

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, preaching
Connie Mayo, Musical Director

Morning Prayer
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020

Prelude

A brief silence

Leader: Holy God, you are always with us.
Congregation: **Open our eyes to your presence.**
Leader: God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places: May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives in gratitude for our redemption.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Congregation: **God of all mercy,**
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Leader: May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen.

Opening Hymn 675 *(verses 1, 2,4 and 5) (in the back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Congregation: **Come let us adore her.**
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.

Canticle *Benedicite Omnia Opera*

All you works of God, bless your creator;
praise her and glorify her for ever.

Let the wide earth bless the creator;
let the arching heavens bless the creator;
let the whole body of God bless the creator;
praise her and glorify her for ever.

You returning daylight, bless your creator;
twilight and shadows, bless your creator;
embracing darkness, bless your creator;
praise her and glorify her for ever.

Let all who live and grow and breathe
bless our creator,
praise her and glorify her for ever.

-Janet Morley, excerpted from *All Desires Known*

First Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of

God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 26 *Of David*

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O LORD,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
those in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.

But as for me, I walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-28

Reader: The Gospel according to Matthew
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

A brief silence

A Creed

We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty,
who blesses our journey.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled,
and who ate and laughed, wept, and celebrated with them in love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the gentle breeze,
who strengthens our bindings, and
who offers hope eternal.
We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travelers, and
bears witness to the everlasting love of God. Amen.

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

The Prayers

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

The Lord's Prayer
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.

The Collect of the Day

Leader: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

God of love, we thank you for the Spirit of the Risen Christ that is ours in baptism and in the Word. Empower us to be your hands of healing in a hurting world, and to follow always in the way of service and love.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, tend to flocks, fields, and vineyards. Bring favorable weather for crops to grow. Guide the hands of those who cultivate, farm, and garden. Let the earth flourish so that all may eat and be satisfied.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, your Son commanded his disciples to have love for one another. Break through our hardened hearts, and help us to love and respect the dignity of every human being. Comfort the oppressed, unsettle the privileged, and help us all to love one another as you first loved us.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body or spirit, especially those listed on our parish prayer list, those suffering from COVID-19, all healthcare workers and all victims of racism, injustice and bigotry. Provide for those who do not have enough to eat, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and those who rely on the generosity of others.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, glorify your servants who walked by faith in this life and who now feast with you. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who were imprisoned, persecuted, or martyred for their faith.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Please add your own prayers

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Leader: Holy One, in love you created us and called it good:
Grant us the deep wisdom of your love that,
wherever this day leads, our lives may remain rooted
in your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn *On my Heart Imprint your Image (sung to tune of Will You let Me be your Servant)*

I
On my heart imprint your image
Lord of love and God of grace,
So that in my words and actions
Others see you face to face.

II
On my life imprint your image
Make my living ever true.
Take my heart and hands and spirit
So that I might love like you.

III
On my will imprint your image,
Make me ever wholly thine.
Through my loving and my living
May your grace and mercy shine.

IV
High we reach in great thanksgiving,
Deep we reach to meet each day.
Wide we stretch to meet our neighbor
Help us Lord to find the way.

Postlude

Announcements

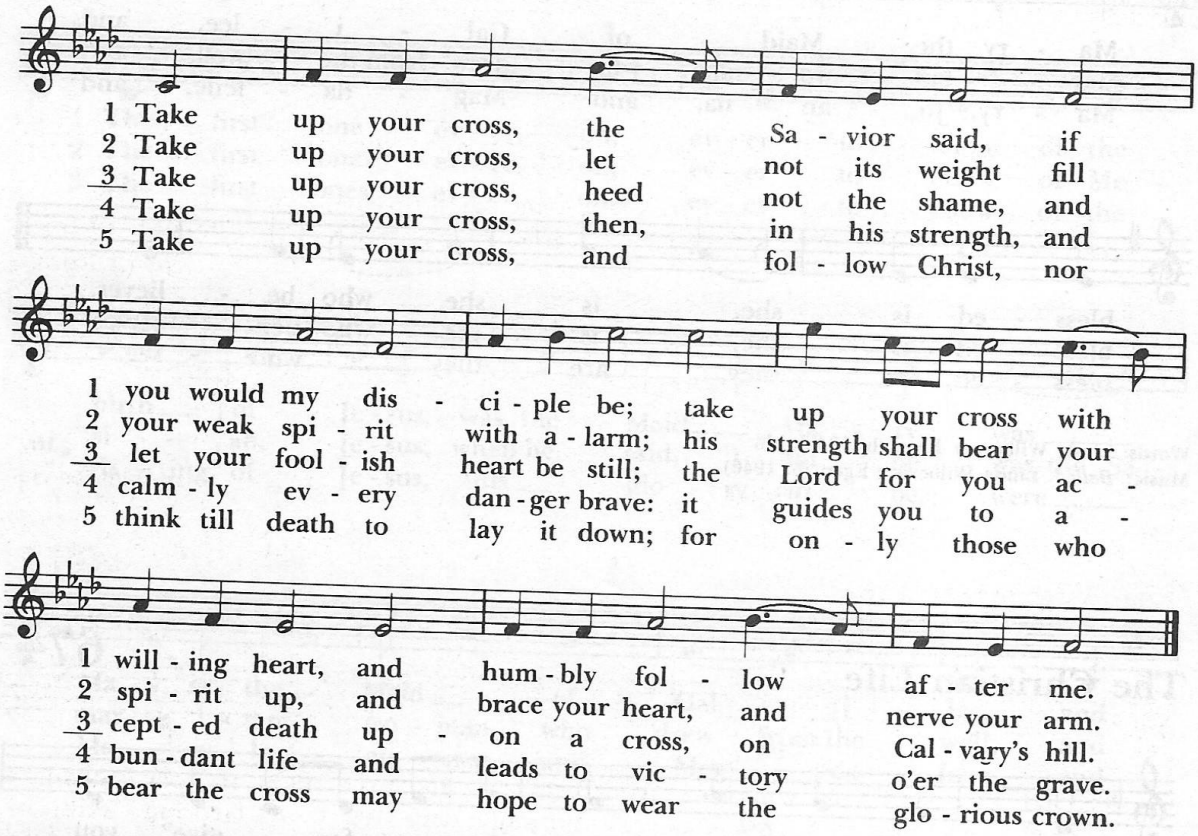
Dismissal

You are invited to stay for Virtual Coffee Hour

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