



ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Pastor Elaine Hewes, Pastor in Charge

The Rev. Donna Downs, Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

Guest Musician: Scott Cleveland

Pentecost Proper 10

July 12, 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.**

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

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: *Dawn*

Scott Cleveland

Opening Hymn 636 *How firm a foundation (back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

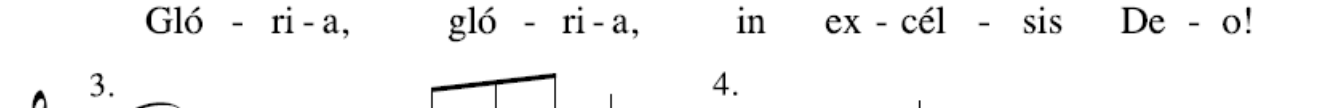
Congregation: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

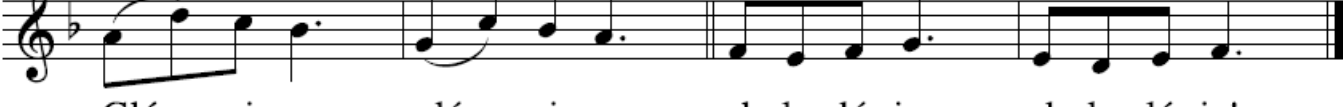
Song of Praise

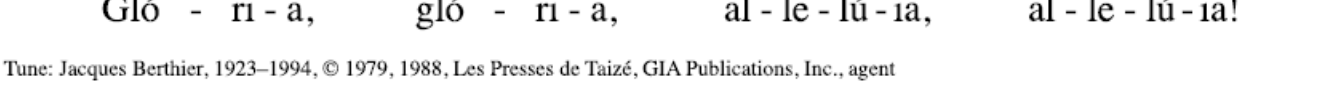
Gloria, Gloria

Canon

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Gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia!

3. 
Gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia!

4. 

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 55 (*will be dramatized*)

Psalm 65

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



Praise is due to you.*

O God, in Zion. ||

and to you shall vows be per-formed.*

O you who answer prayer!

O you who answer prayer.*

To you all flesh shall come. ||

When deeds of iniquity over-whelm us,*

you forgive our trans-gressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near.*

to live in your courts. ||

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house.*

your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with de-liverance.*

O God of our sal-vation. ||

You are the hope of all the ends of the earth*

and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains.*

you are girded with might. ||

You silence the roaring of the seas.*

the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

A Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs.*

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. (return to A)

A You visit the earth and water it; you greatly en-rich it.*

the river of God is full of water. ||

B You provide the people with grain.*

for so you have pre-pared it.

You water its furrows a-bundantly.*

settling its ridges. ||

softening it with showers.*

and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty.*

your wagon tracks overflow with richness. ||

The pastures of the wilderness over-flow.*

the hills gird themselves with joy.

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks.*

the valleys deck themselves with grain; ||

they shout and sing together for joy.*

Hallelu-jah!

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is

hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn 440 *Blessed Jesus, at thy word (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Donna Downs

Silence begins and ends with the ringing of the bell

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.

But death was not the last word.

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: Let us invite the Spirit to blow through our lives and our world, as we lift our needs in prayer.

We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost faith in themselves, in others, and especially in you.

Congregation: **May the Spirit renew and inspire us.**

Leader: We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost their hope in what life can become for themselves and for all people.

Congregation: **May the Spirit encourage and challenge us to break new ground with you.**

Leader: We pray, Holy Spirit, for all who have lost their ability to love freely and recklessly.

Congregation: **May the Spirit comfort and soften us.**

Leader: We remember those who have died and those who mourn. We give thanks for their presence in our lives.

Congregation: **May the Spirit keep us united with them in your everlasting love.**

Leader: 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?

Leader: Holy, uncontainable fiery Spirit,

Congregation: **Fill the world with your peace, fill communities of faith with your purpose, and fill us with your power, for the sake of your Reign. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: God of wild, windy and prodigal love,

Congregation: **We confess our bondage to fear,**

Our smallness of heart,

Our lack of imagination,

Our guardedness in giving,

Our complicity in systems of racial and economic injustice,

Our misuse of the gifts of creation,

Our resistance to the Way of Jesus.

We ask your mercy and the power of your Wholly, Holy Spirit

to burn through our defenses,

to break open our hearts,

to ignite our imaginations and

to raise us from the dead,

that we might be signs of your healing and liberating love in the world.

Celebrant: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:

You have been set free by the love of God made known in Jesus and by the power of God's creating, liberating Spirit. Rise from what binds you into the love that calls you, and burn with God's Holy Spirit in all that you do. In the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

We recognize those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other significant events in July

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 Anthem: *Turn! Turn! Turn! (sung by Choir)*

Pete Seeger, arr. Peter Amidon

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 hosts.

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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.

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Music: Based on 'Ol' Time Religion, Welcome Table: A Mass of Spirituals, Kim R. Harris, M. Roger Holland II, © 2012, GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant continues: 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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: We give thanks for this meal of Holy Mystery and remembrance,
and for coming to us as we have shared it.
Congregation: **May the love we find at this table
be reflected in our lives;
May the power we receive at this table
make us peacemakers and healers;
And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table
lead us to be those who proclaim God’s Reign
in every word we speak and in everything we do. Amen.**

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: *Wonderful Words of Life (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Last First* Scott Cleveland

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Justice for All

As an Episcopal faith community in Deer Isle, Maine, how do we commemorate the 250th year of the Declaration of Independence?

An article in the Episcopal News Service (see the Navigator for the link) is worth a read, reflecting on the Episcopal Church's history and intimate involvement with the new government from the late 1700's forward.

In the article, Bishop Sean Rowe and others reflect on the ever-widening divergence between the practices and goals of the United States Government and the Episcopal Church.

Sean Rowe writes: "It's time for the church to stand in solidarity with those who have no voice, to speak up. **It means us taking a hard look at the systemic work that still has to be done ...** to make lives different, to bring people closer into relationship with God, to show love in the world."

How are we at St Brendan's giving shape to the priorities of our mission statement: "To serve the needs of one another and of those on the island, the peninsula and throughout the world."

CALENDAR

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

Sunday, July 12	5:00 p.m. Celtic Evensong. Mary Jane Poole, reflector
Monday, July 13	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, July 15	10:00 a.m. In-Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Prof. Peter Antich leads second session on the Phenomenology of Illness 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, July 18	8:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast
Sunday, July 19	9:30 a.m. Lev Sherman’s service in the Memorial Garden 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist led by Pastor Elaine Hewes, Celebrant 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

Looking Ahead

Wednesdays, July 22 and 29	10:30 a.m. Prof. Peter Antich leads sessions on the Phenomenology of Illness
Saturday, July 25	4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Annual Lobster Picnic
Wednesday, August 5	10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Session A on Antigone
Thursday, August 6	Celebration of the lives of Tony and Pat Stoneburner
Thursday, August 13	10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Session B on Antigone
September 8-11	17 th Annual St. Brendan’s Women’s Retreat at Bishopswood

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord *The Hymnal* 1982, #636



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Optional Interlude

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

Blessèd Jesus, at thy word *The Hymnal 1982, #440*

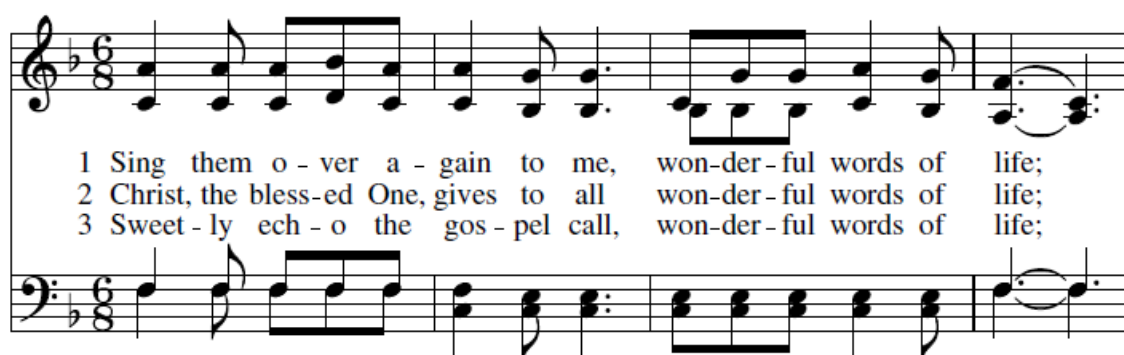
1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
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now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
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pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
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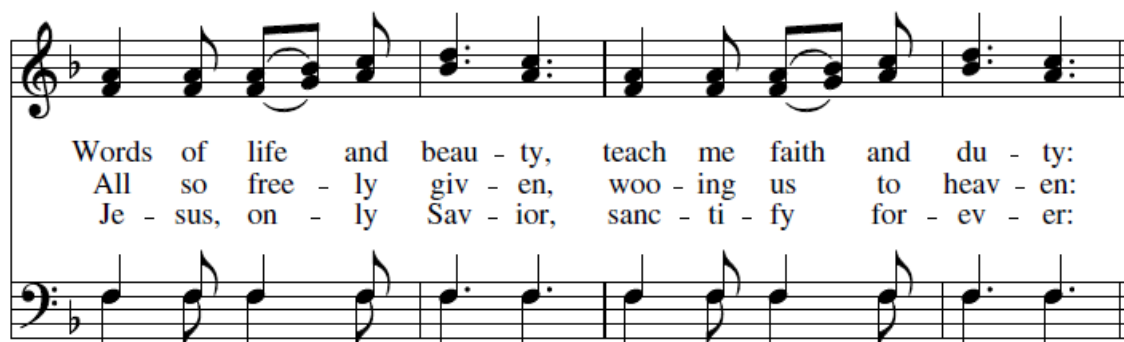
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1 Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won-der-ful words of life;
 2 Christ, the bless-ed One, gives to all won-der-ful words of life;
 3 Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won-der-ful words of life;

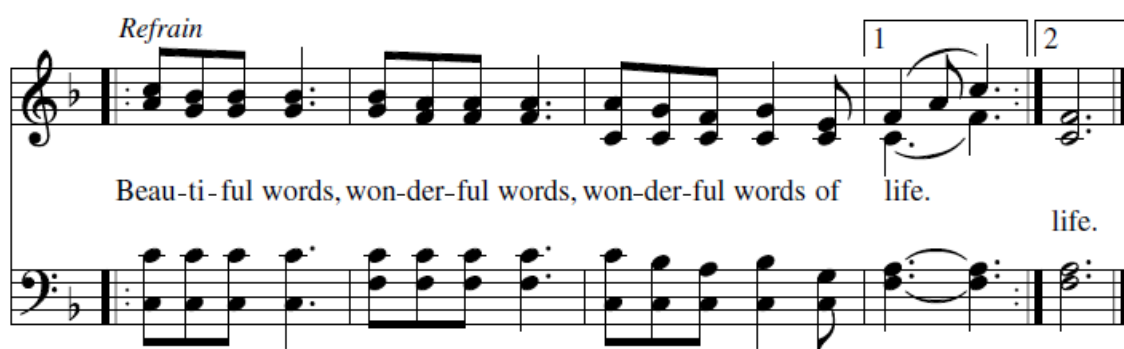


let me more of their beau - ty see, won-der-ful words of life.
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 of - fer par-don and peace to all, won-der-ful words of life.



Words of life and beau - ty, teach me faith and du - ty:
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Beau-ti-ful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life. life.

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

WORDS OF LIFE

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**.