



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.

Elaine Hewes, Pastor in Charge

The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling, Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

First Sunday in Lent

A Spring in the Desert

February 22, 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 service begins with the ringing of the bell three times.

Prelude: *Blessed are those who live in faith unswerving*

Johannes Brahms

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

Opening Hymn 143 *The Glory of these forty days (verses 1-4, in back of bulletin)*

Celebrant: As a deer longs for water brooks, so our souls long for you, O Lord.

Congregation: **In the desert of our brokenness and fear, grant us not what we may want, but what we need to live lives of justice, love and peace.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison My Heart Sings Out, #14

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

S-414

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Ash-re-i are those whose transgression is for-given,*
whose sin is covered. ||

Ash-re-i are those to whom the Lord imputes no in-iquity*
and in whose spirit there is no de-ceipt.

**While I kept silent, my body wasted a-way*
through my groaning all day long. ||
For day and night your hand was heavy up-on me; *
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and I did not hide my in-iquity; ||
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," *
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore let all who are faithful*
offer prayer to you; ||
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters*
shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me; *
you preserve me from trouble; ||
you surround me *
with glad cries of de-liverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; *
I will counsel you with my eye up-on you. ||
Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, *
else it will not stay near you.**

**Many are the torments of the wicked, *
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. ||
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, *
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Create within me a clean heart (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and
'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling

Silence will be commenced and ended with the sounding of a bell.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

Congregation: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Silence

Leader: For this community, our nation and the world;

Congregation: **For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.**

Silence

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

Congregation: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.**

Silence

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

Congregation: **For those who minister to the sick, the lonely and the stranger among us.**

Silence

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

Congregation: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Silence

Leader: For our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our Bishop Thomas, and for all bishops and other ministers;

Congregation: **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Silence

Leader: For all who are searching for your healing waters in the desert of their lives;

Congregation: **For those in need of healing of mind, body or spirit.**

Silence

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;

Congregation: **For all those gifts that bring us joy, open our hearts and give us courage.**

Silence

We pray for all those who have died, trusting that they are held in your eternal grace. We pray for those who grieve.

Silence

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: All these things we ask, O Lord, trusting that you meet us always in the desert of our lives, offering the healing waters of your love and grace.

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 exchange the peace.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn LEVAS 220 *We are climbing Jacob's Ladder (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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Celebrant: 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 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, A-men.

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.**

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

Gracious and Holy One, you have met us in our desert places, and have fed us with the bread and wine of your incarnate presence. Send us forth now in the power of your Spirit, that all might know the healing waters of your grace and love. Amen.

The Blessing

May God the Creator find you in your desert places.

May God the Redeemer lead you to the spring of life.

May God the Spirit fill you with courage and hope for the living of these days,
and may you know it to be all joy.

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

Congregation: Amen.

Sending Hymn 703 *Lead us, O Father (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *The Silver Rain*

Marianne Zimmerman

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Justice for All

February is Black History Month

You are invited to explore the documentary film, "Now and Forever: A Story on the Move," released in 2023 by the Washington National Cathedral. This 22-minute film chronicles the decision in 2017 to remove two stained-glass windows honoring Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson as a recommitment of the Cathedral to "confront systemic racism, to foster racial reconciliation, and to be repairers of the breach, in the past, the present, and in our future." The documentary also details the commission of world-renowned artist Kerry James Marshall to replace the Confederate Generals' windows with new "Now and Forever" windows that "capture the resilience, faith, and endurance of African Americans and our nation's struggle with the original sins of racism and slavery."

See the Navigator for the link to the film and
for more information on "The Now and Forever Windows."

CALENDAR

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

Monday, February 23	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, February 25	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers – Annie Porter, reflector
Sunday, March 1	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding 3:00 p.m. First Annual Talent Show

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, March 4-25	5:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers - Reflectors are Cathy Washburn, Linda Nelson, Carl Woodard, and Dwight Staples
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The glory of these forty days *The Hymnal 1982*, #143



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
 *5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
 5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

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Create within me a clean heart

Ostinato

Tune: 'CLEAN HEART', Alison Adam.

Chimes or bells *ad lib*

Cre - ate with - in me a clean heart, O God;

A - DO - RA - MUS, DO - MI - NE

place at my cen - tre a new and right spi - rit. Since you want

QUO - NI - AM TU SO - LUS SANC - TUS A - DO -

truth in my in - ner - most be - ing, teach me your

RA - MUS, DO - MI - NE QUO - NI -

wis - dom in my sec - ret heart.

AM TU SO - LUS SANC - TUS.

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We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder *Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #220*

1. We are _____ climb - ing _____ Ja - cob's _____ lad - der, _____
 2. Ev' - ry _____ round goes _____ high - er, _____ high - er, _____
 3. Sin - ner _____ do you _____ love your _____ Je - sus? _____
 4. If you _____ love Him _____ why not _____ serve Him, _____

1. We are _____ climb - ing _____ Ja - cob's _____ lad - der; _____
 2. Ev' - ry _____ round goes _____ high - er, _____ high - er; _____
 3. Sin - ner _____ do you _____ love your _____ Je - sus? _____
 4. If you _____ love Him _____ why not _____ serve Him; _____

1. We are _____ climb - ing _____ Ja - cob's _____ lad - der, _____
 2. Ev' - ry _____ round goes _____ high - er, _____ high - er, _____
 3. Sin - ner _____ do you _____ love your _____ Je - sus? _____
 4. If you _____ love Him _____ why not _____ serve Him, _____

1. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____
 2. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____
 3. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____
 4. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935). Arr. Copyright © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer.

Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace *The Hymnal 1982, #703*

Unison or harmony

1 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of peace;
 2 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of right;
 3 Lead us, O Fa - ther, to thy heaven - ly rest,

with - out thy guid - ing hand we go a - stray,
 blind - ly westum - ble when we walk a - lone,
 how - ev - er rough and steep thy path may be;

and doubts ap - pall, and sor - rows still in - crease;
 in - volved in sha - dows of a dark - some night;
 through joy or sor - row, as thou deem - est best,

lead us through Christ, the true and liv - ing Way.
 on - ly with thee we jour - ney safe - ly on.
 un - til our lives are per - fect - ed in thee.

Words: William Henry Burleigh (1812-1871), alt. Music: *Song 22*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

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;