

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.

Pastor Elaine Hewes, Pastor in Charge
The Rev. Andrew Stoessel, Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Choir Director
Scott Cleveland, Guest Musician
Pentecost Proper 27
November 8, 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.**

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

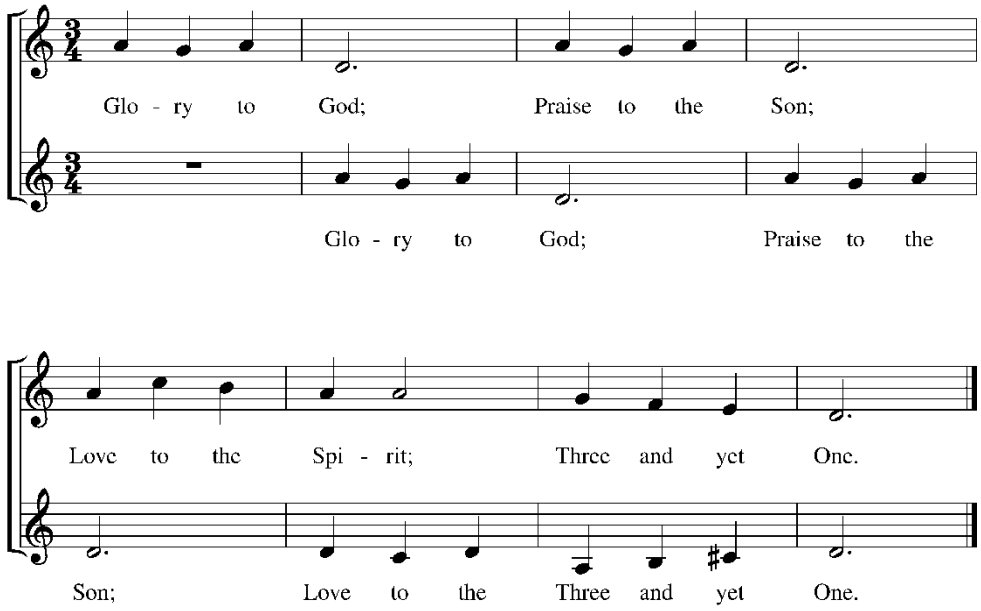
Prelude: *Forest* Scott Cleveland

Opening Hymn: 436 *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates (vss. 1-3 and 5, in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences
Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.
Congregation: **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

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.**

Song of Praise: WLP 821 *(Choir members will sing through once. Then the Congregation sings two more times)*



Music: John L. Bell and the Wild Goose Worship Group from *Come All You People.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: The Book of Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

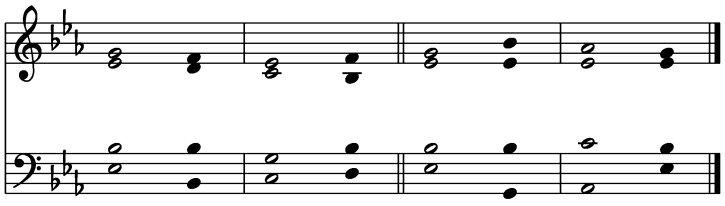
Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORDand serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and

him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78 1-7 **S 411**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ‖
I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children. ‖
We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob*
and established a law for Israel, ‖
which he commanded them*
to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet un-born; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children; ‖
So that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God, *
but keep his com-mandments;

Second Lesson: First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:13-18
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: 68 *Rejoice! Rejoice, believers (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Rev. Andrew Stoessel

Silence

Affirmation

As children of God, we affirm:
That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation, and
that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.
That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.
That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment, and
that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

As we enter the last weeks of Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar, let us invite the Spirit to blow through our lives and inspire us to live and practice our faith in ever more extraordinary ways.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for this community of St Brendan, and for all members of God's family that we witness more vividly the presence of God and God's love for all.

Hear us O God and may we always be thankful for your presence with us.

We pray for the sick, for the lonely, and for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Hear us O God and may we be ready to offer your love and compassion where it is needed.

We pray for justice and peace for all nations and persons, for a world without conflict.

Hear us O God and give us the courage to advocate for those who are oppressed.

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth and for all peoples impacted by our changing climate, especially by the scarcity of water and other basic resources.

Hear us O God and help us to understand that we can and must live more simply so that others may simply live.

We remember those who have died and give thanks for their presence in our lives. We hold up all who mourn.

Assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us united with them in your everlasting love..

Leader: I invite you to add your own prayers and thanksgivings.

Members of the congregation are invited to add prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

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

Together we pray,
Holy One, in love you created us. Grant us the wisdom of your love wherever it leads us and may we always be nourished and energized by your Spirit.

Confession of Sin
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.
Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Peace now, peace here, peace everywhere.
Peace to one and peace to all.
Peace among all nations, peace flowing from every heart
Peace to wrap around the corner-less world
until peace becomes an embrace that will never let go.
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.

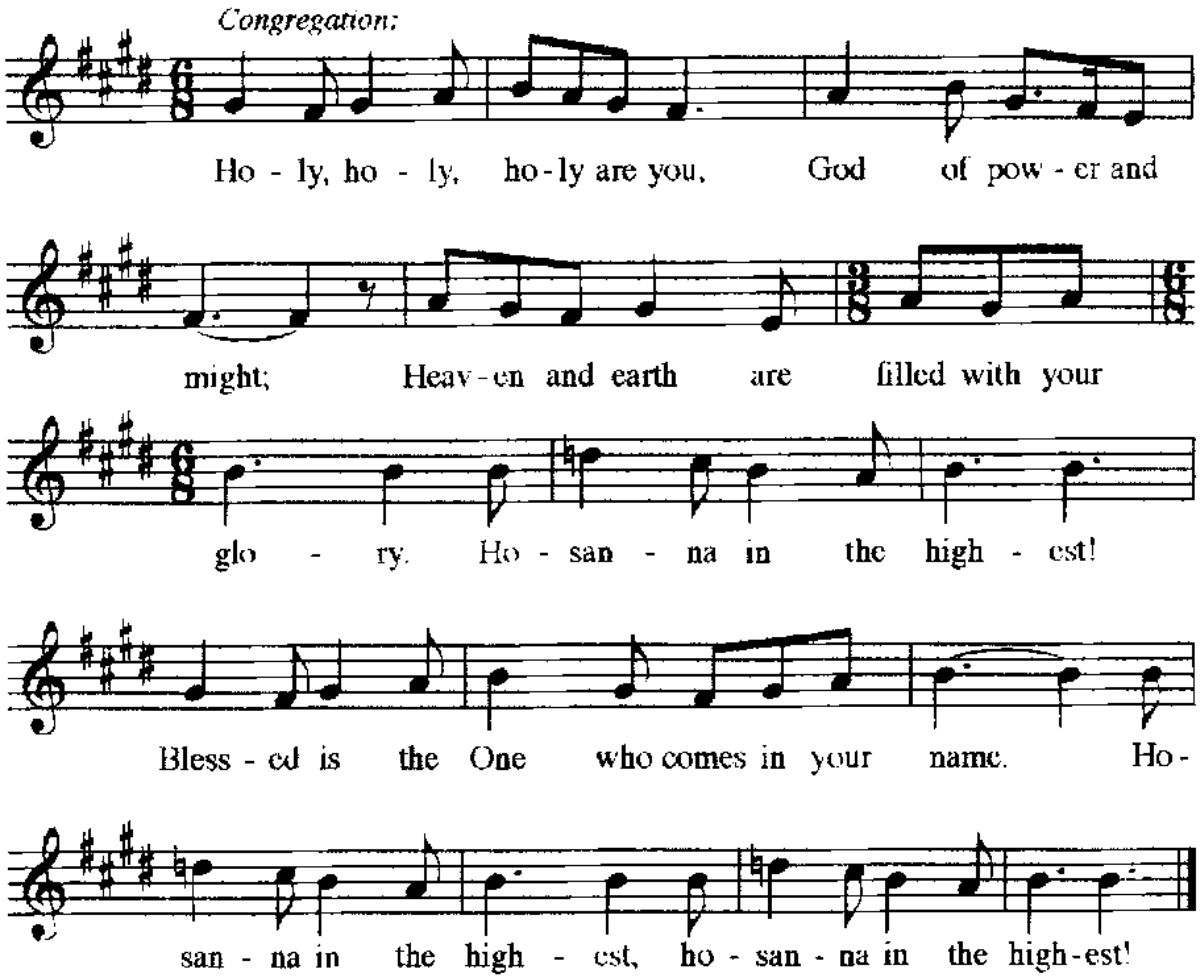
The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: 341 *For the bread which you have broken (in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer
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:

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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:

Celebrant and 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.

Celebrant and People: **Blessed are you now and for ever. 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.

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 of creation.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: 625 *Ye holy angels bright (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Give Me Jesus* African American Spiritual

Announcements

Dismissal

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GPS (Giving Our Priorities Shape) Action Item

Love Thy Neighbor

For the last weeks of Ordinary Time before the first Sunday of Advent, you are invited to engage more intensely in your "practice" of faith, your heart's commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and, in particular, to the call to "Love Thy Neighbor."

There are so many opportunities –Heating Assistance Fundraiser concert at St Brendan's on Saturday, November 14, 3-5 PM, a meal shared, a letter written, a phone call made, a smile, a kind word, a gesture of forgiveness….

CALENDAR

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

Monday, November 9	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, November 11	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study led by The Rev. Jennifer Reece: Heaven and Faerie: The Gospel in 20th C. Fantasy Literature 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Thursday, November 12	5:00 p.m. Potluck Supper and Discussion on Bishop Mariann Budde's book *How We Learn to be Brave. {See Navigator for how to sign up)*
Saturday, November 14	9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast, Stonecutters 3:00 p.m. IHAP fundraiser concert - Frank Gotwals & Kit Loekle
Sunday, November 15	9:30 a.m. Gathering at the Meditation Garden 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

Looking Ahead

Saturday, November 21	8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *The Hymnal 1982*, #436



Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

Rejoice! rejoice, believers *The Hymnal 1982,* #68



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

For the bread which you have broken *The Hymnal 1982,* #341



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Ye holy angels bright *The Hymnal 1982,* #625



Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862). Music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

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.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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**.