



## 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.

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### **A Service of Healing**

### **Second Sunday of Easter**

April 7, 2024

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*We honor the Indigenous people across the globe, in particular the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. We give thanks for their rich heritage. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth. Let us remember that we are all members of one great community of life. May we learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native neighbors as they seek their sovereignty here in Maine.*

*This service of prayers for healing asserts that God's purpose for us all is a life of wholeness, as expressed in the life and teaching of Jesus. The ministry of healing is an integral part of our Christian witness.*

*In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in times of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.*

*During communion, after receiving the bread and wine, there will be an opportunity for those desiring healing to receive a blessing with the laying on of hands by a member of the healing team. Whether or not you choose to receive such a blessing (indicated by extending your open hands), we know that God's healing purpose, the promise of God's fulfilling and sustaining love, is for every one of us, and is carried in bread and wine as well as in the laying on of hands. We invite you to receive God's healing presence in all the ways that feel right for you.*

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

*The service begins with the ringing of the bell three times.*

**Prelude:** *Christus, der ist mein Leben*

Johann Gottfried Walther

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

**Opening Hymn 193** *That Easter day with joy was bright (in back of bulletin)*

*Leader:* We gather in Your presence, God,

*Congregation:* **in our need,**  
**and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

We come to You, for You come to us in Jesus,  
**and You know by experience what human life is like.**

We come with our faith and with our doubts;  
**we come with our hopes and with our fears.**

We come as we are, because You have invited us;  
**and You have promised never to turn us away.**

God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the lovingkindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that being renewed by You, we may witness Your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**First Lesson: Book of Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 133**

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
when brethren live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head  
that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron,  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**It is like the dew of Hermon  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

**For there the LORD has ordained the blessing:  
life for evermore.**

**Second Lesson: First Letter of John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn LEVAS II 206** *We walk by faith (in back of bulletin)*

**The Gospel: John 20:19-31**

*Reader:* The Gospel according to John

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Reflection**

The Rev. Andree Appel

*Silence*

**A Creed from the Iona Community**

**We believe in God whose love is the source of all life**

**and the desire of our lives,**

**whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,**

**whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all**

**and whose love, defeating even death,**

**is our glorious promise of freedom.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,**

**in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ,**

**we commit ourselves, in the service of others,**

**to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth**

and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,  
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,  
for the glory of God. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

*Leader:* Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace.

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. We remember those on our prayer list:

Beth and Tito Kyzer, Judy, Carlotta, Megan, Avery, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry,  
Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Carol Simanton, Billy Nutter, Theo, Robert B. Tobin,  
Anne Burton, Hewit, Pat and Dave, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish,  
Corbin, Rebecca, Susan Wade, Pam B., Jase, Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Brent Was,  
Stewart and Julie, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Blanco, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family,  
Bill Scaife, Max, Skip Greenlaw, Bob Budd, Nancy, Peter Brown, Nick, Seth,  
Linda Shepard and family, Mary Ann Shaw, Lindsay Bowker, Nancy Boothby,  
Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner, Carol Stoneburner, Nancy Stearns, Isabelle H.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled;  
**May they be made whole.**

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering;  
**Grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin;  
**Mend broken relationships in our lives and restore wholeness in our relationship with our Mother Earth.**

Grant to the dying peace; give the departed eternal rest.  
**Uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.**

Hear us, O Lord of life:  
**Heal us, and make us whole.**

Please add your own prayers

*The congregation is invited to add their own prayers*

*Leader:* We invite prayers from those who are with us virtually.

Let us pray.

*Congregation: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

*We acknowledge those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and significant events in April*

### **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 486** Hosanna to the living Lord (*vss. 1-3, 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.*

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 ELW 193** (*next page*)

# Holy, Holy, Holy

## Acclamation and Amen

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.

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.

**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.**

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

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant and Congregation: In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of the Church where the bread and wine are offered, and in union with those who are with us today by the internet, we offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. We believe that Jesus is present in the Breaking of the Bread, the Holy Sacrament of Communion and in ways more numerous and mysterious than we can imagine. We embrace you, Jesus, with all our hearts, souls and minds. Nothing can separate us from you, 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.*

*Those desiring healing should open their palms and a member of the healing team  
will come to them for the laying on of hands.*

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.

**Congregation: We pray for those who are with us virtually that they experience God's presence and love in any part of their lives that is in need of healing.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread.

**Congregation: May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

*Leader:* May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing.

May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts.

May we be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*Congregation: Amen.*

**Sending Hymn WLP 787** *We are marching in the light of God (in back of bulletin)*

**Postlude:** Hail the day so rich in cheer

Paul Manz

### **Announcements**

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## **GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM**

### **Love in Action**

The GPS Action item for this week during Eastertide is simply an invitation to enter into the mysteries of God's unfathomable love for us and for the world God so loves, and to allow ourselves to be held in that mystery. To allow ourselves to be so immersed in that love that we begin to feel ourselves unbound from the things that hold us captive (such as fear and shame) and set free to be signs of God's love in the times and places in which we live.

Let our GPS Action item for this week be to become "insurrections of resurrection," "little Easters" rising into the grief and suffering of the world around us.

Note: In a recent post, Richard Rohr identifies death and resurrection as the universal pattern of Reality. See the Navigator for the link to this post.

## **CALENDAR**

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

Monday, April 8	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, April 10	10:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, April 11	11:00 a.m. Worship & Music Ministry meeting (Zoom)
Sunday, April 14	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Revs. Anne Deneen and Joe Duggan presiding

### **Looking Ahead**

Friday, May 3	4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Empty Bowl Supper
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That Easter day with joy was bright *The Hymnal 1982*, #193

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
 5 thec, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950; alt. acc. John F. Erickson (b. 1938).

## We Walk by Faith *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, #206

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
 2. We may not touch His hands and side,  
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief;  
 4. That, when our life of faith is done;

1. no gra - cious words we hear \_\_\_\_\_ from Him who  
 2. nor fol - low where He trod; \_\_\_\_\_ but in His  
 3. and may our faith a - bound, \_\_\_\_\_ to call on  
 4. in realms of clear - er light, \_\_\_\_\_ we may be -

1. spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be -  
 2. prom - ise we re - joice, and cry, "My  
 3. you when you are near, and seek where  
 4. hold you as you are, with full and

1..2..3. || 4.

1. lieve\_\_\_\_ Him near.  
 2. Lord\_\_\_\_ and God!"  
 3. you\_\_\_\_ are found.  
 4. end - less sight.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1971). Music: Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

## Hosanna to the living Lord *The Hymnal 1982*, #486

1 Ho - san - na to the liv - ing Lord! Ho -  
 2 Ho - san - na, Lord! thine an - gels cry; Ho -  
 3 O Sa - vior, with pro - tect - ing care a -  
 4 But, chief - est, in our cleans - ed breast, E -  
 5 So in the last and dread - ful day, when

1 san - na to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - at - or,  
 2 san - na, Lord! thy saints re - ply; a - bove, be - neath us,  
 3 bide in this thy house of prayer, where we as - sem - bled  
 4 ter - nal! bid thy Spi - rit rest; and make our se - cret  
 5 earth and heaven shall melt a - way, thy flock, re - deemed from

1 Sa - vior, King, let earth, let heaven, ho - san - na sing!  
 2 and a - round, both dead and liv - ing swell the sound:  
 3 in thy Name, in faith, thy part - ing prom - ise claim.  
 4 soul to be a tem - ple pure and wor - thy thee.  
 5 sin - ful stain, shall swell the sound of praise a - gain.

*Refrain*

Ho - san - na, Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Hosanna*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

We are marching in the light of God *Wonder Love and Praise*, #787

We are march - ing\* in the light of God,  
*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*

we are marching in the light of God.  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*

2. of God.  
*kwen - khos'.* We are  
*Si - ya -*

march - ing in the light of, the light of God. We are  
*hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.* We are  
*Si - ya -*

of God.  
*kwen - khos'.*

\*Alternate text: *dancing, singing, praying...*

march-ing,  
 ham - ba,  
 march-ing, we are march-ing,  
 ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba,  
 march-ing, we are  
 ham - ba, si - ya -

Oo,  
 Oo,  
 march-ing, we are  
 ham - ba, si - ya -

of God.  
 kwen - khos'.  
 march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen'kwen, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 We are  
 Si - ya -

march-ing in the light of God.  
 kwen - khos'.

march-ing,  
 ham - ba,  
 march-ing, we are march-ing,  
 ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba,  
 march-ing, we are  
 ham - ba, si - ya -

Oo,  
 Oo,  
 march-ing, we are  
 ham - ba, si - ya -

march-ing in the light of God.  
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Text: South African  
 Tune: South African  
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