



ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

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

The service begins with the ringing of the bell three times

Prelude: *Gigue #1*

G.F. Handel

Silence begins and ends 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 *(next page)*

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

7
gos-pel spread! Day of all won-der, day of all splen-dor,

13
praise Christ ris-en from the dead!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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: Book of Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now

he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

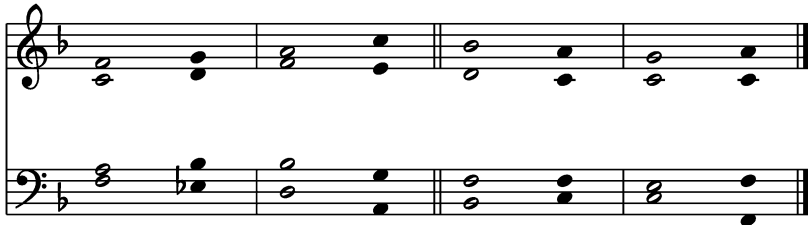
Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- A Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; *
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. (return to A)
- A Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe be-fore you. ||
- B All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.”

Come and see what God has done;
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. ||
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in him, *
who rules by his might for-ever, ||
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—*
let the rebellious not exalt them-selves.

Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard, ||
who has kept us among the living*
and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried. ||
You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;
you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water; ||
yet you have brought us out*
to a spacious place.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows, ||
those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,*
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; ||

I will make an offering*
of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done for me. ||

I cried aloud to him,*
and he was extolled with my tongue.

A If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,*
the Lord would not have listened. (*return to A*)

A But truly God has listened;*
he has heard the words of my prayer. ||

B Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer*
or removed his steadfast love from me.

Second Lesson: First Letter of Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 467 *Sing my soul, his wondrous love (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

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.

Congregation: 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 395 *Creating God, your fingers trace (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 *(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.

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. 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 ELW 824 *This is my father's world (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Last First*

Scott Cleveland

Announcements

Dismissal

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CALENDAR

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

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| Monday, May 11 | 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom) |
| Tuesday, May 12 | 1:00 p.m. Worship & Music Ministry meeting (Zoom) |
| Wednesday, May 13 | 10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy" Fifth Session led by The Rev. Timothy Ensworth 12:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry meeting 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal |
| Saturday, May 16 | 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast |
| Sunday, May 17 | 9:30 a.m. Gathering at Memorial/Meditation Garden 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding |

GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Caring for Creation



Wings, Waves & Woods Festival

Deer Isle & Stonington, ME

As we continue our focus on caring for creation during the month of May, please consider joining the Island Heritage Trust **Wings, Waves & Woods Festival, Wednesday, May 13 - Sunday, May 17**. The Festival offers a mix of activities surrounding birding, boating, nature, history, and creativity.

This is a volunteer-run, non-profit annual event to bring all of us to a greater appreciation of the beauty and diversity of nature on Deer Isle and the waters surrounding it.

For more information and to sign up, visit www.islandheritagetrust.org/winds-waves-woods/

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**.

The Prayer of St. Brendan

Lord, we will trust You,
help us to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.
Give us the faith to leave old ways and
break fresh ground with You.
Christ of the mysteries,
we trust You to be stronger than each storm within us.
We will trust in the darkness and
know that our times are in Your hand.
Tune our spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make our obedience count for You.

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

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love *The Hymnal 1982, #467*

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Words: Anon., 1800, alt. Music: *St. Bees*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

Creating God, your fingers trace *The Hymnal 1982, #395*



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de - signs of
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - teries known or
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de - spised for
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - ily with a



farth - est space; let sun and moon and stars and light and
 yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile blend with air, en -
 creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a dove, make
 bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be touched by grace un -

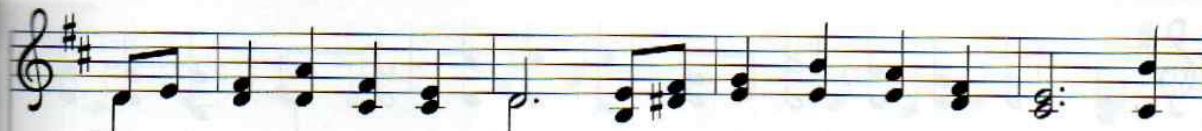


what lies hid - den praise your might.
 a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 known on earth your heal - ing love.
 til we praise you face to face.

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This Is My Father's World

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1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-ly white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!



Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901
Music: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

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