



## 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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**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Making Manifest the Presence of God**

January 25, 2026

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### 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.**

*The bell is rung three times*

**Prelude:** *Salvation now is come to earth*

J. S. Bach

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

**Opening Hymn 135** *Songs of thankfulness and praise (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, high, y en la tic - rra paz a la gen - te  
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.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
 on them light has shined.  
 You have multiplied the nation,  
 you have increased its joy;  
 they rejoice before you  
 as with joy at the harvest,  
 as people exult when dividing plunder.  
 For the yoke of their burden,  
 and the bar across their shoulders,  
 the rod of their oppressor,  
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.  
*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 27:1, 5-13 S-410**

Robert Knox Kennedy  
 (b. 1945)



The LORD is my light and my sal-vation;<sup>\*</sup>  
 whom then shall I fear? ||  
 the LORD is the strength of my life; <sup>\*</sup>  
 of whom then shall I be a-fraid?  
**One thing have I asked of the LORD; <sup>\*</sup>**  
**one thing I seek; ||**  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD<sup>\*</sup>**  
**all the days of my life;**  
 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD <sup>\*</sup>  
 and to seek him in his temple. ||  
 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; <sup>\*</sup>  
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
 and set me high upon a rock.  
**Even now he lifts up my head <sup>\*</sup>**  
**above my enemies round a-bout me. ||**  
**Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation**  
**with sounds of great gladness; <sup>\*</sup>**  
**I will sing and make music to the LORD.**  
 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; <sup>\*</sup>  
 have mercy on me and answer me. ||  
 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." <sup>\*</sup>  
 Your face, LORD, will I seek.  
**Hide not your face from me,**  
**nor turn away your servant in dis-pleasure. <sup>\*</sup>**

**You have been my helper; cast me not a-way; ||  
do not for-sake me, \*  
O God of my sal-vation.**

**Second Lesson: First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

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

**Sequence Hymn 661** *They cast their nets in Galilee (in back of bulletin)*

**The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Donna Downs

*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:* 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** *Will you come and follow me (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)*

*f*  
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 707** *Take my life and let it be (in back of bulletin)*

**Postlude:** *C Major Fugue*

J. S. Bach

**Announcements**

**Dismissal**

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### **Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action**

#### **Love in Action**

*"It is worth remembering today that Jesus is God's small good thing for the world. The path of life Jesus sets out for us isn't forged by victory through force. It is forged by the small good thing of standing in the broken, forgotten places, with the forgotten, vulnerable people. It is forged as God's extravagant love reaches over every division that tears God's children apart."*

From Bishop Craig Loya of Minneapolis

Please keep your eyes, ears, and heart open as ICE's "Operation Catch of the Day" arrives in Maine. And please support these organizations (links in the Navigator) however you can.

Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition  
Midcoast New Mainers Group (Andree Appel's ministry)  
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project

## CALENDAR

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

Sunday, January 25	After service: Discussion about response in solidarity with immigrants
Monday, January 26	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, January 27	4:00 p.m. Bible 101 continued (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 28	10:00 a.m. In-person meditation 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Second Session with Pam Shellberg 4:00 p.m. No choir rehearsal
Sunday, February 1	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

### Looking Ahead

Monday, February 2,	6:00 p.m. Feast of the Presentation followed by soup and drink in the parish hall
Friday, February 6	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Annual Mardi Gras Gathering at the Danes'
Tuesday, February 17	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

## Songs of thankfulness and praise *The Hymnal 1982, #135*

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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## They cast their nets in Galilee *The Hymnal 1982*, #661

The musical score is written on three staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1 through 4 on the left side of the first staff. The lyrics are: 1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just; 2 Con - tent - ed, peace - ful fish - er - men, be -; 3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -; 4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but  
off the hills of brown; such hap - py,  
fore they ev - er knew the peace of  
less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who  
strife closed in the sod. Yet let us  
sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.  
God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.  
hailed the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.  
pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

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# Will you come and follow me



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be  
 Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be



the same? Will you let my love be shown,  
 the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare  
 the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,  
 the same? Will you use the faith you've found  
 the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



will you let my name be known, will you let my  
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me  
 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to  
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and  
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown in you and you in me?  
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 what I mean in you and you in me?  
 touch and sound in you and you in me?  
 live and grow in you and you in me.

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 Tune: KELVINGROVE; Scottish melody

## Take my life, and let it be *The Hymnal 1982, #707*

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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