



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 and Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

**The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Making Manifest the Presence of God**

February 15, 2026

The Gathering of the Community

9:30 a.m. Gathering at the Meditation Garden

10:00 a.m.

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

Prelude: *Saw you never in the twilight*

Harold W. Friedell

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn 129 *Christ upon the mountain peak (back of bulletin)*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Open our eyes and hearts to your presence, Gracious God, within this time of worship.

Congregation: **Speak to us through the songs we sing, the prayers we speak, the words we hear, and the silence we keep.**

Celebrant: Open our eyes and hearts to your presence, Gracious God, within your family here assembled,

Congregation: **That in our speaking and listening, our tears and laughter, and the love that's shared, we might see You.**

Celebrant: Open our eyes and ears to your presence, Gracious God, in these coming days.

Congregation: **That in the places we live, the lives we live, and the people we meet, we might recognize You in our midst.**

May our lives reflect your presence and be the Good News to a world in need.

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Luke 2:14

Pablo Sosa

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on

Dios, y en la tic - rra paz a la gen - te
high, and on earth peace to all peo - ple in

que a - ma el Se - ñor.
whom God is well pleased.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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: Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

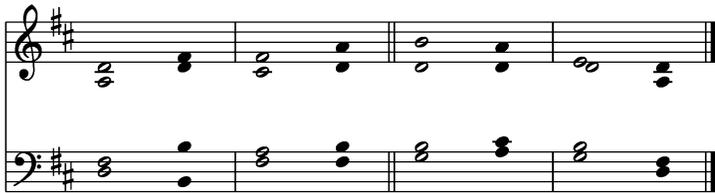
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



The LORD is King; *

let the people tremble; ||

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; *

let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples. ||

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice; *

you have established equity; ||

you have executed justice *

and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One. ||

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name; *

they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. ||

O LORD our God, you answered them in-deed; *

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God *

and worship him upon his holy hill; ||

for the LORD our God *

is the Holy One.

Second Lesson: Second Letter of Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn ELW 519 *Open your ears (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence will be commenced and ended with the sounding of a bell.

Affirmation

**We believe in one God, creator of all life,
maker of past, present and future.**

Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

**God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,
who came to declare good news to those in despair,
to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,
to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.**

We believe in God's Holy Spirit,

**who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,
who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,
who resurrects us to new life,
and sends us out into the world
to be signs of God's incarnate presence
in the world God so loves.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: God of light and life, you have sought to make yourself known to us and to show us your loving care.

We offer you the longings of our hearts.

Leader: May the universal church manifest your presence through faithful witness.

Congregation: **Strengthen us to be the bearers of your good news.**

Leader: Be with our nation and its elected leaders.

Congregation: **Embolden us to hold ourselves and our leaders accountable for building a just society.**

Leader: Open our hearts to the needs of this island community.

Congregation: **Keep us ever mindful of our responsibility to care for others.**

Leader: Instill in us awe and thankfulness for the majesty of your created world.

Congregation: **Kindle in our hearts a sense of urgency to be better stewards of creation.**

Leader: Bring comfort and healing to those who suffer from all manner of things that affect our body, mind and spirit.

Congregation: **Let all your people know wholeness and peace.**

Leader: Grant to the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love.

Congregation: **Bless the dying with peace and the grieving with comfort.**

Leader: We remember those on our Prayer List:

Peter McKee, Caroline Dane, Mike S., Jennifer Hutchinson, Meredydd Cooper, Henna Torrey Roy, Liz Leuthner, Jerry, Helen and Gibbie Nauman, Agnes and Billy, Barbara K., Julie and Tom, Gwyn Murray, Sally, Beth Kyzer, David, Preston Henderson, Mollie Ann Meserve, Martha Dane, Tammie and Jason Cox, Tyler Goss, Kate Hallen and Bob Blum, Judith Jerome, Mimi Maslan, Samantha, Judy Miller, Megan, Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Bill Scaife, Brent Was, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Lindsay Bowker, Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner, Carol Stoneburner

Leader: Please add your prayers and thanksgivings.

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Are there any people on Zoom who would like to add their prayers and thanksgivings?

Leader: Holy One, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Congregation: **Merciful God,**

We confess that we have sinned against you

and one another in both our actions and our inactions.

We recognize that in Jesus our light has come,

yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light.

Gracious God, forgive our sins

and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives.

Illumine us by your Word,

So we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.

Celebrant: May God forgive us, Christ renew us,

and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: 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 exchange the peace

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 333 *Now the Silence (in back of bulletin)*

The Great Thanksgiving

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: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love

Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,

with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.

With the angels of light who envelop us,

with all the saints before and beside us,

with brothers and sisters, east and west,

we sing to you.

And with our loved ones, separate from us now,

who yet in this mystery are close to us,

we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus *(next page)*

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. 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.

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,

This is my body, given to you.

In the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,

This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.

Congregation: **Hear us, O Christ,
and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life.
May they heal, renew, and make us whole.
And as the bread and wine
which we now eat and drink are changed into us,
may we be changed again into you,
bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world. Amen.**

Celebrant: Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

Congregation:

**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

Loving God,

**we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food**

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

May God

Holy eternal Mystery

Holy incarnate Word

Holy abiding Spirit

Bless you and keep you evermore

Congregation: Amen.

Sending Hymn WLP 777 *Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *F Major fugue*

J. S. Bach

Announcements

Dismissal

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Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action

Justice for All

On January 31, 2026, 154 Bishops of the Episcopal Church including Maine's Bishop Thomas Brown, posted a letter to their fellow Americans saying in part, "what is happening in communities across this country runs counter to God's vision of justice and peace. This crisis is about more than one city or state – it's about who we are as a nation. The question before us is simple and urgent: Whose dignity matters?... Our faith gives us a clear answer: everyone's... By the grace of God may this season of grief become a season of renewal. May courage rise from lament, and love take root in every heart".

The link to the complete letter is available in the Navigator.

Please call or write your Senators and Representative and urge them to vigorously protest the lawlessness of ICE, to ask for accountability, and to insist on the safety and human rights of all persons – citizens, non-citizens, "documented" and "undocumented".

Another organization to research is the **American Immigration Council** (link in the Navigator).

CALENDAR

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

Monday, February 16	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, February 17	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday, February 18	10:00 a.m. In-person meditation 3:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Saturday, February 21	8:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast in Parish Hall
Sunday, February 22	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling presiding

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 1	3:00 p.m. First annual “Talent” show
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Christ upon the mountain peak *The Hymnal 1982, #129*

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
 fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
 let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

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- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Now the silence *The Hymnal 1982, #333*

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty
hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea
Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing
Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing
Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful
cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs
Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's
vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - an - y
Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise *Wonder Love and Praise*, #777

1. Sing al - le - lu - ia forth in du - teous praise,
2. Ye pow'rs who stand be - fore the e - ter - nal Light,
3. Then let the ho - ly ci - ty raise the strain,
4. Ye who have fought and joined the star - ry throng,

ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n, O sweet - ly raise an end - less
let all your choirs re - ech - o to the height an end - less
and with glad songs re - sound - ing wake a - gain an end - less
ye vic - tors, now take up the e - ter - nal song, an end - less

al - le - lu - ia.