

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

Celebrant: We honor the Indigenous people everywhere, particularly the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth.

Congregation: **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.**

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: *Alleluia* Igor Stravinsky

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

Opening Hymn ELW 401 *Gracious Spirit, Heed our pleading (in back of bulletin)*

Celebrant: Alleluia! A sound like a violent wind has rushed upon us!
Congregation: **The Holy Spirit has filled this house! Alleluia!**
Celebrant: Hear what is being spoken to us!
Congregation: **This is astonishing!**
Celebrant: Divine Mystery, Your breath fills the universe and makes it alive.
Congregation: **We praise you, Divine Presence, for the gift of Spirit.**

Song of Praise *(next page)*

Glory and gratitude

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The Collect of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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: Book of Acts 2:1-21
Narrator : When the day of Pentecost had come, [the followers of Jesus] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
Congregation-All who are able say in any foreign language(s) they choose: **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.** [e.g. Gk: πνευμα Κυριου επ' εμε or Ukrainian: *Дух Господній на мені* etc]
Narrator : Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,
Crowd member 1: Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
Crowd member 2: Par'thians, Medes, E'lamites
Crowd member 1: And residents of Mesopota'mia, Judea and Cappado'cia, Pon'tus and Asia,
Crowd member 2: And of Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Lib'ya belonging to Cyre'ne,
Crowd member 1: and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cre'tans and A'rabs
Congregation: in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.
Narrator: All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,
Congregation *(not in unison):* **"What?" "What does this mean?" "What on earth?" "What is going on?"**
Narrator: But others sneered and said,
Congregation: "They are filled with new wine."
Narrator : But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,
People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Jo'el:

> **Joel**: In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in

those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Narrator: Hear what the Spirit is saying!
All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 104; 24-35

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
When you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Sequence Hymn *Spirit of the Living God (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.
"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.
"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence

Affirmation
We believe that God is love,
so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.
We believe that Jesus took the form of a slave,
so we commit ourselves to serve others.
We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit,
so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.
We believe that God is the light of life,
so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in our world.
We believe that the Spirit speaks through us,
so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news
of abundant life in the world God loves.

Prayers of the People

Let us invite the Spirit to blow through our lives and our world, as we lift our needs in prayer. We pray for the Church throughout the world, for this community of St. Brendan and for all members of God's family.
Hear us O God and may we always be thankful for your presence with us.

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.

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.

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.

We remember those who have died and give thanks for their presence in our lives.
Assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us united with them in your everlasting love.

We remember those on our prayer list:

Semantha, Emily Gibson, Donna and Allen, Joe Lucas, Sandy, Beth and Tito Kyzer, Judy, 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, Pam B., Susan Wade, Jase, Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Brent Was, Bill Scaife, Stewart and Julie, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Blanco, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, 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.

Please 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: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
You have been set free by the love of God made known in Jesus and by the power of God's creating, liberating Spirit. Rise from what binds you into the love that calls you, and burn with

God's Holy Spirit in all that you do. In the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

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 *Come, Holy Ghost (sung by the choir)* Orlando Gibbons

Eucharistic Prayer
We celebrate the terrifying Spirit of God, which swept over the waters before God brought order out of formlessness.
Come, O Holy Spirit.
We celebrate the Spirit of God, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made life available to all.
Come, O Holy Spirit.
We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who has been poured out on all people and leads us into the Reign of God.
Come, O Holy Spirit.
And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Holy Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to its mighty power.

As the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus: WLP 857 *(next page)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord *[Sanctus]*



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Celebrant continues: God we come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love. We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms.

We come ready to meet you, and be changed.

The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His crucifixion, gathered his friends for a meal.
During supper, he took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks for it.

Then he broke it and passed it among them with these words:

This is my body which is broken for you.

Take, eat and remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it.

Then he passed it among them with these words:
This is my blood which is shed for you.
Take, drink and remember me.
So now, we eat and we drink, and we remember Jesus
and the Divine Love he showed us.
Spirit, come now into this bread and wine and into our hearts,
and as we share these gifts of your creation, let it be a sharing
in Christ's body and blood, Christ's life and presence;
And may we embody your life and love,
your passion and compassion in our homes and community.
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
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.**

Celebrant: In recognition of and in solidarity with those who are worshiping with us remotely this morning, we pray this prayer of spiritual communion:

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.**

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.

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
Celebrant: We give thanks for this meal of Holy Mystery and remembrance,
and for coming to us as we have shared it.

Congregation: **May the love we find at this table**
be reflected in our lives;
May the power we receive at this table
make us peacemakers and healers;
And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table
lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign
in every word we speak and in everything we do.
Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn WLP 751 *Every time I feel the Spirit (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Sinfonia* G. F. Handel

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Love thy Neighbor

Our Outreach Ministry has recently sent a financial donation to the **Healthy Island Project** in your name but there is also a big need for "boots on the ground," i.e., volunteers to help with a variety of programs at the Healthy Island Project.

The 4th Wednesday of every month an 18-wheeler truck arrives with food supplies from Good Shepherd Food Bank for the HIP Food Pantry and needs to be unloaded and stored. May 22 is one of those days.

May 24 is the first day of the Stonington Farmer's Market and HIP needs volunteers for their booth. To sign up to help or to learn more call 207-367-6332 or sign up on their website: https://healthyislandproject.org/contact-us/

Thank you!

CALENDAR

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

Monday, May 20	10:30-1:00 p.m. Kindness Rock painting session 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, May 22	10:00 a.m. In Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, May 26	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece presiding

Looking Ahead

Saturday, June 15	9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Monarch Morning at the Stonington Transfer Station

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

PENTECOST, HOLY SPIRIT

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4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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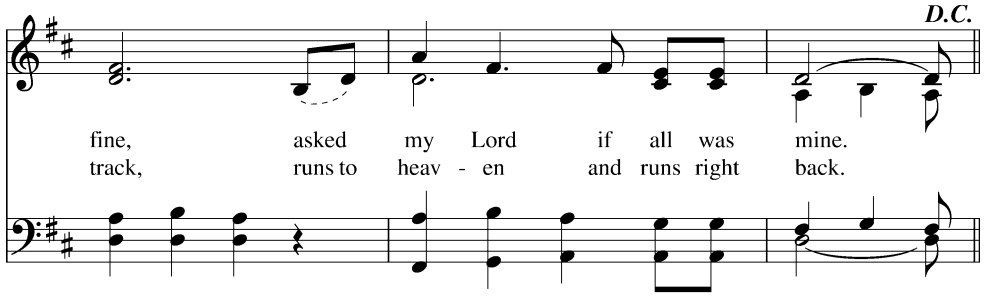
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Ev'ry time I feel the spirit *Wonder Love and Praise*, #751





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