

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.

The Rev. Jenny Reece, preaching
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Morning Prayer
First Sunday after Epiphany
January 10, 2021

Prelude: *Three more Traditional Carols*

A brief silence

Leader: O God, shine your light on us and bring us to see your Christ made manifest,
that our lives may be a light to the world;
Congregation: **May all be led by your star to acclaim a new birth of love and peace in the midst of our darkness, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen**!

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Congregation:
Lord of Light and Life,
we have done wrong.
We have refused to see the gift you gave freely.
We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you.
We have not followed your Star to the new birth of forgiving love,
we have ignored your teachings, and have lived lives of apathy,
we have built fences and fortresses to push people away,

and we have silenced the cries of the innocent.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us from our sin,
Free us from our captivity to fear.
Shine on us the light of Christ
and wash us in the waters of his Baptism
until we live with him and with each other in Joy and perfect love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from The Rev. Nathan Decker

Leader: May God forgive us and help us to continue the journey.
As a woman is delivered from the pain of her labor to the joy of cradling her child,
may we be delivered into God's grace.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn 116 *"I come," the great Redeemer cries (Verses 1- 4 in back of the bulletin)*

The Invitatory

Leader: Christ has shown forth his glory:
Congregation: **O come, let us worship.**
Leader: Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
Congregation: **as it was in the beginning, is now,**
and shall be for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5
In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 29 *a Psalm of David*
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.
The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
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 evermore.
The LORD shall give strength to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7
While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.
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Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn 711 *Seek Ye first the Kingdom of God (in back of the bulletin)*

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11
Leader: The Gospel according to Mark
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit

descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon The Rev. Jenny Reece

A brief silence

Affirmation

We believe in God, Creator of all:
The two-legged, the four-legged,
the winged ones, and those that crawl upon the earth and swim in the waters.
We believe in God, One Who Walked with Us:
Our Brother Jesus born in humility,
who lived and died for us and
who will come again to bring us to glory.
We believe in God, Spirit with Us:
Ever present and ever guiding, upholding us and
showing us the principles to live by.
We hear God's voice through the prophets.
Creator, One Who Walked with Us, Spirit with Us, Holy One:
We are named in the waters of baptism as your own,
all of us related, all of us your children.
We watch for signs of your homecoming
and thank you for this sacred circle of life. Amen.

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
Congregation: **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange the peace

The Prayers

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Lord's Prayer Chant *(see back of bulletin)*

The Collect of the Day
Leader: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: We pray that in this new Year 2021 we will all share our gifts generously with others and will make Christ manifest in our lives, within our families, and community, and in our response to the needs of the global family. God of light and love,
Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**
Leader: We pray that "the light of Christ", the light of the star that guided the wise men will "open the eyes of our hearts" to see what we have not seen before. God of light and love,
Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**
Leader: We pray that we have the courage to speak the truth of God's love for all creation and, even more, to live it more clearly than ever before in our own lives and actions. God of light and love,
Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Please offer your own prayers at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Leader: God everlasting and ever-near, the coming of your light into our world brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us by the Spirit of your incarnate love to bear witness to the light of Christ in word and in deed. Make of our hearts a manger for the Christ child, and make of our lives a sign of your presence in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Leader: 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

Closing Benediction

Sending Hymn 121 *Christ, when for us you were baptized* ***(****in back of the bulletin)*

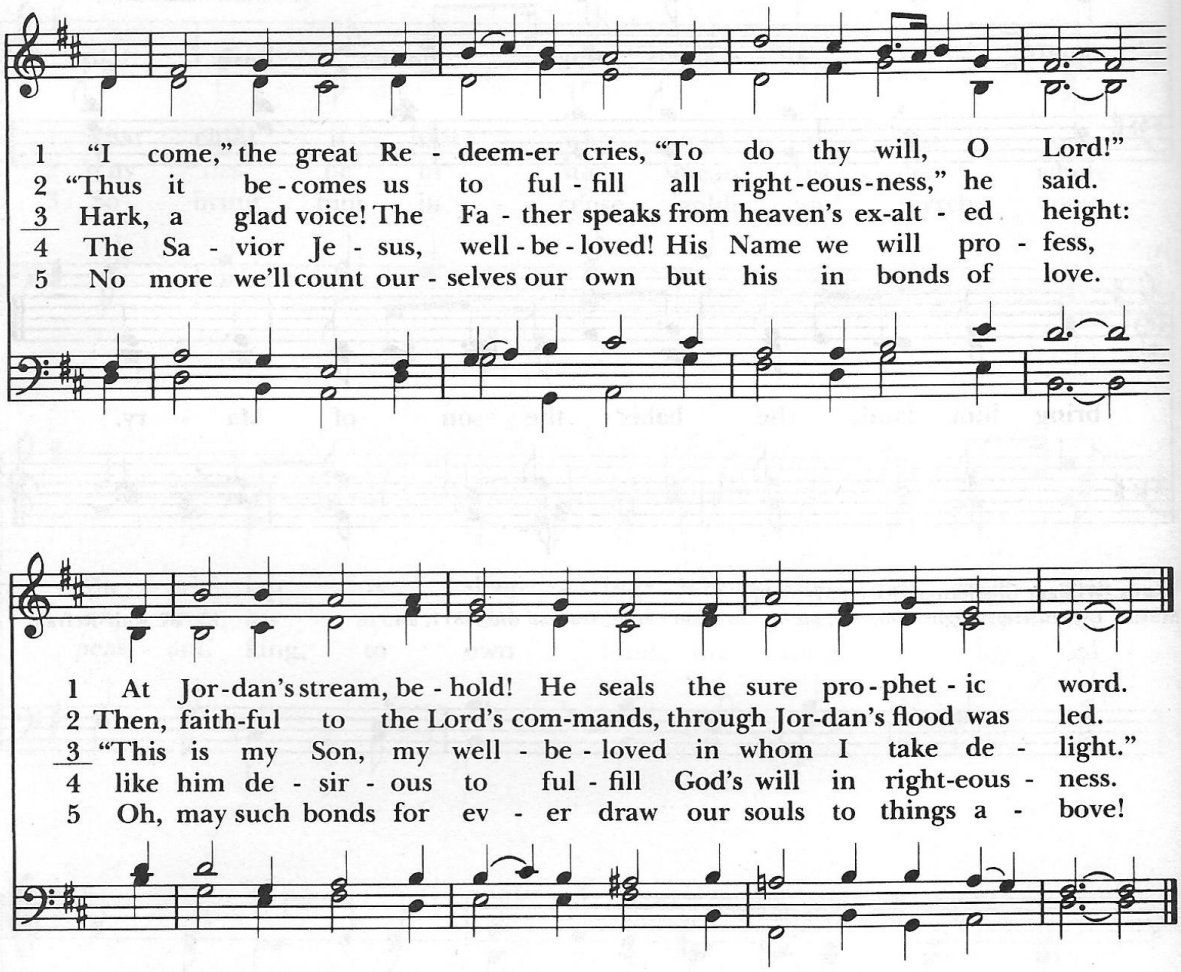
Postlude: *Fröhlich soll mein Herze springen* Helmut Walcha

Dismissal

Announcements

You are invited to stay for Virtual Coffee Hour

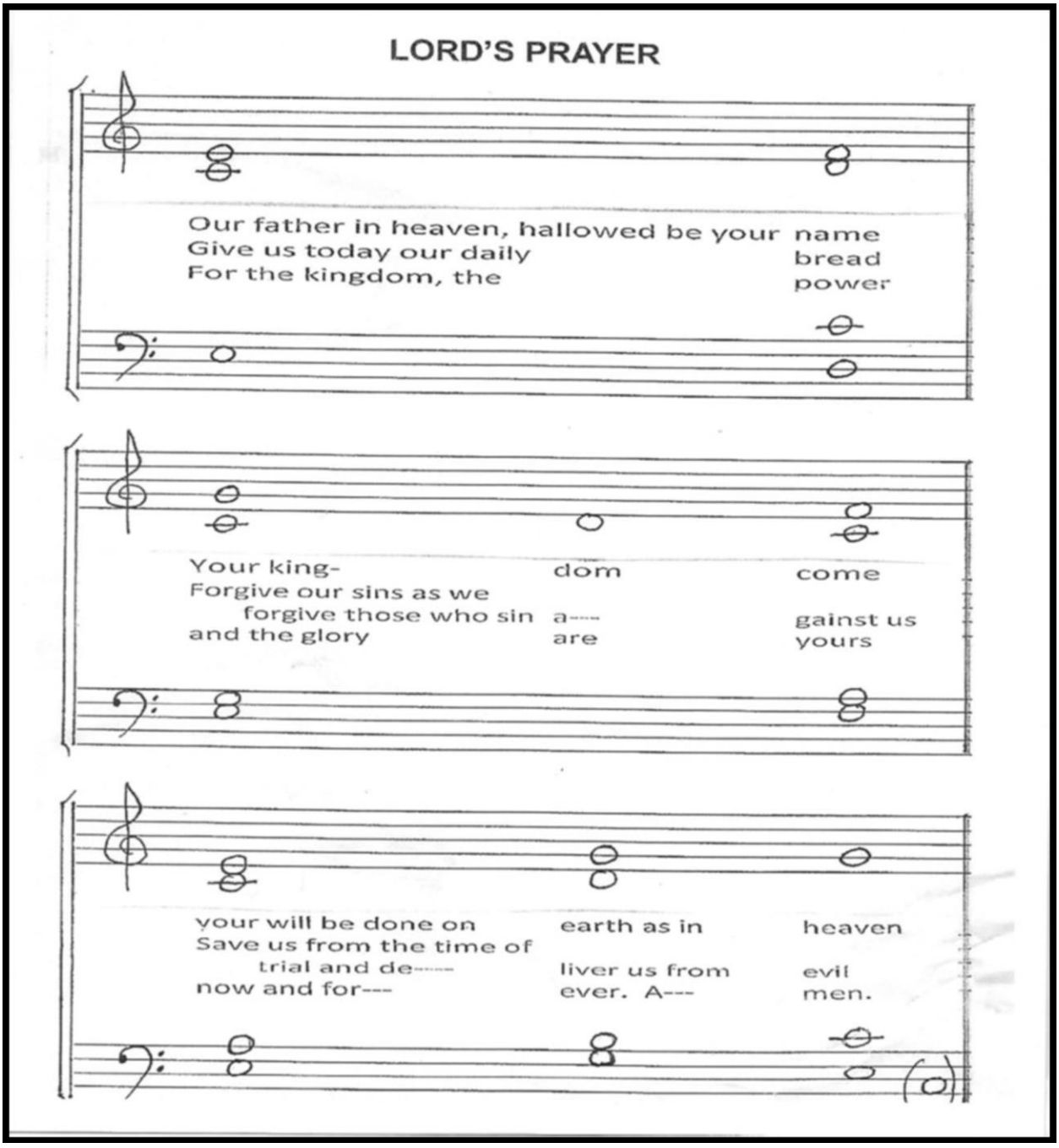
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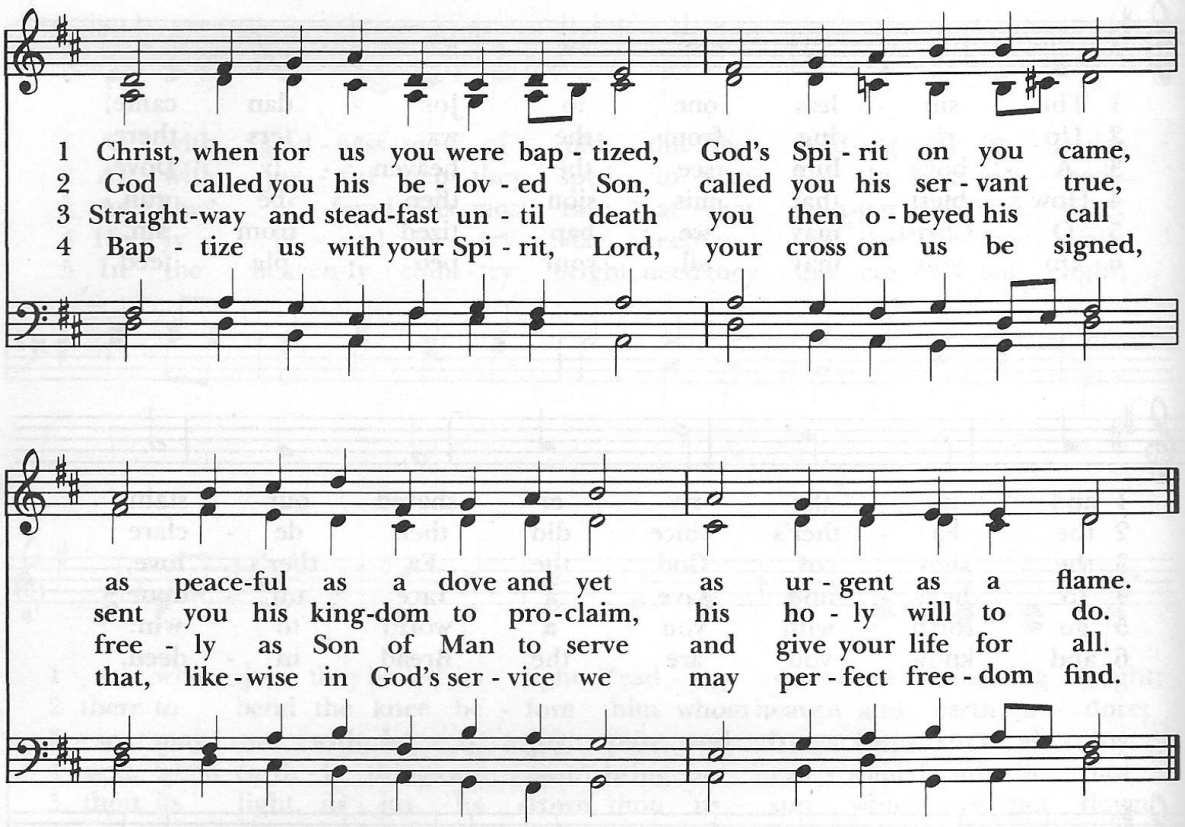
Words: *Christian Hymnbook*, 1865, alt.
Music: *This Endris Nyght*, English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) CM



Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.
Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.
Music: *Seek Ye First,* Karen Lafferty (20th cent.) 13. 11. 7 with Alleluias


LORD'S PRAYER
Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name
Give us today our daily bread
For the kingdom, the power
Your king- dom come
Forgive our sins as we
forgive those who sin a--- gainst us
and the glory are yours
your will be done on earth as in heaven
Save us from the time of
trial and de----- liver us from evil
now and for--- ever. A--- men.

121 Epiphany



Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.
Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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