

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, Music Director

Morning Prayer
First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2020

Prelude *Sleepers, wake!* J. S. Bach

A brief silence

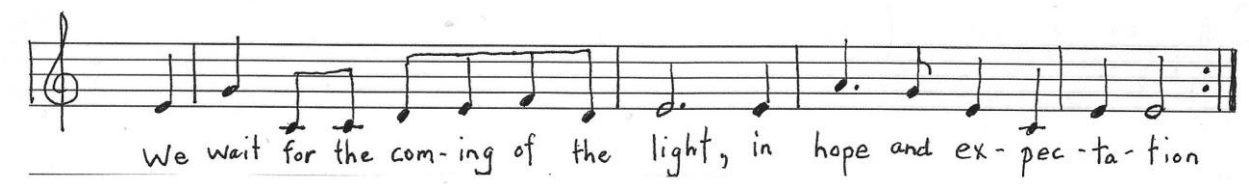
Leader: In this season of Advent, we, like the watchman, strain to glimpse the coming of light into the world. We long for the day when the manifestations of darkness – selfishness and greed, suffering and oppression – shall be no more.

Congregation: **Lord, by your presence,**
light up the past that we might learn from it with thankfulness.
Light up the present that we might live in it with love.
Light up the future that we might prepare for it in hope.
As we watch and wait and pray, may we be always ready to encounter the Lord who is already and always with us. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Leader: We light this candle for all God's people, struggling to be bearers of hope in a troubled world.
Congregation: **God, as we wait for your promise, give light, give hope.**

All are invited to light their Advent candle at home.



Sing three times

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Congregation: **Most Holy God,**
in the midst of this season of new life, we confess:
We have resisted the light of your love;
we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us; and
we have not treasured the gifts of others around us.
We stand in need of your love.
Holy Father, make us holy.
Holy Jesus, make us holy.
Holy Spirit, make us holy.
Holy God, make us whole. Amen.

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 57 *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending (Verses 1, 2, ,4 in the back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory

Leader: Our God and Savior now draws near:
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: Isaiah 64

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.
Your holy cities have become a wilderness,
Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.
Our holy and beautiful house, where our ancestors praised you,
has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins.
After all this, will you restrain yourself, O LORD?
Will you keep silent, and punish us so severely?

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

Psalm 80

To the music director: according to flowers, witness testimonies, a song from Asaph.
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;
it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.
Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.
They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

Leader: The Gospel according to Mark
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.
And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

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.

Advent Prayer based on the Lord's Prayer

Emmanuel, God with us—holy be your name.
In us, through us, and around us, your kingdom come.
Bread of life, feed us with your truth.
For our indifference to the wonder of your coming, forgive us.
Protect us from dangers and temptations we face each day.
You come to us now, and You will come to us again in glory,
when we will join all heaven and earth in giving you
blessing, honor and glory forever! Amen.

The Collect of the Day
Leader: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge

both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: O Holy One, in this season of Advent we wait and pray that you will fill our hearts with joyful anticipation of your coming. May our waiting help prepare the way of the Lord.

Creator of the world you are the potter and we are the clay. Shape our spirits by your love that especially in this season of waiting we may discern your call to be peacemakers and justice seekers.
Congregation: **May we prepare the way of the Lord.**

Leader: God of compassion in these difficult times of crisis in our world our waiting is often filled with fear and anxiety. We seek your help and guidance as we pray for ourselves and all those who are suffering from anxiety or any form of physical or mental illness. We pray for our willingness to journey together to find common ground.
Congregation: **May we prepare the way of the Lord.**

Leader: God of hope our waiting expresses a deep longing for a better world. We pray for courage and persistence during this season of Advent, to work for the day when our paths will be made straight and our valleys will be filled in, when our nation and its leaders will embrace the common good for all humanity and for all of creation.
Congregation: **May we prepare the way of the Lord.**

Leader: Light of the World we pray that as we wait for the fulfillment of your Incarnation we may be bearers of your light to others in our community, our neighbors, who are in need of comfort, connection, hope or simply basic necessities of food, health care, housing, and meaningful work.
Congregation: **May we prepare the way of the Lord.**

Leader: Please offer your own prayers at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Congregation: **God of hope, you call us from our exile with the good news of restoration;**
you build a highway through the wilderness;
you come to us to bring us home.
Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power,
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 73 *The King shall come when morning dawns (Verses 1 – 3, in back of bulletin)*

Postlude *Once he came in blessing* Paul Manz

Announcements

Dismissal

You are invited to stay for Virtual Coffee Hour

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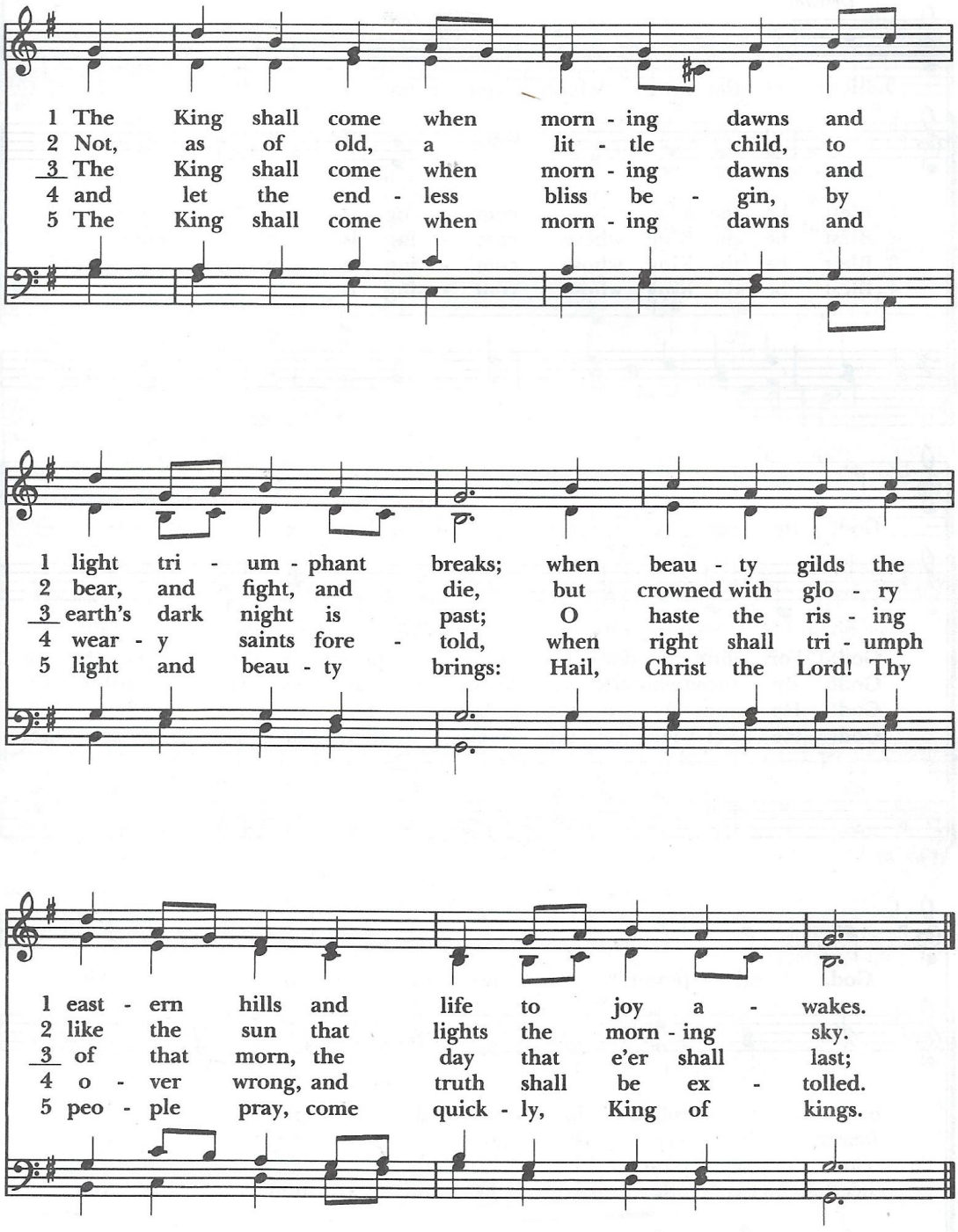
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