

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska

“A Harbor for God's Love”

Holy Communion with Reserve Sacrament

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024 ~ 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 a moment to sign our guest book in the entry and come to the coffee hour after the service.

Please join us in worship again, and may God bless your week.

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Led by Worship Leaders Trained and licensed by the Diocese of Alaska

Jo Schoeppe ~ Officiant

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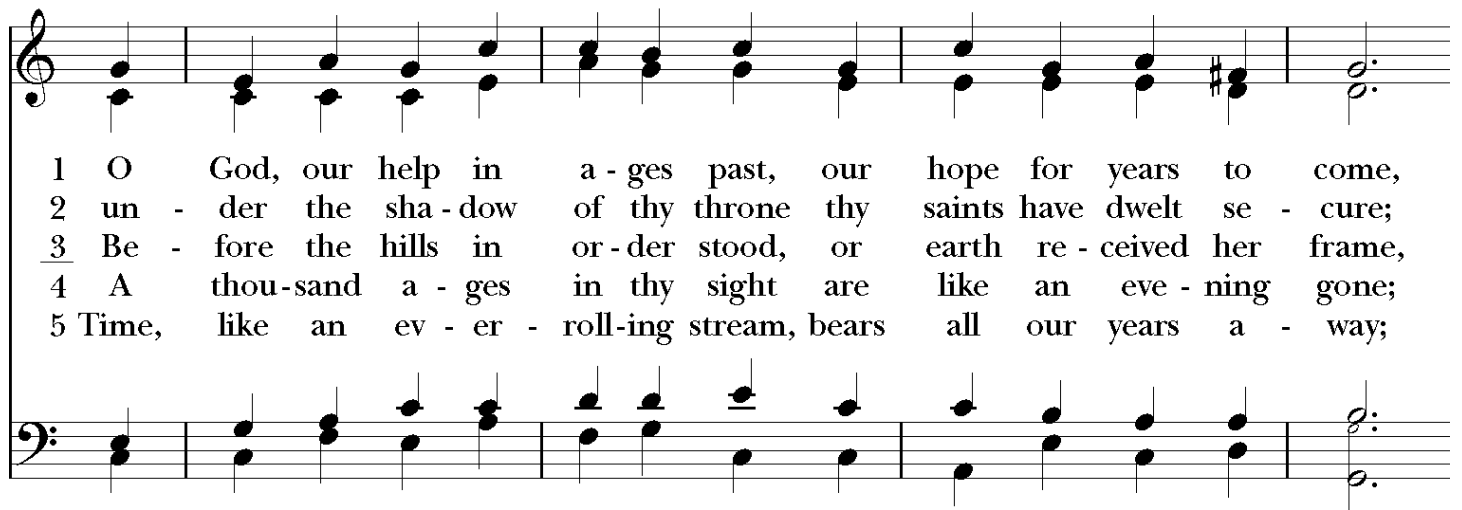
Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn

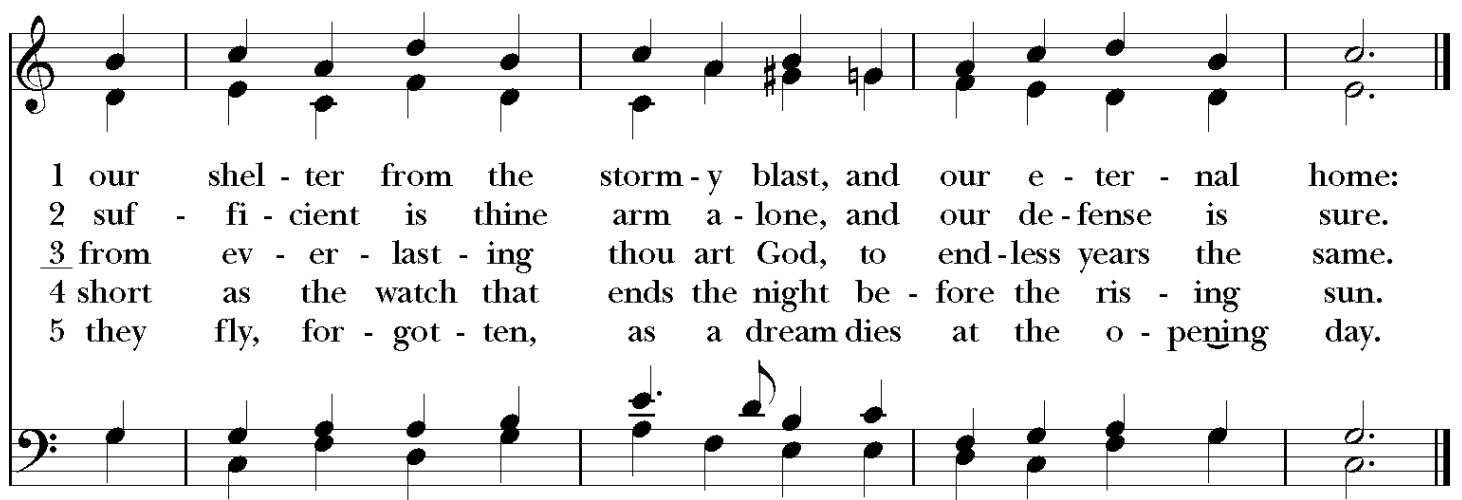
Hymnal 680

O God, our help in ages past

Please stand as able for the Opening Hymn



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

All standing as able, Officiant says

People Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed by God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen

Confession of Sin

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 then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Officiant and People

**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.**

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 stand, as able

Gloria

Glory & Praise 100

Refrain



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

Verses



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,

to Refrain



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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Job 23:1-9,16-17

Brita Rice

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Job.

Job said: “Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!”

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

Psalm 22:1-15

Jackie Schulz

Deus, Deus meus

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my
mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

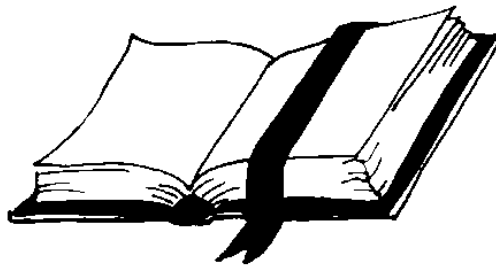
Rob Smith

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Holy Gospel*Mark 10:17-31***Jo Schoeppe***Officiant*

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard

this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Jo Schoeppe

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

Dave Muldoon

From TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship)

All remain standing, as able

Officiant: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to walk in love together.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople. As Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Leader: I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our citizens as we elect leaders, and for leaders who serve with love. As Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Leader: I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. As Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Leader: I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, and who we name now either silently or aloud. We pray for: ***Gavin, Jack, the Brown family, Missy, Mitt, Billy, Dee, Sam, John, Judi, Mari, Linda, Cheri, Barbara & Ed, Heaven, John, Mike, Ashu, Karen, Ann, Eyerus, Maria, Justine, John, Don A., Mariah, Miryam, Rudy, David, Steve, Julie, Jerry, Linda, Ted & Lucy, Marilyn, Stephanie, Penny, Marlene, Jim, Arlen, Cyndy, Anne, Steven & Kathy, Aaron & Devonne, Dwayne, Constance, Marsha, Troy, Cheryl, Jordan, Jeremy; for the victims of domestic violence; all who live and work at the Johnson Youth Center and SEARHC'S: Ravens Way; all who live with addictions; all who suffer from long term illnesses; and for those who love and care for them.***

As Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for those we name now with our lips or in our hearts... As Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Leader: I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church as Christ loved us,

We walk in love.

Officiant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. ***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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Today's loose offering will go to the Glory Hall

Offertory Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

LEVAS 136

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
 2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
 3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

— No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!
 (no turn - ing back,)

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The People stand, as able, and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward and placed on the Credence Table.

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

Officiant and People say

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,**

**and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *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 & Dave

Communion Music

Stephanie Hall

After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Birthdays/Anniversaries

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...

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Hats, Gloves, & Socks for the Glory Hall

Use the clothes pins on the tree to attach your items to the branches, or place items in the barrel.



Reminder:

St. Brendan's annual stewardship campaign started on September 15 with the ingathering on November 3.

How to turn in Pledge Card

Using addressed envelope to pledge secretary Carol Fujioka mailed out on just prior to September 15 (let Dan know if you haven't received it).

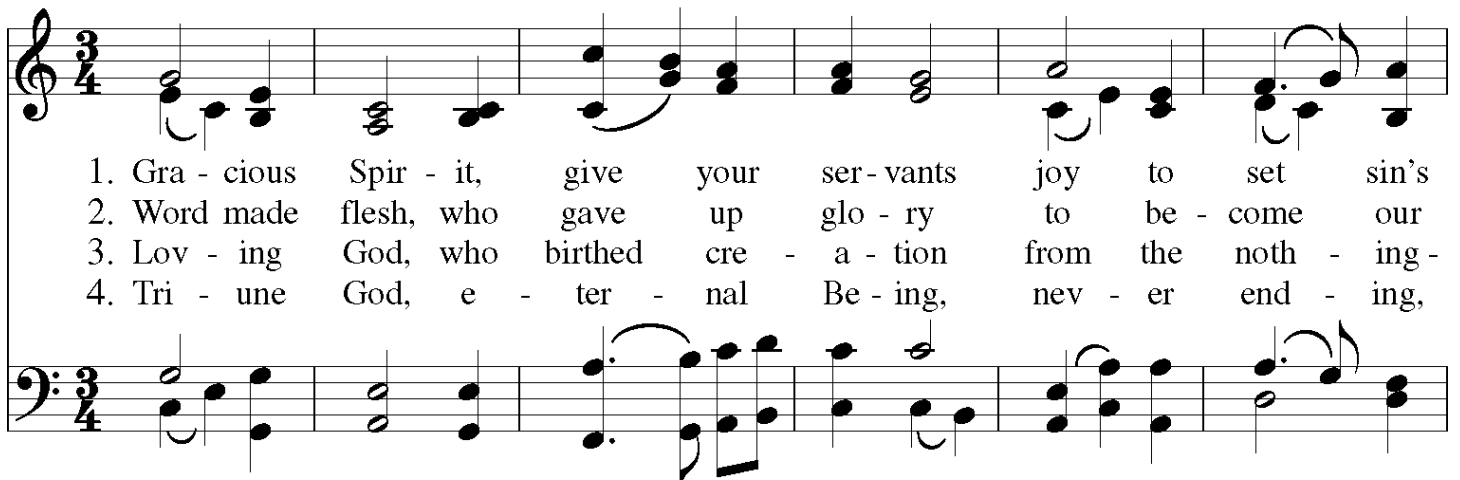
- 1. put envelope with pledge card in offering plate on Sunday**
- 2. place stamp on envelope and put in mail**
- or**
- 3. go to website stbrendansjuneau.org and click on tab: "PLEDGE CARD CLICK HERE"**

Pledge cards and envelopes are on table in narthex.


Closing Hymn

Gracious Spirit, give your servants

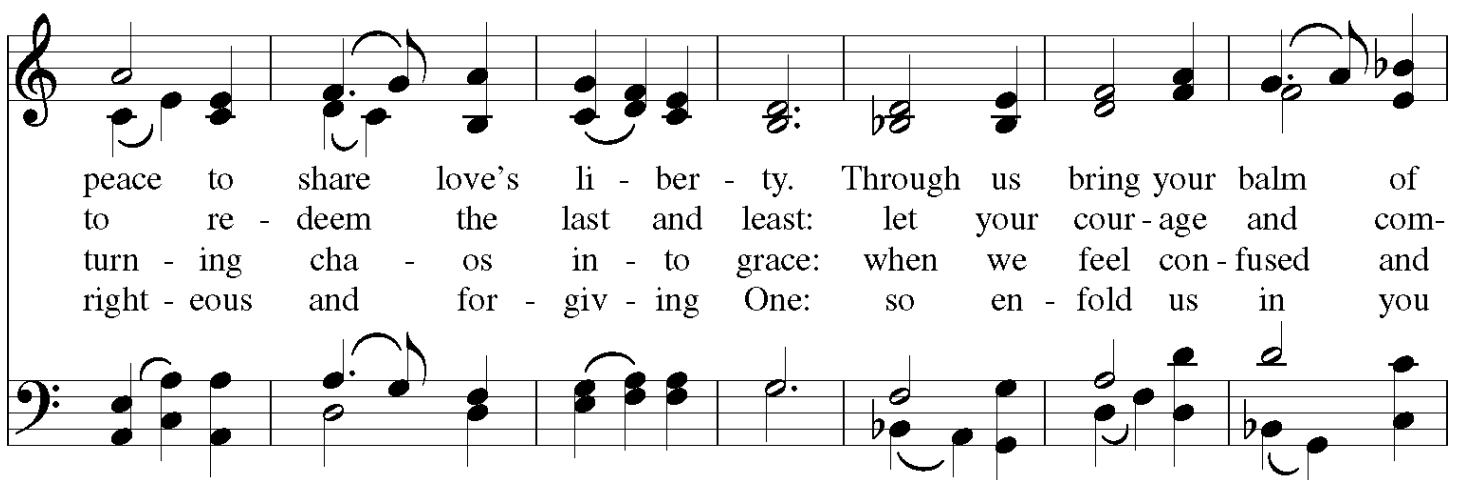
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1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,



cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,



peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

Hymn continues on next page...

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the
 show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

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Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Officiant says

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

A Note on Today's Readings

Proper 23: Sunday closest to October 12—Year B

Welcome to our worship service today. In the themes of the Sundays in this part of the year, we face some of the strongest challenges presented by our faith. We have reached the portion of the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus, nearing the final conflict, is preparing his followers for what lies ahead, not only for him, but also for them in the remainder of their lives. So today's Gospel is the account of the rich young man who discovers that there is more to salvation than following the Law. Jesus calls for a complete submission to God, even to the point of giving up everything. Only then can we gain what we really need.

We continue to read the Book of Job. This good man has suffered tragedy, severe illness, and busybody friends full of useless advice. He has not lost his faith but is complaining that he can't find God to ask why these things are happening. He believes that if he could understand God, he could understand.

We are reading through the Epistle to the Hebrews during this period. This letter to early Christians presents Jesus as Savior, as high priest, and as the model for Christian living. In today's passage the writer tells us that although God's judgment lays all our failure open to God, we know that God's response is that of the merciful high priest and therefore we may approach God with confidence.

Today's liturgy is filled with challenge and with hope. We are faced with the demands of the Gospel and also with its promise of salvation to those who persevere. We are called to enter into the painful yet joyful project of God in bringing the kingdom into the lives of all people in our time.

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Walk in Love

Perseverance



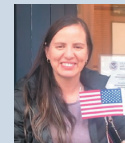
I came from Mexico in 1999, leaving behind all of my family and friends. My husband got a job at the dairy next door to The Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg California, so I walked over and asked for work. I had to repeat myself many times before they would consider me, because I didn't speak English, but I told the director that if they would give me a job I would learn English. Now I have three associates degrees, and I teach English, too. This is a way of walking in love for me. The hospitality we practice at The Bishop's Ranch is another way of walking in love. I am happy with my work if people feel the love of God here; in the kindness of the community and the natural environment.

I have three sons and a daughter born in the United States. The youngest, Juan Pablo, was born with spina bifida and lived for six years, ten months and twenty-one days. To walk in love is not dependent on whether the journey is easy or hard. When my child was in the hospital, it was always such an experience of love to visit him. He was my angel on earth. Sometimes I feel sadness because I miss him, but then I think about how much love he gave, and how it was like the love of God; like a fountain of love that would never stop flowing.

My husband, Angel, walks in love with me: This year will be our twenty-fifth anniversary. We've gone through a lot together on our walk in love. After we lost Juan Pablo, Angel had an accident and became disabled. He had to be airlifted to the hospital and lost the use of his left arm. Recently, he had a twelve-hour surgery to transplant muscle tissue. But we just don't give up. I just keep praying to God. There is always a way to walk together no matter how hard things are. God fills me with love every day. This is what the journey of love is about. | tens.org

Questions for Reflection:

When the walk becomes difficult, how do you still move forward? Who are the people on your journey of love?



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