

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.

Connie Mayo musical director

Morning Prayer
Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020

Prelude Connie Mayo

Silence begins and ends with the ringing of a bell

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Congregation: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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**.

Leader: Sing the glad songs of victory; in the midst of death love has arisen.
Congregation: **God is our strength and our song; even when all seems lost.**

Leader: Christ is alive and lives among us; neither hatred nor fear, nor cross nor tomb could hold him.
Congregation: **He goes before us into every Galilee; and bids us follow him in the way of love.**
Leader: With sun and stars, all flora and fauna, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we sing glad alleluias.
Congregation: **Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.**

Opening Hymn 193 *That Easter day with joy was bright (verses 1-3) (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

First Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
Reader: The word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.
Congregation: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:***
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Second Lesson: John 20:19-31

Reader: The Gospel according to John:
Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Reflection

St. Thomas the Apostle

"We do not know… how can we know the way?"
Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.
Because He loved your awkward counter-point
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Malcolm Guite, from *Sounding the Seasons*

Silence will be commenced and ended with the sounding of a bell.

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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Congregation: **Amen**

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,
People: **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
People: **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,
People: **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,
People: **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,
People: **Hear Our Prayer.**

Leader: Please offer your own prayers

The congregational 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.
People: **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: This is the day that God has made;
Congregation: **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: We will not offer to God
Congregation: **offerings that cost us nothing.**

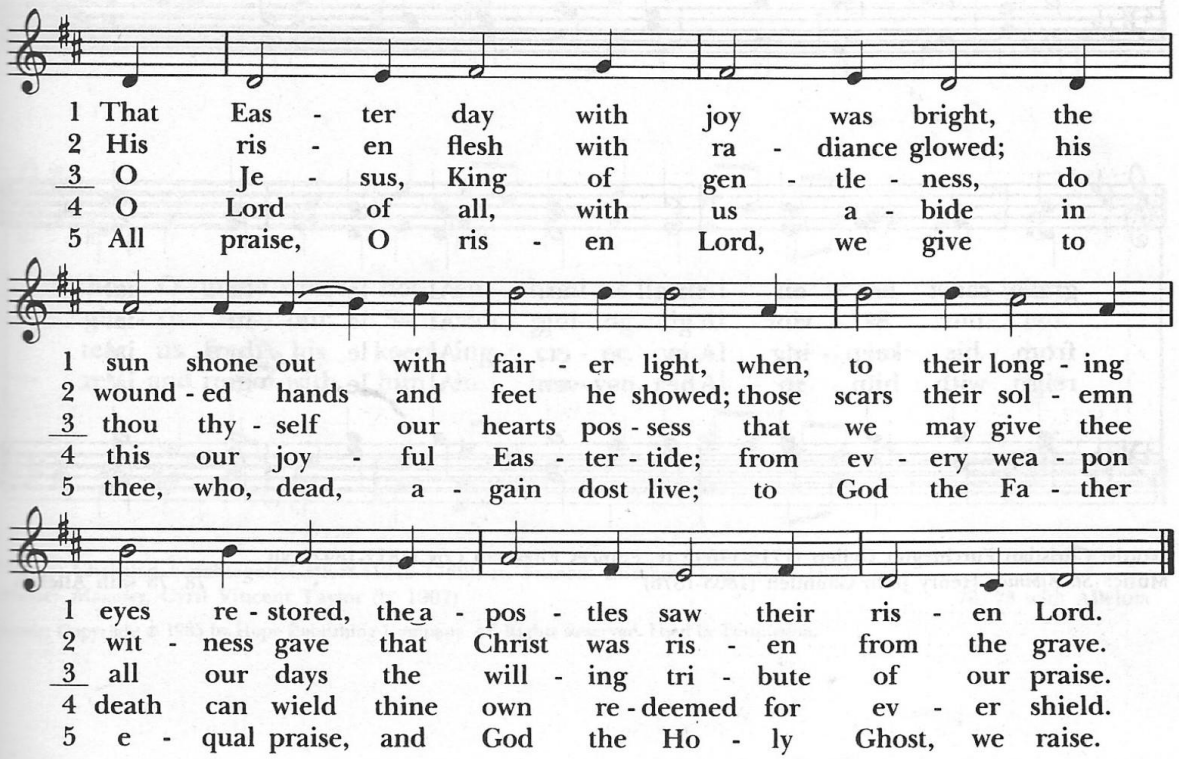
Leader: Let us go in peace to love and to serve;
Congregation: **we will seek peace and pursue it.**

Leader: In the name of the Trinity of love,
Congregation: **God in community, holy and one.**

Sending Hymn 209 *We walk by faith, and not by sight (in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude Connie Mayo

Announcements



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Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

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