



## 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. Emily Blair Stribling, Celebrant  
The Rev. Timothy Ensworth, Preacher  
Connie Mayo, Music Director

**Last Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Christ the King**  
**Proper 29, November 23, 2025**

### 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:** *On the tune "Irish"*

Healey Willan

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

**Opening Hymn 477** *All praise to thee for thou, O King divine (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*)

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;  
Glo - ry to God; Praise to the  
Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.  
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

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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: Jeremiah 23: 1-8**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.

And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Therefore the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when it shall no longer be said, "As the Lord lives who brought the people of Israel up out of the land of Egypt," but "As the Lord lives who brought out and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the land of the north and out of all the lands where he had driven them." Then they shall live in their own land.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

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

**Canticle 16 Song of Zechariah S 248**

*Antiphon*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

1. Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has come  
to his peo - ple and set them free. 2. He has raised up for us  
a mighty sa - vior, born of the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.

3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us  
from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who hate us.

4. He prom - ised to show mercy to our fa - thers and to remember his  
ho - ly cov - e - nant. 5. This was the oath he swore to our father  
A - bra - ham, to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,

6. Free to worship him with - out fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the  
days of our life. 7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way, 8. To give  
his people knowledge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness of their sins.

9. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall  
break up - on us, 10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. [Ant.]

**Repeat Antiphon**

## **Second Lesson: Letter to the Colossians 1:11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

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

## **Sequence Hymn 478** *Jesus our mighty Lord (in back of bulletin)*

### **Gospel: Luke 23:33-43**

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

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Timothy Ensworth

*Silence*

## **Affirmation**

**We believe in God, the source of love,**

**who breathed God's Spirit into all of creation,**

**who created humanity in God's own image and likeness,**

**and who calls God's children to be about the work of reconciliation**

**and justice in the world God so loves.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,**

**who was born of a woman,**

**who modeled for us a way of living on the earth,**

**and whose passionate love for God's creation**

**led to his Passion and death on the cross.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**who moved over the darkness at the beginning to bring light and life,**

**and who moves over the darkness still,  
opening our hearts to God's incarnate presence in our midst  
and calling us to be manifestations of incarnation  
in the name and in the way of Jesus.**

### **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.**

*Pause*

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.**

*Pause*

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.**

*Pause*

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.**

*Pause*

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.**

*Pause*

*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.

*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 493** *O for a thousand tongues to sing (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:

#### **Sanctus: S-124**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.

*Congregation:* **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 679** *Surely it is God who saves me (in back of bulletin)*

**Postlude:** *Wondrous King*

Max Reger

## Announcements

## Dismissal

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Affirmation and Confession written by Elaine Hewes

### **GPS (Giving Our Priorities Shape) Action Item**

#### **Love Thy Neighbor**

As we prepare for Advent (next Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>) and reflect on Elaine's sermon last Sunday and her question "How might we testify to the love of God in this moment of turmoil, divisiveness, violence and fear, and, yes, death, and make an art of it as if the world depended upon us because it does...", listen to or read, as Elaine suggested, Bishop Mariann Budde's courageous testimony of January 21, 2025 in the National Cathedral to all the political leaders assembled for the inauguration.

See the Navigator for the link. Reflect on the opportunities you have to "testify" going forward. Have courage. We are in this together!

### **CALENDAR**

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

Monday, November 24	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, November 25	8:30 a.m. Vestry meeting
Sunday, November 30	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Lay Led Healing Service with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding and Page Eastman, reflector

### **Looking Ahead**

Sunday, January 11, 2026	4:00 p.m. Walking the Camino de Santiago Jane LaChance
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# All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine *The Hymnal 1982, #477*

*Descant*

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord \_\_\_\_\_

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; \_\_\_\_\_

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. \_\_\_\_\_

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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## Jesus, our mighty Lord *The Hymnal 1982*, #478



1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness, —  
2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing, —  
3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing, —



the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness; —  
in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing. —  
true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: —



your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;  
You are your - self the Way: lead us then day by day  
all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;



you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.  
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.  
the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

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## O for a thousand tongues to sing *The Hymnal 1982*, #493

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heayen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

## Surely it is God who saves me *The Hymnal 1982, #679*



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
 2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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