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Deer Isle Maine

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

9:30 a.m. Gathering at the Meditation-Memorial Garden

10:00 a.m. Gathering in the Sanctuary

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: *Arioso*

G. F. Handel

Silence begins and ends with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn 380 *From all that dwells below the skies (in back of bulletin)*

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Song of Praise

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

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

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 blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, 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 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus,

and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

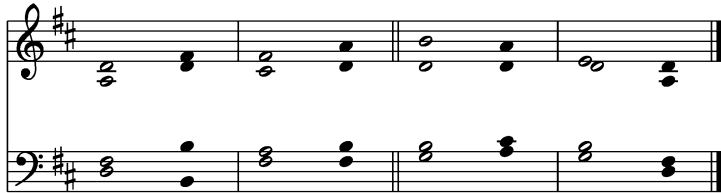
Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68 (portions)

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *

let those who hate him flee be-fore him. ||

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a-way; *

as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *

let them also be merry and joyful. ||

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;

exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *

YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice be-fore him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows, *

God in his holy habi-tation! ||

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *

but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, *

when you marched through the wilderness, ||

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,

at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in-heritance; *

you refreshed the land when it was weary. ||

Your people found their home in it; *

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *

sing praises to the Lord. ||

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *

he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; *

his majesty is over Israel;

his strength is in the skies. ||

How wonderful is God in his holy places! *

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!

Blessed be God!

Second Lesson: First Letter of Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn ELW 453 *Baptized and set free (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: John 17:1-11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Pastor Elaine Hewes

Welcome New Members

Celebrant: We are so happy to officially welcome nine new persons into the St. Brendan community this morning through the affirmation of baptism. I call forward Tim and Lynne Ensworth, Bruce and Karen Downs Sally and Bringier McConnell, Lori Parkhurst, Cathy Washburn and Sandy Lentz.

Let us pray: Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: I ask you to profess your faith in the creating, liberating, saving presence of God made known in Jesus and set free in the Spirit to bring light, love, and justice to the world.

Do you renounce the devil and all forces that defy God and God's love?

Congregation: **We renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God and God's love?

Congregation: **We renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God and God's love?

Congregation: **We renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in (give your heart to) God the Creator of the Cosmos?

Congregation: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in (give your heart to) God made known in Jesus?

Congregation: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to hell.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in (give your heart to) God the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Congregation: **I do and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Celebrant: People of God, do you promise to support one another and to pray for one another as you seek to live in the way of Jesus?

Congregation: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

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.

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 *Ain'-a That Good News*

Traditional

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 *(next page)*

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 - The Prayer of St. Brendan

Lord, we will trust You,

help us to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.

Give us the faith to leave old ways and

break fresh ground with You.

Christ of the mysteries,

we trust You to be stronger than each storm within us.

We will trust in the darkness and

know that our times are in Your hand.

Tune our spirit to the music of heaven,

and somehow, make our obedience count for You.

Sending Hymn 657 Love Divine, All Love's Excelling (in back of bulletin)

Postlude: Voluntary on Old One Hundredth

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 18	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, May 20	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy" Sixth Session led by The Rev. Timothy Ensworth 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, May 24	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Stephen Hayward presiding

GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Caring for Creation

As we finish our GPS focus on Caring for Creation during the month of May, you are invited to consider Advocacy as part of your commitment to working for an environment that is supportive of all of creation – humans, animals, birds, fish, soil, water, air – and the complex interdependence that exists among all of these. Forty leading environmental advocacy organizations in Maine have joined together with legislative sponsors to draw up a list of priorities for the 2026 legislative session. The list is below.

All of these bills were voted for (with some updates or amendments) and signed by Governor Mills before the end of the legislative session on April 29. Would you please consider writing to your legislator in appreciation for such positive steps on behalf of the environment and also read about the bills at the website for the Maine Conservation Alliance. See the Navigator for the link or go to www.protectmaine.org/environmental-priorities-coalition/priorities/

LD 1870: Making polluters pay for climate damages

LD 1949: Protecting Mainers from skyrocketing utility costs

LD 646: Addressing stormwater pollution

LD 785: Wabanaki sovereignty

LD 362: Funding Land for Maine's Future

LD 2141: Conserving the lakes and farmland of Maine

LD 1730: Expanding access to clean, affordable solar energy

Our Values

These are our **values** at St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church.

We will:

- Welcome** others with **respect** and **compassion**;
- Listen** to others with **trust** and **appreciation**;
- Seek God's goodness** in each person;
- Strive for **consensus** and work **collaboratively**;
- Join in acts of **loving kindness**;
- Share our faith** joyfully across the generations;
- Engage** as many of our **parishioners** as possible, **year-round**,
in our common life and ministries;
- Learn from our past** and look to the future with **hope**.

From all that dwell below the skies *The Hymnal 1982, #380*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

Baptized and Set Free

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1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Lyrics: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956

Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner

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Love divine, all loves excelling *The Hymnal 1982, #657*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - mighty to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).