

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
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020

Prelude Connie Mayo

A brief silence

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
Congregation: **May we rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 *Humbly in your Sight (in back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory

Leader: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:
Congregation: **Come let us adore her. Alleluia.**
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.

Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo*

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

First Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 119: 129-136 (*NB See note at end of bulletin)*

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant; I long for your commandments.
Turn to me in mercy, as you always do to those who love your Name.
Steady my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.
Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears because people do not keep your law.

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."
He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."
"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

A brief silence

A Creed from the Iona Community

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.

Leader: Help us, O God our Savior;
Congregation: **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
Leader: Look upon your congregation;
Congregation: **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
Leader: Declare your glory among the nations;
Congregation: **And your wonders among all peoples.**
Leader: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
Congregation: **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
Leader: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
Congregation: **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
Leader: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
Congregation: **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

For Joy in God's Creation *Book of Common Prayer,* p. 814
Congregation: **O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; so that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Leader: Amen.

For Social Justice *Book of Common Prayer,* p. 823
Leader: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Prayer for People Facing Great Uncertainty
Congregation: **God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you.**
Leader: Amen. *A New Zealand Prayer Book—He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa' (adapted)*

Leader: Please add your own prayers

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Leader: Hear our prayers, and bless us, living God.
Hold the secret longings of our hearts in the mystery of your love,
that the light of the Kingdom will continue to shine on earth.
Congregation: **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

Leader: God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Congregation: **Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.**
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Leader: Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer crafted by a team of leaders of The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 601 *O Day of God, Draw nigh in Beauty (in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude Connie Mayo

Announcements

Dismissal

You are invited to stay for the Annual Meeting

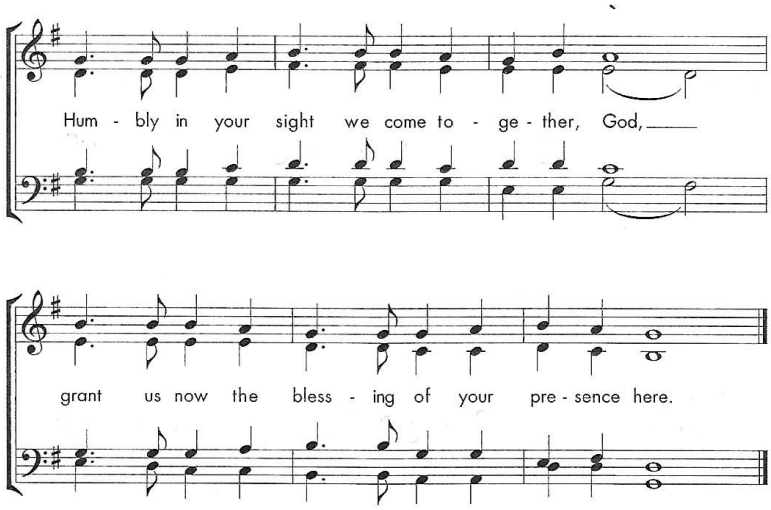
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Note on Psalm CXIX:
This psalm is by far the longest Psalm of the 150 that form the Book of Psalms. It has a very strict structure. There are 22 sections, one for each letter in the Hebrew alphabet. Within each section are eight lines, all of which begin with the Hebrew letter applicable to the section. In this section all lines begin with the letter peh פ
The psalm is an extended examination, in the style of wisdom literature, of the gift of Yahweh's Torah, a term that is protean and by no means limited to its common English translation, "law." Our section today expresses the speaker's excitement at receiving the word. He uses bold imagery—like a dog panting for her food (an image intensified by Jeremiah and "baroquefied" by Ezekiel). Nothing dry and dull here! -- Pete Dane

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Humbly in your sight

Words: Tom Colvin
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1. Humbly in your sight we come together, God,
   grant us now the blessing of your presence here.

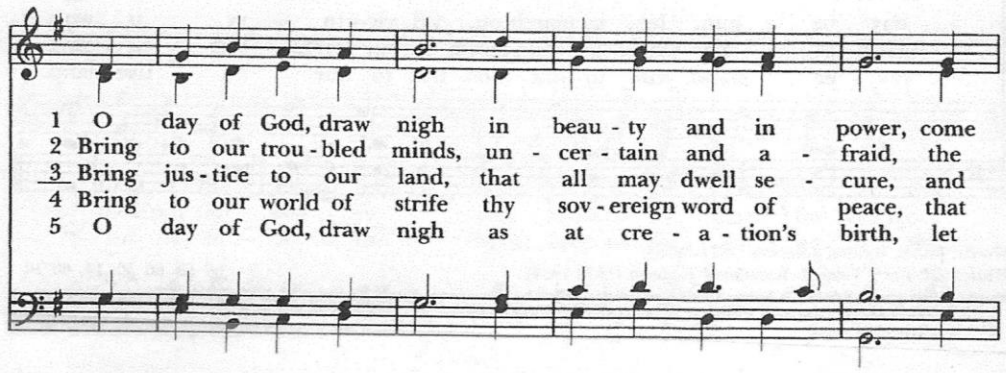
2. These, our hearts, are yours, we give them to you, God,
   purify our love to make it like your own.

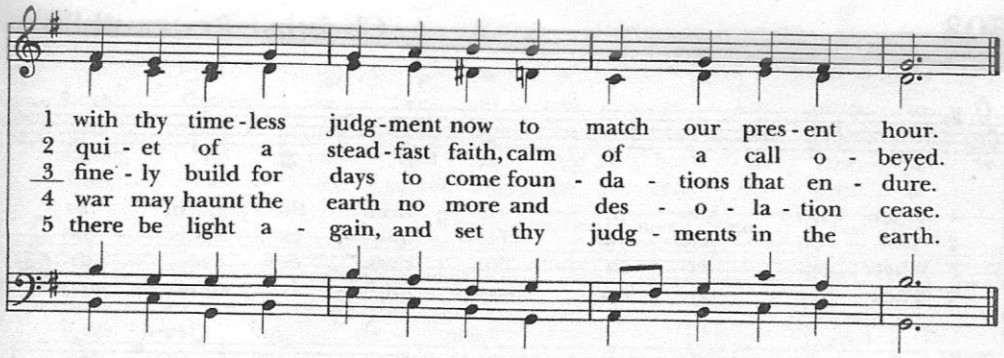
3. These, our eyes, are yours, we give them to you, God,
   may we always see your world as with your sight.

Tom Colvin's words are based on a hymn in Tumbuka by Rev. J.P. Chirwa (d.1940) that is often sung as a prayer of dedication in Malawi.

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Music: *St. Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889) SM