



## 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, Priest in Charge

The Rev. Brent Was, Celebrant

The Rev. Alice Hildebrand, Preacher

Connie Mayo, Music Director

**Pentecost Proper 25**

**October 26, 2025**

### **The Gathering of the Community**

*Prayer Leader:* 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:** *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

Paul Manz

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

**Opening Hymn VF 96** *Healing river of the Spirit (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.**

**Song of Praise: WLP 821** (*sing three times*)

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system has two staves. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;". The bottom staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God; Praise to the". The second system also has two staves. The top staff begins with a treble clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.". The bottom staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "Son; Love to the Three and yet One.".

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Lesson: Joel 2:23-32**

O children of Zion, be glad

and rejoice in the LORD your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain,

the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain,

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years

that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,

my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,

and praise the name of the LORD your God,

who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,

and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.

The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood,  
before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved;

for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said,  
and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 65

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



A To you belongs the song of praise, O God, in Zion \*  
and to you shall vows be per-formed, || return to A

A O you who answer prayer, \*  
to you all flesh brings the burdens of sins. ||

B When deeds of iniquity over-whelm us, \*  
our transgressions you for-give.

**Blessed 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; ||

The source of trust of all the ends of the earth \*  
and of the farthest islands.

A You established the mountains by your strength; \*  
you are girded with might. || return to A

A You silence the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves, ||

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

You visit the earth and water it; \*  
you greatly en-rich it; ||

the river of God is full of water; \*  
you provide the people with grain; indeed, you have pre-pared it:

**You water abundantly its furrows, leveling its clods, \***  
**With showers you soften it, and bless its growth. ||**  
**You crown the year with your bounty; \***  
**your tracks overflow with fat.**

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.

**You make the gateways of the morning \***  
**and the evening shout for joy; ||**  
**they shout and sing \***  
**together for joy.**

### **Second Lesson: Second Letter to Timothy 4:6-8,16-18**

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn WGRG IONA** *Create within me a clean heart (Sing 2 times, in back of bulletin)*

### **Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

*Preacher:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

*Preacher:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** *"To you belongs the song of praise, O God"*

The Rev. Alice Hildebrand

*Silence*

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,**  
**the Father, the Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth,**  
**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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 **extra ordinary** 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:* 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:* Creator 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 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** *Almighty and Everlasting God (Sung by Choir)*

Orlando Gibbons

### **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:

## Sanctus S 114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*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!**

*Celebrant continues:* 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 LEVAS 157** *Revive us again (verses 1,2, and 4 in back of bulletin)*

**Postlude:** *Fughetta*

Charles Burney

### **Announcements**

### **Dismissal**

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Confession written by Elaine Hewes

## GPS (Giving Our Priorities Shape) Action Item

### Love Thy Neighbor

For the remaining weeks of Ordinary Time before the first Sunday of Advent, you are invited to engage more deeply 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 near and far:

- Sign up** for the WindowDressers Build starting November 1,
- Simmering Pot soup making or delivering to recipients October 27 and November 24
- Donate blood** November 6 at DIHS 10-3: PM sponsored by the Deer Isle High School National Honor Society. (link to register in the Navigator)
- Support Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP) (Portland, ME),
- Connect often with the children in your life,
- Consider a donation to Alfred’s Box,
- Share a meal,
- Write a letter to a long-lost friend,
- Make a phone call to the same,
- Share a smile or a kind word with a stranger ,
- Offer a gesture of forgiveness where needed...

## CALENDAR

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

Monday, October 27	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, October 28	11:00 a.m. Worship and Music Ministry meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, October 29	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study: Fifth Session Bible 101 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
October 31-November 6	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. WindowDressers Community Build
Saturday, November 1	5:00 p.m. All Saints Day Vigil in Memorial Garden
Sunday, November 2	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

### Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 16	9:30 a.m. Gathering at the Meditation Garden
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## Healing river of the Spirit Voices Found, #96

F      B♭      Am7      Dm      F      B♭      F

1 Heal-ing riv - er of the Spi - rit, bathe the wounds that liv - ing brings.  
 2 Well-spring of the heal-ing Spi - rit, stream that flows to bring re - lease,  
 3 Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, make us chan - nels of your pow'r.

F      B♭      Am7      Dm      F      B♭      F

Plunge our pain, our sin, our sad-ness deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.  
 as we gain our selves, our sens-es, may our lives re - flect your peace.  
 All the world is torn by con-flict; wars are rag - ing at this hour.

F      C      Dm      C      Dm      B♭maj7

Wea - ry from the rest - less search-ing that has lured us from your side,  
 Grate-ful for the flood that heals us, may your church en - act your grace.  
 Sav - ing Spi - rit, move a - mong us; guide our wind-ing hu - man course,

C      Dm      B♭      F      Gm7      Am      Gm7      F

we dis-cov - er in your pres - ence peace that world can - not pro - vide.  
 As we meet both friend and strang-er, may we see our Sav-ior's face.  
 till we find our way to - geth - er, flow - ing home-ward to our source.

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# Create within me a clean heart

**Ostinato**

Tune: 'CLEAN HEART', Alison Adam.

Chimes or bells ad lib

Cre - ate with - in me a clean heart, O God;

A - DO - RA - MUS, DO - MI - NE

place at my cen - tre a new and right spi - rit. Since you want

QUO - NI - AM TU SO - LUS SANC - TUS A - DO -

truth in my in - ner - most be - ing, teach me your

RA - MUS, DO - MI - NE QUO - NI -

wis - dom in my sec - ret heart.

AM TU SO - LUS SANC - TUS.

Revive Us Again *Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #157*

1. We praise thee, O God, For the son of thy  
 2. We praise thee, O God, For thy spir - it of  
 3. All glo - ry and praise To the lamb that was  
 4. Re - vive us a - gain, Fill each heart with thy

1. love, For — Je - sus who died And is now gone a - bove.  
 2. light, Who has shown us our Sav - ior, And scat - tered our night.  
 3. slain, Who has borne all our sins And has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.  
 4. love, May each soul be re - kin - dled With fire from a - bove.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Hal - le - lu - jah! A -

men, Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Re - vive us a - gain.

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