



ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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Easter Day

April 20, 2025

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

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Hymn 182 *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing (in back of bulletin)*

The Acclamation

Celebrant : Alleluia! Christ is risen! (*Ring your bell*)

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

Gloria: S 280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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."

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for-ever. ||

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for- ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation. ||

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

B "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD. ||
The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD. ||

"This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation. ||

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing. *
and it is marvelous in our eyes. ॥
On this day the LORD has acted. *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Lesson: First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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Sermon

Pastor Elaine Hewes

Affirmation

We believe in God, the source of love,
who breathed God's Spirit into all of creation,
who created humanity in God's own image and likeness,
and who calls God's children to be about the work of reconciliation
and justice in the world God so loves.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,
who was born of a woman,
who modeled for us a way of living on the earth,
and whose passionate love for God's creation
led to his Passion and death on the cross.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who moved over the darkness at the beginning to bring light and life,
and who moves over the darkness still,
opening our hearts to God's incarnate presence in our midst
and calling us to be manifestations of incarnation
in the name and in the way of Jesus.

Prayers of the People

Risen Lord, whose love defeated even death, hear and answer our deepest hopes and needs as we say, Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

When our cups seem empty Lord, fill them with your love so that our acts of service to the world overflow with courage, generosity and persistence.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Break open the hearts of those who hold authority in our country and in the world that they might focus their attention on policies that promote peace, justice, and the relief of suffering.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to see the needs of those we encounter in our daily lives - our neighbors, the children, and the elders.
May we respond with love and compassion.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us wisdom and determination to respond effectively to climate change. Help us to be stewards, not destroyers, of your magnificent creation.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and heal those who are anxious of heart, hopeless in spirit or ill. Give them relief from suffering and the peace of your presence.

We remember those on our prayer list:

David, Preston Henderson, Mollie Ann Meserve, Heidi (Jonny's mother), Tammie and Jason Cox,
Tyler Goss, Joyce Dunn, Kate Hallen & Bob Blum, Judith Jerome, Isabelle Valencia,
Judy C., Mimi Maslan, Susan Manne, Samantha and Lee, Emily Gibson, Judy, Megan,
Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Robert B. Tobin, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry,
Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill,
Brent Was, Bill Scaife, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family,
Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Mary Ann Shaw,
Lindsay Bowker, Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner, Carol Stoneburner

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort those who are in their last days, their caregivers, and those who will grieve their loss. May we all learn to trust in your eternal care.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

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?

Risen Lord, open our eyes to your presence today, reassure our hearts of your promises, embolden us for mission, and hear and answer our prayers that we might more perfectly be bearers of your love.

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.

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 Hymn 204 *Now the green blade riseth (in back of bulletin)*

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

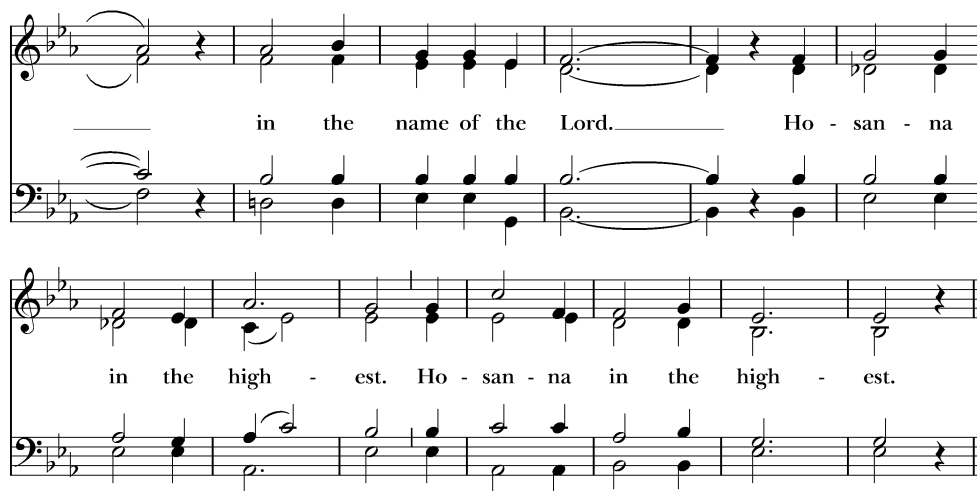
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



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Celebrant: 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

Go now as those who have met with Christ
in the morning of this day.

Go now as those whose hearts have burned within them,
as the Scriptures were explained.

Go now as those
who have been touched by resurrection.

And may the blessing of God be upon you,
body, mind and spirit, as you leave this place,

Congregation: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Jig Fugue*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Announcements

Dismissal

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Jessica Stoessel	Isabel Valencia	Ann H. Van Buren
Lynn and Marilyn Verhey	Susan Wade	The Rev. Persis Williams
Ted Wright	Constance Virginia Wythe	

and For Those we have loved and lost

GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Care for Creation

Save the Date

In April and into May, GPS focuses on actions and activities that prioritize Care for Creation. While Earth Day is officially on Tuesday, April 22, please save the date for Deer Isle Spring Roadside Cleanup, our own Earth Day. The town cleanup dates are April 25, 26, and 27. The town has asked if we would cover Rt 15 from the Lowe Road to Reach Road.

Because we will be hosting a couple of Ukrainian students at coffee hour after the service on April 27, a Sunday team would need to plan a slightly later start time. We will have sign-up sheets for periods both on Saturday and Sunday, for your convenience. Bring your reflective wear and gloves! We will have trash bags. THANKS!

CALENDAR

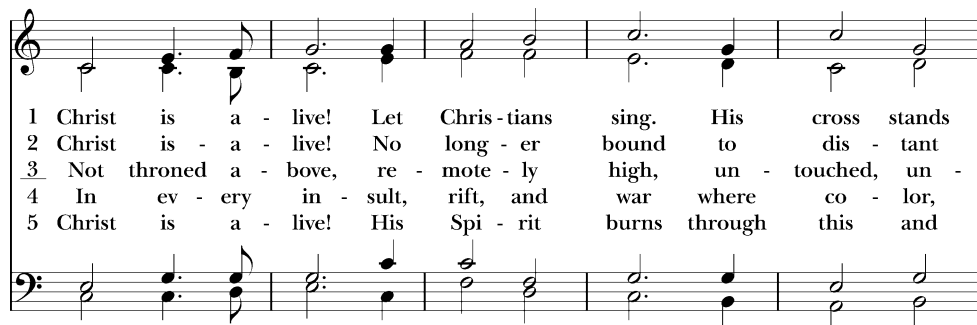
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, April 21	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, April 22	A Journey of Peace begins at the Penobscot Nation boat landing 1:00 p.m. Worship and Music Ministry meeting (Zoom) 4:00 p.m. A Gathering for these Difficult Times
Wednesday, April 23	4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, April 27	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece presiding 11:30 a.m. Two Ukrainian students who are studying at George Stevens Academy will share with us their experiences in Ukraine and the current situation. Roadside cleanup


Looking Ahead

May 7 and 14	1:00-4:00 p.m. Creating Mandalas Workshop with Sensei Frederica Marshall
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Christ is alive! Let Christians sing *The Hymnal 1982, #182*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain *The Hymnal 1982, #204*

1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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Jesus Christ is risen today *The Hymnal 1982, #207*

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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