

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

Holy Eucharist
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2020

Prelude: *Let every tongue thy goodness speak* Healey Willan

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 *Jesus said: The first commandment is this (in the back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory

Leader: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
Congregation: **And your glory all the day long.**
Leader: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
Congregation: **as it was in the beginning, is now,**
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day
Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.
When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.
You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

A brief silence

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

The Prayers

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

God of every time and place. Pour your peace, which passes all understanding, upon your servants as we strive to walk in your ways. Do not let our hearts be troubled, nor let us be afraid. We pray for your peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our land.
God of Love: **make us instruments of your peace.**

During these days of discord and turmoil, teach us to love our enemies, embolden us to stand against hatred and oppression, empower us to diligently work for justice, and make us ambassadors of your love to this broken and hurting world.
God of Love: **where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

Help us see the pain we have caused, the wrongs we have done, our failure to respond to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice. May we know your forgiveness even as we forgive those who have harmed us.
God of Love: **where there is injury, pardon.**

Enable us to see one another as your beloved children regardless of our different opinions and experiences. Open our hearts that we may listen deeply and speak honestly with compassion. Strengthen us to work together to uphold the integrity of our democracy and protect the rights of all, not only during this election season but for the generations to come.
God of Love: **where there is discord, union.**

Guide us with a spirit of wisdom and understanding, that we may discern what is good and just in your sight. Strengthen those who have lost their sense of your presence in the world.
God of Love: **where there is doubt, faith.**

As our nation faces the continuing challenges of COVID-19, economic distress, and racial injustice, hear the cries of those who feel powerless and invisible. May those in elected office commit themselves to fulfill the promise of liberty and justice for all.
God of Love: **where there is despair, hope.**

We pray for those living in the shadows of fear, violence, and poverty. Enlighten the consciences of all in authority to respond to their needs with understanding, care, and compassion. May we shine as beacons of Christ's love to the world.
God of Love: **where there is darkness, light.**

We hold before your loving presence all who suffer and are afflicted in body, mind, or spirit. Lift up the brokenhearted and all who grieve. Grant your mercy to comfort and relieve their burdens. We remember the faithful departed who now find their rest in you.
God of Love: **where there is sadness, joy.**

Please offer your own prayers at this time.

All are invited to share their prayers

Gracious God,
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

A few words about Communion this morning Pastor Elaine Hewes

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer
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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us, and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you.

Congregation: **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.**

Celebrant continues: Blessed is Jesus who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread. On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, given to you." In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it."

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

And 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.

Presider: 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.**

For those of you who are worshipping with the St. Brendan community through the internet from places far away, we take a moment to enter into prayer with you as you pray the prayer of Spiritual Communion, even as we wait with longing for the day when we all can be in person at the table to partake of the bread and the wine. We listen now, and hear your longing as well, as you pray…

In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly those gathered at St. Brendan Episcopal Church, I offer praise and thanksgiving to you, O God, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, your son, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

Since I cannot at this time receive communion with my brothers and sisters at St. Brendan's, I pray you come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table.
May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others
wherever we may go from here.
Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough,
whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak,
keep our hearts warm and our hands open,
our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: *These three are the treasures (in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude: *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her* J.S. Bach

Announcements

Dismissal

Opening Sentences from *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*
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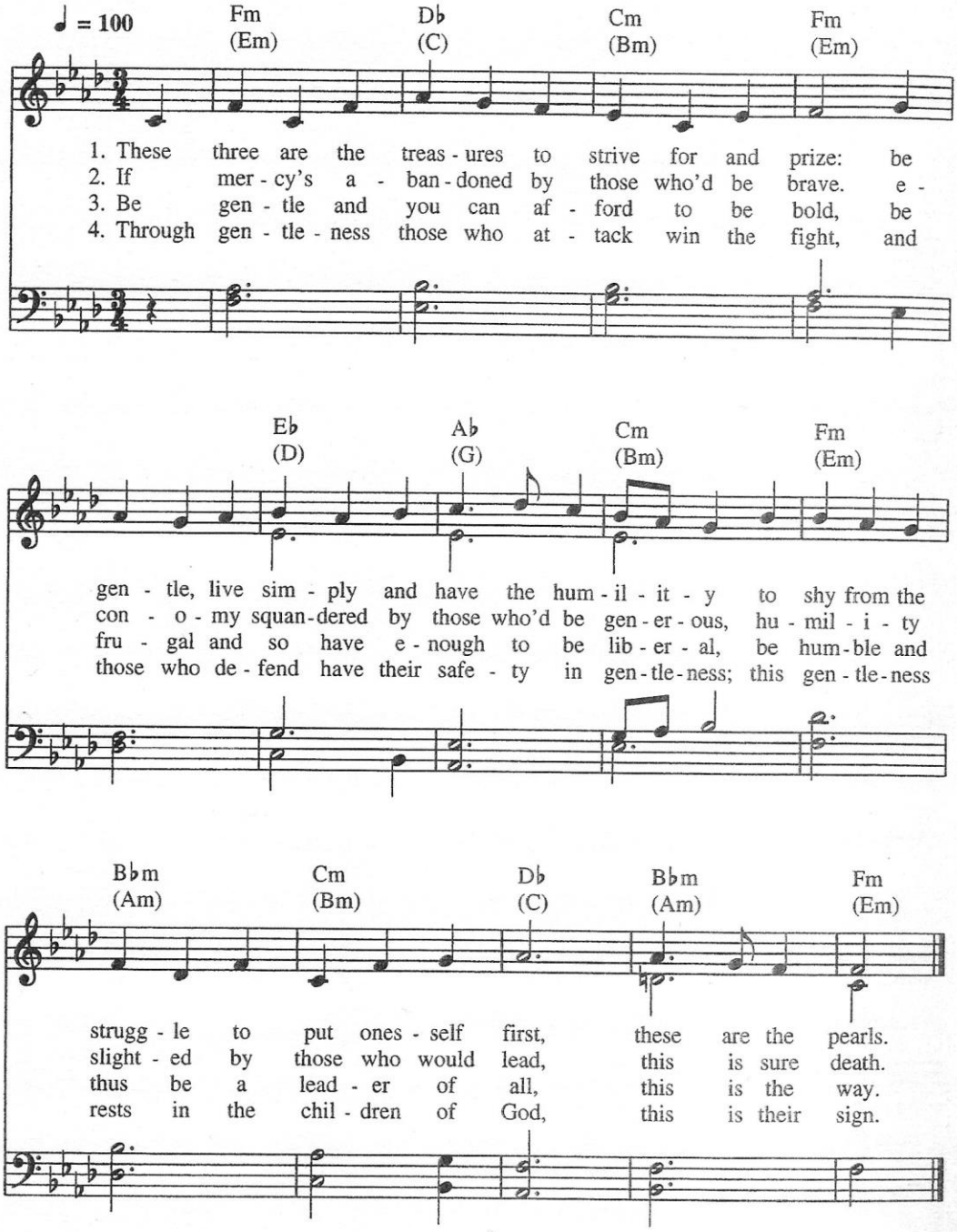
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