

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Pastor Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge

The Rev. Donna Downs, Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

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 before the Prelude

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: *Prelude no. 4* Johannes Brahms

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn: 398 *I sing the almighty power of God (in back of bulletin)*

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

Song of Praise: *Heaven and earth* **My Heart Sings Out***, #133 (Sing Twice)*



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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

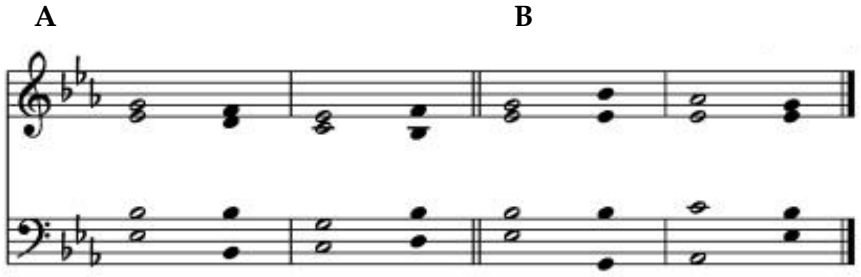
Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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: The Book of the Acts of the Apostles 16:9-15
During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.
We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.
Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67



May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us. ‖
Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

A Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
A Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. ‖
B Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing. ‖
May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Second Lesson: The Book of Revelation of John 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



The Gospel: John 5:1-9

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

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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Sermon The Rev. Donna Downs

(The bell begins and ends a period of silence)

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

Risen Lord, whose love defeated even death, hear and answer our deepest hopes and needs as we say, Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

When our cups seem empty Lord, fill them with your love so that our acts of service to the world overflow with courage, generosity and persistence.
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Break open the hearts of those who hold authority in our country and in the world that they might focus their attention on policies that promote peace, justice, and the relief of suffering.
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Help us to see the needs of those we encounter in our daily lives - our neighbors, the children, and the elders. May we respond with love and compassion.
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant us wisdom and determination to respond effectively to climate change. Help us to be stewards, not destroyers, of your magnificent creation.
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless and heal those who are anxious of heart, hopeless in spirit or ill. Give them relief from suffering and the peace of your presence.
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Comfort those who are in their last days, their caregivers, and those who will grieve their loss. May we all learn to trust in your eternal care.
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

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?

Risen Lord, open our eyes to your presence today, reassure our hearts of your promises, embolden us for mission, and hear and answer our prayers that we might more perfectly be bearers of your love.
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.
Congregation: **And also with you.**

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

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: ELW 447 *O blessed spring (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 WLP 857



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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.

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

Celebrant: 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
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: LEVAS 141 *Shall we gather at the river (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *"Der Kaffeeklatsch"* Franz Joseph Haydn

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Caring for Creation

Another call for Advocacy

The Inflation Reduction Act, passed by Congress in 2022, is a groundbreaking law containing provisions for clean energy investment and environmental justice initiatives by way of grants for communities disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution. It is facing major cuts by Congress and profound opposition from the present administration. An Action Alert from the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations is asking us to write our Senators and Representatives, urging them to vigorously oppose cuts to the environmental provisions of the IRA of 2022.

Go to the Navigator to get to a link for further information and a ready-made letter, or you can write your own. Thank you for caring.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, May 26	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, May 27	1:00 p.m. Worship and Music Ministry Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, May 28	10:00 a.m. Meditation (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study-Book of Ezekiel 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, June 1	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

Looking Ahead

Thursday, June 19	Benefit concert for WindowDressers - Matthew Dane, Christina Jennings and friends
Saturday, June 28	11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life for Stewart Pierson

I sing the almighty power of God *The Hymnal 1982,* #398



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

447 O Blessed Spring



Words: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: *Berglund*, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

Shall We Gather at the River *Lift Every Voice and Sing II,* #141



Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Music: Robert Lowry.

Our Values

These are our **values** at St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church.

We will:

Welcome others with **respect** and **compassion**;

Listen to others with **trust** and **appreciation**;

Seek God's goodness in each person;

Strive for **consensus** and work **collaboratively**;

Join in acts of **loving kindness**;

Share our faith joyfully across the generations;

Engage as many of our **parishioners** as possible, **year-round**,

in our common life and ministries;

Learn from our past and look to the future with **hope**.