



ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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Pentecost Proper 16

August 23, 2026

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.**

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

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: *Invention #3*

Scott Cleveland

Opening Hymn 525: *The Church’s one foundation (back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Congregation: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise LEVAS 12 *(first verse only)*

We’re Marching to Zion *Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #12*

1. Come, we that love— the Lord, And let our joys— be known;— Join
2. Let those re - fuse— to sing Who nev - er knew— our God;— But
3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou-sand sa - cred sweets— Be -
4. Then let our songs— a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear— be dry;— We're

1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly
4. march-ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Im - man - uel's

1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne. —
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad. —
 3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets. —
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high. —

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
 Zi - on, Zi - on,

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God. —

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899).

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: II Isaiah 51:1-8

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
 you who seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
 and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
 and to Sarah, who bore you,
 for he was but one when I called him,
 but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;
 he will comfort all her waste places
 and will make her wilderness like Eden,
 her desert like the garden of the Lord;
 joy and gladness will be found in her,
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
 and give heed to me, my nation,
 for a teaching will go out from me
 and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
 my salvation has gone out,
 and my arms will rule the peoples;
 the coastlands wait for me,
 and for my arm they hope.
 Lift up your eyes to the heavens
 and look at the earth beneath,
 for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and those who live on it will die like gnats,
 but my salvation will be forever,
 and my deliverance will never be ended.
 Listen to me, you who know righteousness,
 you people who have my teaching in your hearts;
 do not fear the reproach of others,
 and do not be dismayed when they revile you.
 For the moth will eat them up like a garment,
 and the worm will eat them like wool,
 but my deliverance will be forever
 and my salvation to all generations.
 Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Psalm 42/43

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



A As a deer longs for flowing streams,*
 so my soul longs for you, O God. (*return to A*)
 A My soul thirsts for God,*
 for the living God. ||
 B When shall I come and be-hold*
 the face of God?
 My tears have become my food*
 day and night, ||
 while people say to me con-tinually,*
 “Where is your God now?”
 A These things I re-member,*
 as I pour out my soul (*return to A*)
 A how I went with the throng*
 how I once crossed into to the house of God, ||
 B with glad shouts and songs of thanks-giving,*
 a multitude keeping festival.
 Why are you cast down, O my soul,*
 and why are you disquieted within me? ||
 Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,*
 Yes, I still shall praise him,
 my help and my God.
 My soul is cast down with-in me;*
 but then I remember and reach out for you ||
 from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,*
 from Mount Mi-zar.
 Deep calls to deep*
 even to the deep sounds of your heavenly waters; ||
 all your waves and your billows*
 have gone over me.

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me *
I sing to the God of my life. ||
I speak out to God, my rock,
“Why have you for-gotten me?*
“Why must I walk about mournfully.
because the enemy op-presses me?”

As my limbs are shattered *
my adversaries taunt me, ||
while they say to me con-tinually *
“Where is your God now?”

Why are you cast down, O my soul *
and why are you disquieted with-in me? ||
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, *
Yes I shall still praise him,
my help and my God.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause *
against an ungodly people; ||
from those who are deceitful and un-just *
de-liver me!

For you are my God in whom I take refuge, *
why have you cast me off? ||
Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out your light and your truth; *
let them lead me; ||
let them bring me to your holy hill *
and to your dwelling.

Then I will go to your altar, *
God of my exceeding joy, ||
and I will praise you with the harp, *
O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted with-in me? ||
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, *
Yes, I shall still praise him,
my help and my God.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn 508: *Breathe on me, Breath of God (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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

Congregation: Glory to you, O Christ

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the

Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling

Silence begins and ends with the ringing of the bell

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.**

But death was not the last word.

**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

Leader: God, who calls us, hear our prayers and be swift to answer us as we say, *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Embolden your church. Let it seek to bring the healing power of the living Christ to a wounded world. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: In our nation, grant courage to those who stand for the equality of all persons and who advocate justice for all. Strengthen us to stand up and speak out against all efforts to dehumanize others especially immigrants and refugees and those thrust to the margins of our society. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Strengthen the faith of those gathered here today that we might be encouraged in the work you have called us to do, and even in these uncertain and frightening times, to hope and to trust that despite everything we might sense what is possible. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth and for all life impacted by our changing climate. Guide us in working to ensure the rich bounty of your creation is shared equitably and sustainably. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: May you help us be present with those impacted by illness, despair, hunger or violence. Embolden us to extend to them a share of your peace which passes understanding. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We remember those who have died and give thanks for their presence in our lives. We hold up all who mourn. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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?

Leader and Congregation: **Hear our prayers and assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us all united under the wing of your everlasting love. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: God of wild, windy and prodigal love,

Congregation: **We confess our bondage to fear,**
Our smallness of heart,
Our lack of imagination,
Our guardedness in giving,
Our complicity in systems of racial and economic injustice,
Our misuse of the gifts of creation,
Our resistance to the Way of Jesus.

We ask your mercy and the power of your Wholly, Holy Spirit
to burn through our defenses,
to break open our hearts,
to ignite our imaginations and
to raise us from the dead,
that we might be signs of your healing and liberating love in the world.

Celebrant: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
You have been set free by the love of God made known in Jesus and by the power of God’s creating, liberating Spirit. Rise from what binds you into the love that calls you, and burn with God’s Holy Spirit in all that you do. In the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

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 are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

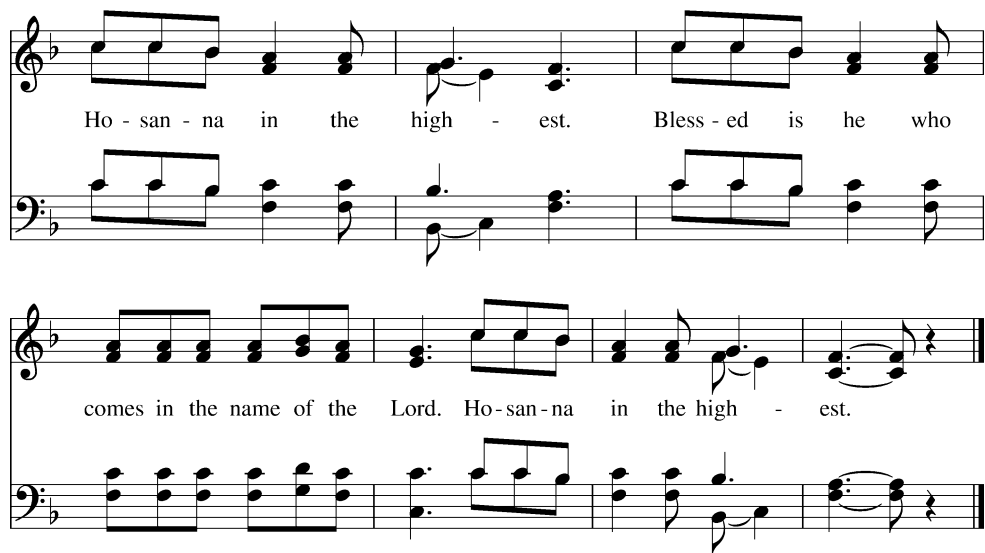
The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Anthem (*sung by the choir*): *We will rise up and follow* John Kleinheksel

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:

Sanctus: WLP 857



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Celebrant continues: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: We give thanks for this meal of Holy Mystery and remembrance,
and for coming to us as we have shared it.

The Blessing

Postlude: *Tree of Life* Scott Cleveland

Dismissal

CALENDAR

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

Monday, August 24	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, August 26	10:00 a.m. In-Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Second Session on the Two Medieval Master Mystics led by The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece 3:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal (note change this week only)
Sunday, August 30	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service celebrated by Pastor Elaine Hewes; Coleen Barbeau, reflector

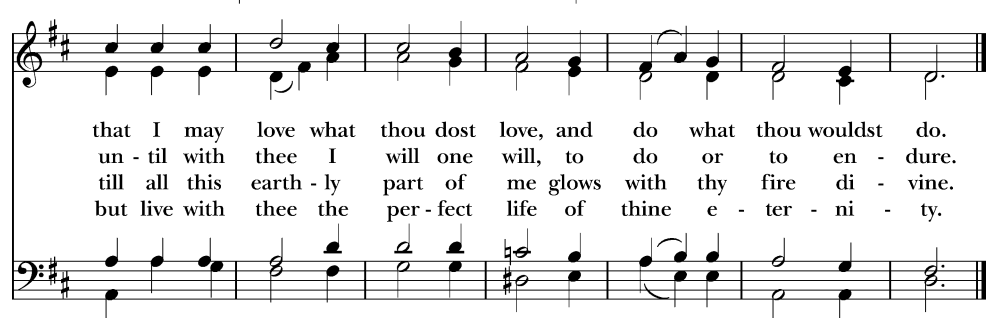
Looking Ahead

September 8-11	17 th Annual St. Brendan’s Women’s Retreat at Bishopswood
October 8	7:00 p.m. "Courage is Contagious" - An evening with Bishop Mariann Budde, Merrill Auditorium in Portland (more info will follow)

Breathe on me, Breath of God *The Hymnal 1982*, #508



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

Take my life, and let it be *The Hymnal* 1982, #707

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

The Prayer of St. Brendan

Lord, we will trust You,
 help us to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.
Give us the faith to leave old ways and
 break fresh ground with You.
Christ of the mysteries,
 we trust You to be stronger than each storm within us.
We will trust in the darkness and
 know that our times are in Your hand.
Tune our spirit to the music of heaven,
 and somehow, make our obedience count for You.

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;

Learn from our past and look to the future with **hope**.