



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

The Rev. Donna Downs, Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany
Making Manifest the Presence of God**

January 11, 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: *Roedd yn y wlad honno*

Caradog Roberts

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn 121 *Christ, when for us you were baptized (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 tic - 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.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be our daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

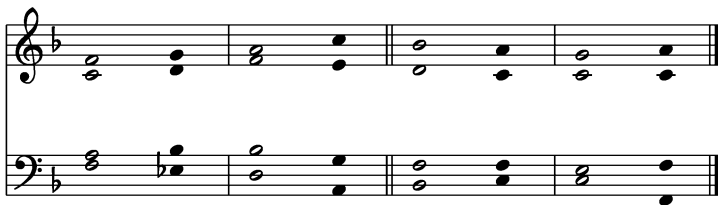
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ||
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;***

the LORD is upon the mighty waters. ||

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; ||
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

A The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kad-esh. (return to A)

A The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare. ||

B And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever-more. ||
The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 297 *Descend, O Spirit, purging flame (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Donna Downs

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.**

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 339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (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

Celebrant: In thanksgiving for the gifts of grace and mercy that have nourished us at this table, we pray for the courage to bear these gifts to the world, remembering the life to which Jesus calls us.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

Congregation: **To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.**

The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman

Blessing

May God

Holy eternal Mystery

Holy incarnate Word

Holy abiding Spirit

Bless you and keep you evermore

Congregation: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn 654 *Day by day (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *My Dancing Day*

Traditional

Announcements

Dismissal

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Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action

Faith in Action

A reflection on “going home by a different way” as the Wise Men chose to do in the Epiphany story of Matthew’s Gospel.

What is a revelation of Epiphany for us today as we reflect in faith on the birth and life of Jesus that happened more than 2000 years ago? Are we called to “go home by a different road”?

Our presiding Bishop Sean Rowe wrote in July 2025:

“...God calls us to place the most vulnerable and marginalized at the center of our common life, and we must follow that command regardless of the dictates of any political party or earthly power. We are now being faced with a series of choices between the demands of the federal government and the teachings of Jesus, and that is no choice at all.”

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe said the Episcopal Church is being called to a different kind of patriotism. You are encouraged to read his opinion piece (see the Navigator for the link) and consider how you might respond to Jesus’ call to work on behalf of justice in the way of love.

CALENDAR

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

Sunday, January 11	3:00 p.m. Walking the Camino – Talk by Jane LaChance
Monday, January 12	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, January 13	11:00 a.m. Worship & Music Ministry meeting (Zoom) 4:00 p.m. Bible 101 continued (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 14	10:00 a.m. In-person meditation 10:30 a.m. Philip Retberg will reflect on Wendell Berry 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, January 17	8:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast
Sunday, January 18	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

Looking Ahead

Monday, February 2,	6:00 p.m. Feast of the Presentation at Memorial Garden followed by soup and drink in the parish hall
Friday, February 6	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Annual Mardi Gras Gathering at the Danes’

Christ, when for us you were baptized *The Hymnal 1982, #121*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
 3 Straight - way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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Descend, O Spirit, purging flame *The Hymnal 1982, #297*

1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand
 2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant

us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -
 un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your

sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.
 ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

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Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness *The Hymnal 1982, #339*

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Day by day *The Hymnal 1982, #654*

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line.

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