Many countries around the world celebrate a Children's Day on various dates. The United Nations' Universal Children's Day was established in 1954, and is celebrated on November 20 each year to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide.

In recent years, several states, cities, counties, have declared the second Sunday in June as Children's Day as well as a nation wide petition to President Obama to declare the second Sunday in June as Children's Day.

The Alaska Legislature voted (House Bill 180) on April 22, 2015 to mark the second Sunday in June annually as "Children's Day in Alaska."

Today, as in years past, we celebrate and honor the children of St. Brendan's.



Jesus loves the little children
all the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

A Note on Today's Readings

Proper 6: Sunday closest to June 15—Year A

Welcome to our worship service today. The three readings today provide us with insight into who we are as the people of God. The Gospel reading is the account of the calling and commissioning of the twelve apostles. They are sent forth with the message of God's kingdom. Later Jesus will send larger groups to proclaim the good news and after his resurrection, he sends all of us into the world to bear the message.

The first reading continues the story of Abraham and Sarah. Many years have passed; still God's promise to give them a son has not been fulfilled and Sarah is now too old. However, God comes to them and renews the promise. Sarah laughed at the idea but in the twenty-first chapter, we learn the son was born. He was called Isaac, which is Hebrew for "a laughing matter."

Today's reading from Romans tells us something else about our identity. We are a people who have been reconciled with God through Jesus' death. As

Paul states in the chapter that follows, we have been incorporated into that death by baptism and thus our reconciliation with God is complete.

As a people called to proclaim good news, to live lives reconciled to God, and to be the holy priesthood of the new covenant, we gather to celebrate the mysteries of that covenant. The Eucharistic meal also reveals us as a people, like Abraham and Sarah who meet God in holy meals and find ourselves called by God into community with God.

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"Compassion is Calling"

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"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like a sheep without a shepherd." Matthew 9:36

Compassion. I've heard it said many times over the years that compassion is in short supply in our world. As much as my hopeful spirit doesn't want to believe this, and despite the fact that I often witness extraordinary acts of compassion around me, I fear that cruelty, indifference, greed, and selfishness seem to be in much larger supply. Regardless of how one measures, perhaps all can agree that the world can always use more compassion.

As a follower of Jesus, to say that the world could use more compassion is to say that the world could use more Jesus. Compassion is the mark of

Jesus' ministry. As one of my favorite hymns expresses it: "Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art" (Hymn 637). To be compassionate is to live faithfully into the Gospel of Jesus. Life and ministry in Jesus' name finds its fullest expression in compassion.

To know Jesus, to follow Jesus, to serve Jesus is to be compassionate. I would even argue that compassion is the sum total of the Fruits of the Spirit as described in Galatians 22-23. "...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Compassionate people bear all these fruits of the Spirit.

The world needed more compassion in Jesus' time, too. And his remedy was to send his disciples out to be compassionate: to heal, to cure, to restore life, cast out all demons and the darkness in people's lives, to relieve suffering and disease.

Jesus didn't send his disciples out just to feel badly for others. His Gospel isn't a Gospel of sympathy, but a call to action grounded in recognizing the suffering and the needs of others with a passionate desire and commitment to alleviate it, to do something about it..

Being compassionate is not the same as feeling sorry for others. Compassion recognizes our common humanity in the suffering of others, in the exploitation of the vulnerable, in the cries of the hungry, in the injustice of poverty, and the cruelty of prejudice. Compassion recognizes these as the scandal that they are: a scandal against the image of God we all share; a scandal against the love God bears to all creation; a scandal against God's gift of life. Compassion recognizes these and then does something to alleviate them; to change them; to heal them.

The world can use more compassion

Jesus sends out disciples to be compassionate. Jesus is calling you. Compassion is calling you. Find your partners and go.

Serving Schedule ~ June 7 – July 5, 2026

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5
Altar	Dave Muldoon	Lori Seymour	Brita Rice	Tonya Muldoon	Dave Muldoon
1st Reading	Stephanie Hall	Jo Schoeppe	Barbara Learmonth	Rob Smith	Ken Vaughan
Psalm	Dave Muldoon	Rob Smith	Dave Muldoon	Ken Vaughan	Stephanie Hall
2nd Reading	Sean Murphree	Ken Vaughan	Brita Rice	Stephanie Hall	Brita Rice
Gospel	Jo Schoeppe	Barbara Learmonth	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe
Prayers of the People	Brita Rice	Stephanie Hall	Sean Murphree	Brita Rice	Dan Hall
Chalice Bearer	Dan Hall & Dave Muldoon	Rob Smith & Jo Schoeppe	Jo Schoeppe & Dave Muldoon	Rob Smith & Barbara Learmonth	Dave Muldoon & Dan Hall
Worship Leader	Jo Schoeppe	Barbara Learmonth	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe
Godly Play	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break
Coffee Hour	Carla Adams	Andrew & Paulina Shand	Carol	Carla	Lori & Steve
Ushers	Jeff & Carol Fujioka	Dave Muldoon	Alec Muldoon	Ingrid Zaruba	Jeff & Carol Fujioka