



## ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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**Second Sunday of Easter**

April 12, 2026

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*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 to support 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 Gathering of the Community

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

#### **Prelude in Words**

St. Thomas the Apostle

"We do not know... how can we know the way?"

Courageous master of the awkward question,  
You spoke the words the others dared not say  
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.

Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,  
You put your finger on the nub of things  
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,  
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.

Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,  
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.  
Because He loved your awkward counter-point  
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.

Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine  
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Malcolm Guite from the collection of sonnets *Sounding the Seasons*

**Hymn** *Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate (in back of bulletin)*

## The Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*Congregation:* **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

## Song of Praise

Day of de-light and beau-ty un-bound-ed, tell the news, the

gos-pel spread! Day of all won-der, day of all splen-dor,

praise Christ ris-en from the dead!

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Lesson: Book of Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

*Leader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 16**

*Preacher:* Protect me, O God; I trust in you for safety.

*Congregation:* **I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
all the good things I have come from you."**

*Preacher:* How excellent are the Lord's faithful people!

*Congregation:* **My greatest pleasure is to be with them.**

*Preacher:* Those who rush to other gods  
bring many troubles on themselves.

*Congregation:* **I will not take part in their sacrifices;  
I will not worship their gods.**

*Preacher:* You, Lord, are all I have,  
and you give me all I need;

*Congregation:* **my future is in your hands.**

*Preacher:* How wonderful are your gifts to me;

*Congregation:* **how good they are!**

*Preacher:* I praise the Lord, because the Lord guides me,  
and in the night my conscience warns me.  
I am always aware of the Lord's presence;  
the Lord is near, and nothing can shake me.

*Congregation:* **And so I am thankful and glad,  
and I feel completely secure,  
because you protect me from the power of death.**

*Preacher:* I have served you faithfully,  
and you will not abandon me to the world of the dead.

*Congregation:* **You will show me the path that leads to life;  
your presence fills me with joy  
and brings me pleasure forever.**

### **Second Lesson: First Letter of Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than

gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Leader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel: John 20:19-31**

### CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Celtic Mass*  
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Preacher:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Preacher:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**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**

Beloved God, in the power of the Resurrection, we pray to you as your welcoming love rises in our hearts saying: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all nations and all peoples of the world that we might live together in hope, harmony, and peace, we pray,  
**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

For your church, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop Thomas, for all priests, deacons, and lay leaders and for all who minister in your name that we might witness to your faithful presence with us, we pray,  
**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

For those who hold authority in our country and the world, that they might devote themselves to reconciliation, justice, mercy, and an end to all war.

**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

For all those we will encounter in our daily lives; our neighbors, the children and the elders. May we respond with love that reflects your life of compassion.

**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence.*

For the whole earth; for the land, the oceans, the mountains, the forests, and the rivers, that the whole world may know the glory of your creation.

**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence.*

For all those suffering from any illness or pain, from mental anguish or anxiety, for those who are feeling unloved or alone, for the poor and the hungry, that they may know You are the God of heartbreak.

**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence.*

For those who are close to death; for their caregivers, and those who will grieve their passing. And for those who have died, that they may rest in your eternal peace that passes all understanding. May we learn to trust that your love is with us for eternity.

**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence.*

Please offer your prayers and thanksgivings at this time

*All are invited to add their own prayers here.*

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

Oh God whose is love eternally rising, renew us, strengthen us, help us to model to one another what it means to love You as You love us. God of life, we pray today through Jesus, the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

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 695** *By Gracious Powers (in 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:

**Sanctus ELW 193** *(next page)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant:* 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.

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. 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.**

*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

In this Easter season,  
as the light is breaking into  
our darkness,  
renew us, oh God,  
fill us with  
joy and hope in our faith  
that you are forever  
Love rising.

In the name of the God the Father,  
God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

*Congregation: Amen.*

**Sending Hymn 210** *The Day of Resurrection (in back of bulletin)*

## Postlude in words

### An Easter Carol

Spring bursts today,  
For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.  
Flash forth, thou Sun,  
The rain is over and gone, its work is done.  
Winter is past,  
Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.  
Bud, Fig and Vine,  
Bud, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine.  
Break forth this morn  
In roses, thou but yesterday a Thorn.  
Uplift thy head,  
O pure white Lily through the Winter dead.  
Beside your dams  
Leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs  
All Herds and Flocks  
Rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of rocks  
Sing, Creatures, sing,  
Angels and Men and Birds and everything.  
All notes of Doves  
Fill all our world: this is the time of loves.

Christina Rossetti

## **Announcements**

## **Dismissal**

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The blessing was written by Emily Blair Stribling.

## GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

The GPS Action for the second Sunday of Easter 2026 continues to be the invitation to enter into the mysteries of God's unfathomable love for us and for all of creation and to allow ourselves to be held in that mystery. By the power of this love, may we be released from the things that hold us captive, such as fear, hopelessness, or anger, and may we be set free to be signs of God's love rising in the world in which we now live.

May the little wooden cross we received on Palm Sunday continue to remind us of our need to go deep down into ordinary lives of beauty and suffering and have the courage to reach out with open hearts to share the love of the Risen Christ.



## CALENDAR

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

Monday, April 13	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, April 14	1:30 p.m. Worship and Music Ministry Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, April 15	10:00 a.m. In-person Meditation 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy" First Session led by The Rev. Timothy Ensworth 12:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry meeting 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, April 18	8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sunday, April 19	9:30 a.m. Gathering at the Meditation Garden 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

Brightly

1 Christ is a - live, and the un - i - verse must  
2 Here is our hope: in the mys - ter - y of  
3 Christ Spir - it, dance through the dull - ness of hu -

cel - ebrate and the stars and the suns shout on this joy - fun  
suffer - ing is the heart - beat of Love, Love that will not let  
man - i - ty to the mu - sic of God, God who has set us

Day! Christ is a - live, and his fam - i - ly must  
go; here is our hope, that in God we are not  
free! You are the pulse of the new cre - a - tion's

12 cel - ebrate in a great al - le - lu - ia, a great al - le -  
sep - a - rate, and we sing al - le - lu - ia, we sing al - le -  
en - er - gy; with a great al - le - lu - ia, a great al - le -

16 lu - ia to praise the power that made the stone roll a - way.  
lu - ia to praise the power that made the stone roll a - way.  
lu - ia to praise the power that made the stone roll a - way.

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By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered *The Hymnal 1982, #695*

1 By gra - cious powers so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,  
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,  
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming  
 4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us

and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,  
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;  
 with bit - ter suf - fering, hard to un - der - stand,  
 the joy we had, the bright - ness of your Sun,

we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,  
 O give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,  
 we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling,  
 we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through,

and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.  
 out of so good and so be - loved a hand.  
 and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.

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## The day of resurrection *The Hymnal 1982, #210*

*Descant*

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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