



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.

Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge and Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director

The Feast of Epiphany **Making Manifest the Presence of God**

January 4, 2026

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: We acknowledge that the land we now occupy is the ancestral home of the Wabanaki People. We grieve the history of greed and violence that led to their loss of life, land, language and culture.

Congregation: **We pray for the courage to find ways 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 bell is rung three times

Prelude: *Lute-Book Lullaby*

William Ballet

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn ELW 301 *Bright and Glorious is the Sky (verses 1, 4, 5 and 6, back of bulletin)*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Open our eyes and hearts to your presence, Gracious God, within this time of worship.

Congregation: **Speak to us through the songs we sing, the prayers we speak, the words we hear, and the silence we keep.**

Celebrant: Open our eyes and hearts to your presence, Gracious God, within your family here assembled,

Congregation: **That in our speaking and listening, our tears and laughter, and the love that's shared, we might see You.**

Celebrant: Open our eyes and ears to your presence, Gracious God, in these coming days.

Congregation: **That in the places we live, the lives we live, and the people we meet, we might recognize You in our midst.**

May our lives reflect your presence and be the Good News to a world in need.

Celebrant: 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.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Luke 2:14

Pablo Sosa

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on

Dios, y en la tic - rra paz a la gen - te
high, and on earth peace to all peo - ple in

que a - ma el Se - ñor.
whom God is well pleased.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

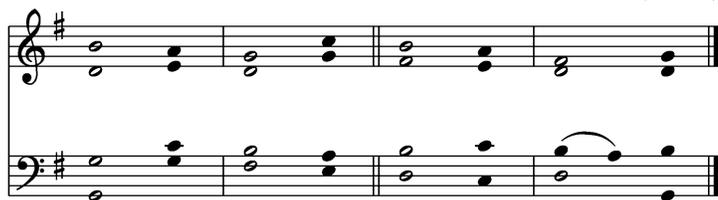
but the LORD will arise upon you,
 and his glory will appear over you.
 Nations shall come to your light,
 and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
 Lift up your eyes and look around;
 they all gather together, they come to you;
 your sons shall come from far away,
 and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
 Then you shall see and be radiant;
 your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
 because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
 the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
 the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
 all those from Sheba shall come.
 They shall bring gold and frankincense,
 and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 S-409

Robert Knox Kennedy
 (b. 1945)



A Give the King your justice, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son; (return to A)

A That he may rule your people righteously *
 and the poor with justice; ||

B That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
 and the little hills bring righteousness.

A **He shall defend the needy among the people; ***
he shall rescue the poor and crush the op-pressor. (return to A)

A **He shall live as long as the sun and moon en-dure, ***
from one generation to a-nother ||.

B **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, ***
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more ||.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
 and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down be-fore him, *
and all the nations do him service. ||

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in dis-tress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy. ||
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 119 *As with gladness men of old (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence will be commenced and ended with the sounding of a bell.

Affirmation

**We believe in one God, creator of all life,
maker of past, present and future.
Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,
who came to declare good news to those in despair,
to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,
to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.**

**We believe in God's Holy Spirit,
who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,
who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,
who resurrects us to new life,
and sends us out into the world
to be signs of God's incarnate presence
in the world God so loves.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: God of light and life, you have sought to make yourself known to us and to show us your loving care.
We offer you the longings of our hearts.

Leader: May the universal church manifest your presence through faithful witness.

Congregation: **Strengthen us to be the bearers of your good news.**

Leader: Be with our nation and its elected leaders.

Congregation: **Embolden us to hold ourselves and our leaders accountable for building a just society.**

Leader: Open our hearts to the needs of this island community.

Congregation: **Keep us ever mindful of our responsibility to care for others.**

Leader: Instill in us awe and thankfulness for the majesty of your created world.

Congregation: **Kindle in our hearts a sense of urgency to be better stewards of creation.**

Leader: Bring healing to those who suffer from anxiety and depression and from all manner of things that affect our body, mind and spirit.

Congregation: **Let all your people know wholeness and peace.**

Leader: Grant to the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love.

Congregation: **Bless the dying with peace and the grieving with comfort.**

Leader: Please add your prayers and thanksgivings.

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Are there any people on Zoom who would like to add their prayers and thanksgivings?

Leader: Holy One, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Congregation: **Merciful God,**

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and one another in both our actions and our inactions.**

**We recognize that in Jesus our light has come,
yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light.
Gracious God, forgive our sins
and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives.
Illumine us by your Word,
So we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.**

Celebrant: May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: Peace within yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with you who are with us remotely today.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people exchange the peace

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn ELW 737 *He came to us as one unknown (in back of bulletin)*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love

Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.

With the angels of light who envelop us,

with all the saints before and beside us,

with brothers and sisters, east and west,

we sing to you.

And with our loved ones, separate from us now,

who yet in this mystery are close to us,

we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus *(next page)*

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. 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.

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.
In the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.

Congregation: **Hear us, O Christ,
and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life.
May they heal, renew, and make us whole.
And as the bread and wine
which we now eat and drink are changed into us,
may we be changed again into you,
bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world. Amen.**

Celebrant: Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:
Congregation:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Congregation: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. United by the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we acknowledge the Holy Sacrament of communion and the fullness of Christ's presence in the gifts of the bread and the wine and in countless other ways in our lives. As a community of faith, nothing can separate us from the love of God nor are we separated from one another.**

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

Celebrant: In thanksgiving for the gifts of grace and mercy that have nourished us at this table, we pray for the courage to bear these gifts to the world, remembering the life to which Jesus calls us.

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

Congregation: **To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.**

The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman

Blessing

May God
Holy eternal Mystery
Holy incarnate Word
Holy abiding Spirit
Bless you and keep you evermore
Congregation: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn 497 *How bright appears the morning star (verses. 1 and 2, in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Exultation*

From Southern Harmony

Announcements

Dismissal

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Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action

Love in Action

A reflection on “going home by a different way” as the feast of the Epiphany arrives.

What is the relevance to us in this present moment of the birth and life of Jesus that happened more than 2000 years ago? Are we called in faith to “go home by a different way”?

Our presiding Bishop Sean Rowe wrote in July 2025:

“...God calls us to place the most vulnerable and marginalized at the center of our common life, and we must follow that command regardless of the dictates of any political party or earthly power. We are now being faced with a series of choices between the demands of the federal government and the teachings of Jesus, and that is no choice at all.”

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe said the Episcopal Church is being called to a different kind of patriotism. You are encouraged to read his opinion piece (see the Navigator for the link) and consider how you might respond to Jesus’ call to work on behalf of justice in the way of love.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, January 5	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 7	4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, January 10	9:00 a.m. Women’s Breakfast at Stonecutters Kitchen
Sunday, January 11	10:00 a.m. Eucharist with The Rev. Donna Downs presiding 3:00 p.m. Walking the Camino de Santiago with Jane Lachance

Looking Ahead

Monday, February 2,	6:00 p.m. Feast of the Presentation at Memorial Garden followed by soup and drink in the parish hall
Friday, February 6	Annual Mardi Gras Gathering at the Danes’

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

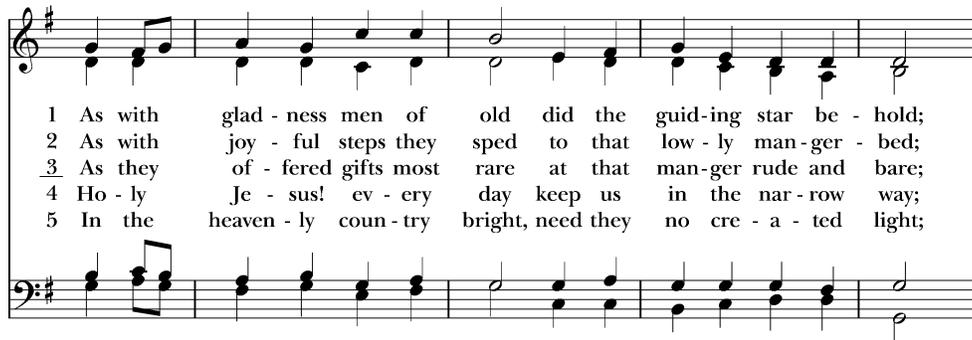
1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no

heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly

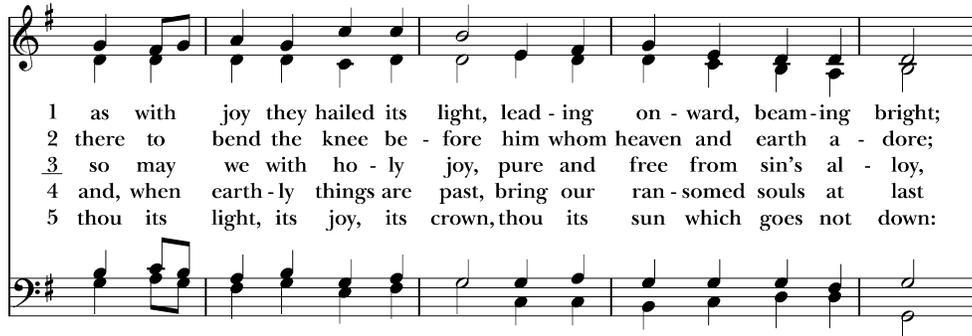
All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her

heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

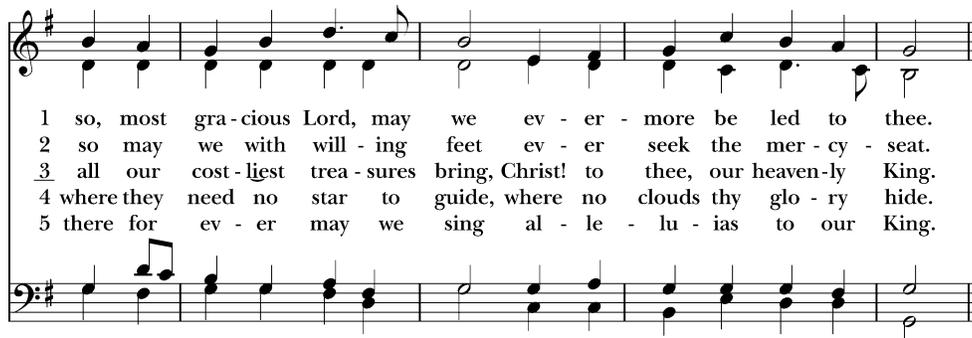
As with gladness men of old *The Hymnal 1982*, #119



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heav - en - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - sored souls at last
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav - en - ly King.
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

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1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918
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REPTON
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How bright appears the Morning Star *The Hymnal 1982, #497*

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - ous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).