

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 and Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

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 learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

The Gathering of the Community

The service begins with the ringing of the bell three times

Prelude: *Country Song* Edvard Grieg

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Hymn 522 *Glorious things of thee are spoken (in back of bulletin)*

The Acclamation
Celebrant : Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Congregation: **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Song of Praise: For the beauty of the earth, verse 1

Sung to the tune of "As with gladness men of old" (Hymntune: *Dix*)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Congregation: **Amen**.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: The Book of Acts 10:44-48
While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98
Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson: First Letter of John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.
Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 577 *God is love, and where true love is (back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: John 15:9-17

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**
Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.
"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."
Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

Affirmation

We believe in God, the source of love,
who breathed God's Spirit into all of creation,
who created humanity in God's own image and likeness,
and who calls God's children to be about the work of reconciliation
and justice in the world God so loves.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,
who was born of a woman,
who modeled for us a way of living on the earth,
and whose passionate love for God's creation
led to his Passion and death on the cross.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who moved over the darkness at the beginning to bring light and life,
and who moves over the darkness still,
opening our hearts to God's incarnate presence in our midst
and calling us to be manifestations of incarnation
in the name and in the way of Jesus.

Prayers of the People

Leader: We bring to God the needs and sufferings of our world, trusting in the Love that rises even in the darkness and devastations that surround us.
We pray for the Church; for bishops, priests, deacons, teachers, lay leaders, musicians, poets, dreamers and rabblerousers on behalf of love.
Congregation: **Crucified and risen Lord, raise in us a passion for your Gospel of healing and liberating love so that in all we say and do, others will come to know the love that will not let us go.**

Leader: We pray for those who suffer from the effects of war and violence; for those who are without adequate shelter and food; for those affected by natural disaster; for all refugees and asylum seekers; for those whose lives are diminished by prejudice and systems of injustice.
Congregation: **Crucified and risen Lord, raise in us the courage to move from apathy to empathy, from charity to humility, from generosity to justice, so that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Leader: We pray for Creation; for oceans and rivers, forests and mountains, flora and fauna, and all creatures of the earth, suffering from our misuse, greed and carelessness.
Congregation: **Crucified and risen Lord, raise in us the recognition of creation's cry for healing, and empower us with the will to preserve our beloved Mother Earth, so that all that you have made will flourish in the fullness for which you long.**

Leader: We pray for those close to home; for those in our families and communities facing illness, depression, economic hardship, domestic violence, loneliness, and the devastations of poverty, addiction and homelessness.

Congregation: **Crucified and risen Lord, raise in us the capacity for caring and sharing in the places where we live and work and play and pray so that your love may be made tangible and authentic and real.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died; for those who grieve the loss of loved ones; for those who tend the dying; for those who will die today.
Congregation: **Crucified and risen Lord, raise in us the faith to see your everlasting love in the face of death, and help us to sing your song even at the grave, so that others might know the love that moves in the dark.**

Leader: We bring to you the wounds and the blessings of our lives, naming them aloud or in the silence of our hearts….

The congregation is invited to add their own prayers and thanksgivings

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

Leader and Congregation: **Crucified and risen Lord, all these things we bring to you, trusting that even now your Spirit of love is moving in our lives, raising us from death, so to be your people in the world you so love.**

We acknowledge those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other events in May

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 are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Eucharist

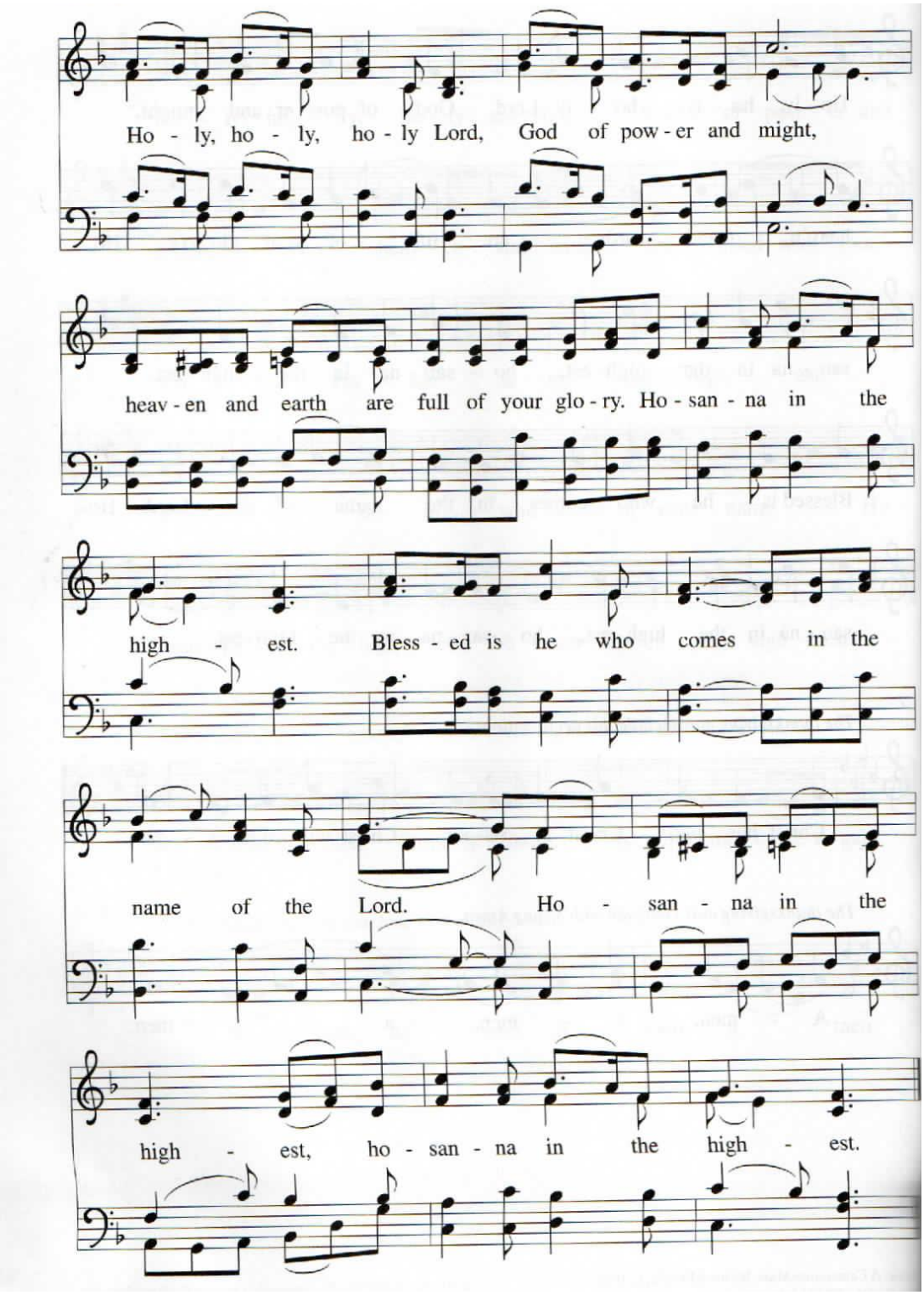
Offertory Hymn LEVAS ll 201 *I've got peace like a river (back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer *Enriching our Worship #3*
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: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And

so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:



From ELW 193: Music: Per Harling, b. 1948

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said,

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

"Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Congregation: **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Congregation: **Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.**

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

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.**

Celebrant: In recognition of and in solidarity with those who are worshiping with us remotely this morning, we pray this prayer of spiritual communion:

Celebrant and Congregation: **In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of the Church where the bread and wine are offered, and in union with those who are with us today by the internet, we offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. We believe that Jesus is present in the Breaking of the Bread, the Holy Sacrament of Communion and in ways more numerous and mysterious than we can imagine. We embrace you, Jesus, with all our hearts, souls and minds. Nothing can separate us from you, nor are we separated from one another.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God …

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.

Celebrant: And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world**.**

Post Communion Prayer

God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Go now as those who have met with Christ
in the morning of this day.

Go now as those who hearts have burned within them,
as the Scriptures were explained.

Go now as those
who have been touched by resurrection.

And may the blessing of God be upon you,
body, mind and spirit, as you leave this place,
Congregation: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn 376 *Joyful, joyful we adore thee (back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Chaconne* Auguste Durand

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Caring for Creation

ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITY!

The Episcopal Church has been dedicated to reducing the impact of climate change and global warming for years and sees the care of God's creation and its connection to human health as an important part of our faith.

Right now, there is an **Action Alert f**rom the National Episcopal Church asking us to write to our Representatives and Senators to ask them to co-sponsor the **Green New Deal for Health Act** (S.1229/H.R.2764), which addresses the link between the US public health system and the environment. See the Navigator for a link to learn more about this legislation and to send a letter to your Senators and Representative asking them to co-sponsor the Green New Deal for Health Act.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, May 6	9:00 a.m. Welcoming & Hospitality Ministry meeting (Zoom) 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, May 7	7:30 a.m.-12:00 noon Vigil for Skip and Allen
Wednesday, May 8	10:00 a.m. In Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, May 11	10:00 a.m. Garden Clean-up Day
Sunday, May 12	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Stephen Hayward presiding

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, August 27-August 30	Women's Retreat. Mark your calendar now. All women invited.

Glorious things of thee are spoken *The Hymnal 1982,* #522





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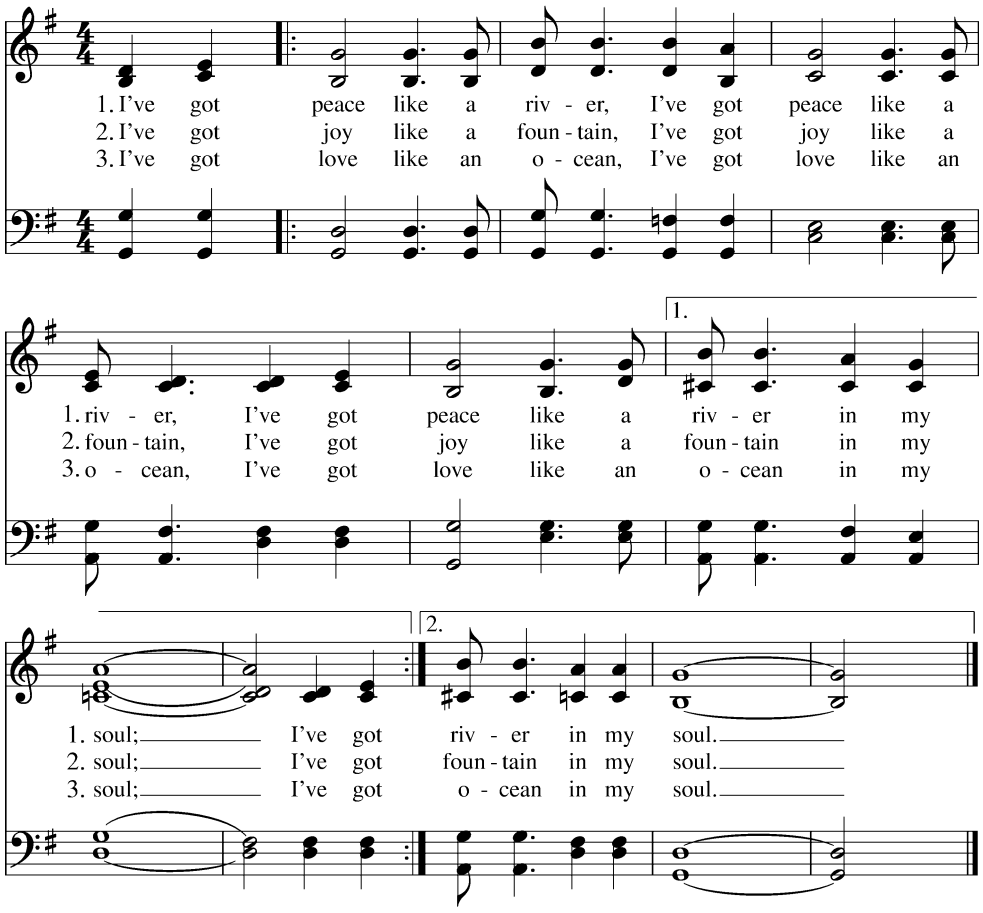
Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling

The Hymnal 1982, #577



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I've Got Peace Like a River *Lift Every Voice and Sing II,* #201



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Joyful, joyful, we adore thee *The Hymnal 1982,* #376



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