

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
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

Prelude Connie Mayo

A brief silence

Leader: Alleluia! Risen Lord, come be with us,
Congregation: **and teach our hearts to live in you. Alleluia!**
Leader: Jesus, divine companion: As the day unfolds, give us strength to understand and eyes to see, as you teach us to walk the soft earth, related to all that lives.
Congregation: **Amen.**
Leader: Let us pray.

O God, you are the creator of the world,
the liberator of your people,
and the wisdom of the earth.
By the resurrection of your Son,
free us from our fears,
restore us in your image,
and ignite us with your light,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen**.

Opening Hymn 487 *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (in back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader: Open our lips, O God,
Congregation: **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise**

Canticle 12 (Part II)

Leader: Let the earth glorify God
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Glorify God. O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Congregation: **Glorify God, O springs of water, seas, and streams,**
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify God,
Praise and highly exalt God for ever.
Leader: Glorify God, O beasts of the wild,
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify God.
Praise and highly exalt God for ever

Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner",

and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 28 *of David*

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, do not refuse to hear me,
for if you are silent to me, I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
Hear the voice of my supplication, as I cry to you for help,
as I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who are workers of evil,
who speak peace with their neighbors, while mischief is in their hearts.
Repay them according to their work, and according to the evil of their deeds;
repay them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward.
Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, or the work of his hands,
he will break them down and build them up no more.

Blessed be the LORD, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts;
so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
O save your people, and bless your heritage;
be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

Gospel: John 14:1-14

Reader: The Gospel according to John.

Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."
Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

A brief silence

A Creed from the Iona Community

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,
in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth
and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,
for the glory 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: Show us your mercy, O Lord;
Congregation: **And grant us your salvation.**
Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Congregation: **Let your people sing with joy.**
Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
Congregation: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
Congregation: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Leader: Let your way be known upon earth;
Congregation: **Your saving health among all nations.**
Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Congregation: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Congregation: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Congregation: **Amen**

Prayers of the People

Leader: In this Easter season we pray for the church, the earth, the world, and those in need responding after, in your mercy, O God, with the words: Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for all churches and for people of all faiths around the world during this time of sorrow and distress. We pray for a deepening sense of your presence among us.

a brief silence

You are our Temple, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer**
Leader: We pray for the well-being of creation, for the health of seas and rivers and lakes and the will to care for your earth.

a brief silence

You are our Rainbow of promise, in your mercy, O God
Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer**
Leader: We pray for justice and peace in the world; an end to war and international turmoil.

a brief silence

You are our Mighty Fortress, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer**
Leader: We pray for all who are facing the coronavirus, for all who mourn their dead, for those who have contracted the virus, for those quarantined or away from home, for the homeless, and for those who fear the future. We offer special prayers for all health care workers. Fill the aching in our hearts with your merciful power.

a brief silence

You are our Everlasting Arms, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer**
Leader: We commend to your care all who have died that they may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

a brief silence

You are the Beginning and the End, in your mercy, O God,
Congregation: **Hear Our Prayer.**

Leader: Please offer your own prayers

The congregation is invited to offer their own prayers and petitions

Leader: Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy through your Son Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Congregation: **Amen.**

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.

Leader: In the work we do this day,

Leader: In the challenges we face this day,

Congregation: **May the risen Christ guide us.**

Leader: Through the people we meet this day,

Congregation: **May the risen Christ renew us.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn 455 *O Love of God, how strong and true (in the back of this bulletin)*

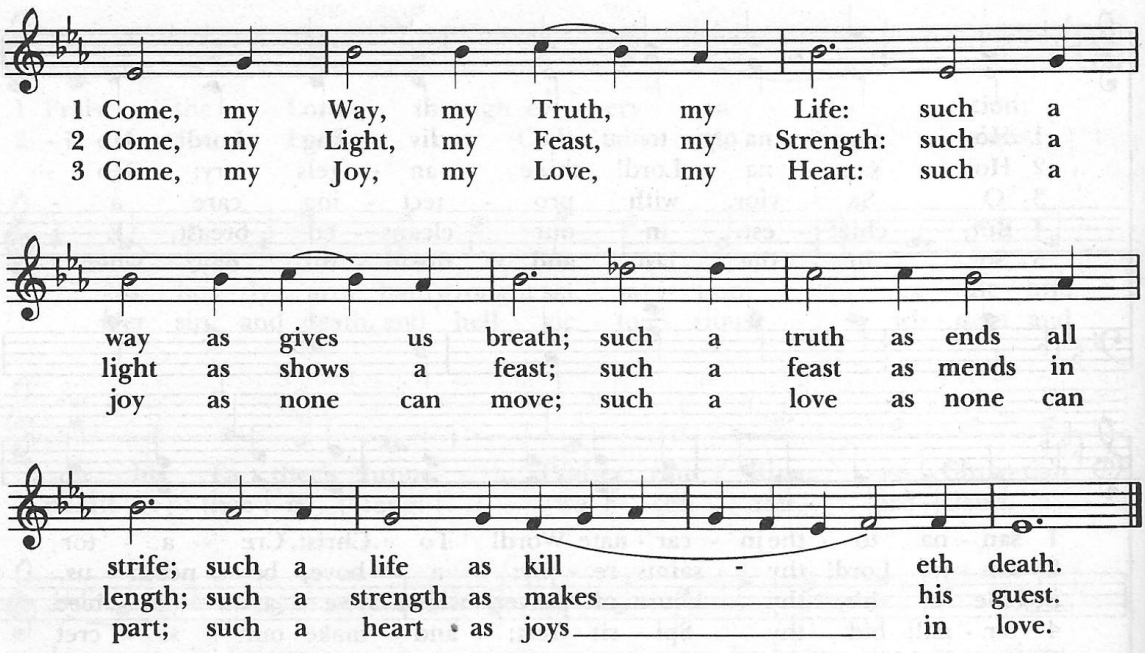
Postlude Connie Mayo

Announcements

Dismissal

You are invited to stay for virtual Coffee Hour

487 Jesus Christ our Lord



Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)
Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) 77. 77

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455 Jesus Christ our Lord



Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

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