



ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

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 Gathering of the Community

The service begins with the ringing of the bell three times

Prelude: *Canon in Lydian Mode*

Scott Cleveland

Silence begins and ends with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn 383 *Fairest Lord Jesus (in back of bulletin)*

The Acclamation

Celebrant : Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Song of Praise *(next page)*

Day of de-light and beau-ty un-bound-ed, tell the news, the

7
gos-pel spread! Day of all won-der, day of all splen-dor,

13
praise Christ ris-en from the dead!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Book of Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31 portions

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



In you, O Lord.*
I seek refuge; ||
do not let me ever be put to shame.*
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me.*
rescue me speedily. ||
Be a rock of refuge for me.*
a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress.*
for your name's sake lead me and guide me; ||
take me out of the net that is hidden for me.*
for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit.*
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. ||
You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols.*
but I trust in the Lord.

I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love.*
because you have seen my af-fliction; ||
you have taken notice of my adversities
and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy.*
you have set my feet in a broad place.

- A But I trust in you, O Lord.***
I say, "**You are my God."** [*back to A*]
- A My times are in your hand.***
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. ||
- B Let your face shine upon your servant.***
save me in your steadfast love.
- Do not let me be put to shame, O Lord.***
for I call on you; ||
let the wicked be put to shame.*
let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.

Second Lesson: First Letter of Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner",
and
"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 508 *Breathe on me, breath of God (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Pastor Elaine Hewes

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

Beloved God, in the power of the Resurrection, we pray to you as your welcoming love rises in our hearts
saying: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all nations and all peoples of the world that we might live together in hope, harmony, and peace, we pray,
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence

For your church, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop Thomas, for all priests, deacons, and lay leaders and
for all who minister in your name that we might witness to your faithful presence with us, we pray,
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence

For those who hold authority in our country and the world, that they might devote themselves to
reconciliation, justice, mercy, and an end to all war.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence

For all those we will encounter in our daily lives; our neighbors, the children and the elders. May we respond
with love that reflects your life of compassion.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence.

For the whole earth; for the land, the oceans, the mountains, the forests, and the rivers, that the whole world
may know the glory of your creation.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence.

For all those suffering from any illness or pain, from mental anguish or anxiety, for those who are feeling
unloved or alone, for the poor and the hungry, that they may know You are the God of heartbreak.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence.

For those who are close to death; for their caregivers, and those who will grieve their passing. And for those who have died, that they may rest in your eternal peace that passes all understanding. May we learn to trust that your love is with us for eternity.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence.

Please offer your prayers and thanksgivings at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

Oh God whose is love eternally rising, renew us, strengthen us, help us to model to one another what it means to love You as You love us. God of life, we pray today through Jesus, the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Acknowledgment of those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other significant events in May

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 Anthem: *Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary*

Sung by Choir

Eucharistic Prayer

Enriching our Worship #3

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

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.

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:

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. 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 forever. 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.

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

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 your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

In this Easter season,
as the light is breaking into
our darkness,
renew us, oh God,
fill us with
joy and hope in our faith
that you are forever
Love rising.

In the name of the God the Father,
God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Sending Hymn 679 *Surely it is God who saves me (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Invention #5*

Scott Cleveland

Announcements

Dismissal

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CALENDAR

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

Monday, May 4	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, May 6	9:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Ministry meeting (Zoom) 10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy" Fourth Session led by The Rev. Timothy Ensworth 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Friday, May 8	4:00 p.m. Education and Spiritual Development Ministry meeting
Saturday, May 9	9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast at Stonecutters Kitchen
Sunday, May 10	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece presiding

GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Caring for Creation

So many ways to Care for Creation! Choose one!

- Choose a square foot in your back yard, or your flower beds, or along your favorite trail and pay close attention to the changes over the next month that sun, water, and warmth will bring forth.
- The Deer Isle Transfer Station is now accepting food scraps, which will be picked up and composted by Chickadee Compost. Read the March 12 and April 9 Island Ad-Vantages [articles](#), if you have not already, to learn what is acceptable. If you are not a Deer Isle resident, you can subscribe to [Chickadee Compost](#) and/or lobby your town to sign up.
- Join Island Heritage Trust's Trail Tuesday Volunteer Workdays , May 5, May 12, May 19...Call or email Alex Drenga for information (adrenga@islandheritagetrust.org).
- Plant more flowers and shrubs that attract pollinators – Bee Balm, Purple Cone Flower, Joe Pye Weed, Asters and so many more. For more on pollinator-friendly gardening, click [here](#).

And thank you to the Earth Day Clean Up Team from St Brendan's

Fairest Lord Jesus *The Hymnal 1982*, #383

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru-ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair-er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair-er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt. Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

Breathe on me, Breath of God *The Hymnal 1982*, #508

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breathe on me, Breath of God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

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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