



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

Scott Cleveland, Guest Musician

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Making Manifest the Presence of God

February 1, 2026

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: *Moderato*

Scott Cleveland

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn ELW 644 *Although I speak with Angel's tongue (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 tie - 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.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Micah 6: 1-8 (*This translation will not be what is recited*)

Hear what the LORD says:

*Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.*

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,

and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,

and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,

with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,

with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill? ||

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *

who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor. ||

In his sight the wicked is re-jected, *

but he honors those who fear the LORD.

A He has sworn to do no wrong *

and does not take back his word. (return to A)

- A He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. ||**
- B Whoever does these things *
shall never be over-thrown.**

Second Lesson: First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-31

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. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn ELW 814 *Take, O take me as I am (sing twice, in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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: 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.**

We acknowledge those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other special events in February.

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 488 *Be thou my vision (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 ELW 770 *In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Hymn of Freedom*

Oscar Peterson

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.

Monday, February 2	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom) 6:00 p.m. Candlemas followed by soup and drink in the parish hall
Tuesday, February 3	4:00 p.m. Bible 101 continued (Zoom)
Wednesday, February 4	10:00 a.m. In-person meditation 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Final Session with Pam Shellberg 4:00 p.m. No choir rehearsal
Friday, February 6	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Annual Mardi Gras Gathering at the Danes'
Saturday, February 7	2:00 p.m. Deer Isle Writers Group event featuring several St. Brendan members (Chase Emerson Memorial Library)
Sunday, February 8	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding and The Rev. Timothy Ensworth preaching

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, February 17	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Sunday, March 1	3:00 p.m. First annual "Talent" show

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

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1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.
see: then we will see love face to face.
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

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Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

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The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: John L. Bell
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TAKE ME AS I AM
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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart *The Hymnal 1982, #488*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Give Me Jesus

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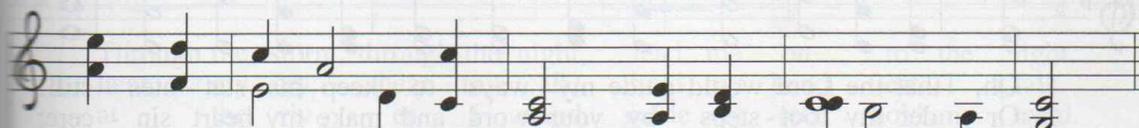
1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.



Refrain
 Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

