



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.

Elaine Hewes, Pastor in Charge and Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

Second Sunday in Lent

A Spring in the Desert

March 1, 2026

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: We acknowledge that the land we now occupy is the ancestral home of the Wabanaki People. We grieve the history of greed and violence that led to their loss of life, land, language and culture.

Congregation: **We pray for the courage to find ways to support our indigenous neighbors who still face injustice and prejudice. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we belong to the Earth.**

The service begins with the ringing of the bell three times.

Prelude: *Allemande*

W. A. Mozart

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell.

Opening Hymn ELW 326 *Bless now, O God, the journey (in back of bulletin)*

Celebrant: As a deer longs for water brooks, so our souls long for you, O Lord.

Congregation: **In the desert of our brokenness and fear, grant us not what we may want, but what we need to live lives of justice, love and peace.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Congregation: Amen.

Kyrie: My Heart Sings Out 14

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

S-410

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



I lift up my eyes to the hills—*
from where will my help come? ||
My help comes from the Lord,*
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;*
he who keeps you will not slumber. ||
He who keeps Israel *
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;*
the Lord is your shade at your right hand. ||
The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;*
he will keep your life. ||
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in *

from this time on and forever-more.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 658 *As longs the deer for cooling streams (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Pastor Elaine Hewes

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

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

Congregation: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Silence

Leader: For this community, our nation and the world;

Congregation: **For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.**

Silence

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

Congregation: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.**

Silence

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

Congregation: **For those who minister to the sick, the lonely and the stranger among us.**

Silence

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

Congregation: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Silence

Leader: For our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our Bishop Thomas, and for all bishops and other ministers;

Congregation: **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Silence

Leader: For all who are searching for your healing waters in the desert of their lives;

Congregation: **For those in need of healing of mind, body or spirit.**

Silence

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;

Congregation: **For all those gifts that bring us joy, open our hearts and give us courage.**

Silence

We pray for all those who have died, trusting that they are held in your eternal grace. We pray for those who grieve.

Silence

Leader: Please add your prayers and thanksgivings.

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Are there any people on Zoom who would like to add their prayers and thanksgivings?

Leader: All these things we ask, O Lord, trusting that you meet us always in the desert of our lives, offering the healing waters of your love and grace.

We acknowledge those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other significant events in March.

The Peace

Celebrant: Peace within yourself.

Peace with Creation.

Peace with you who are with us remotely today.

Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people exchange the peace.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn LEVAS 70 *I want Jesus to walk with me (in back of bulletin)*

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus

Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

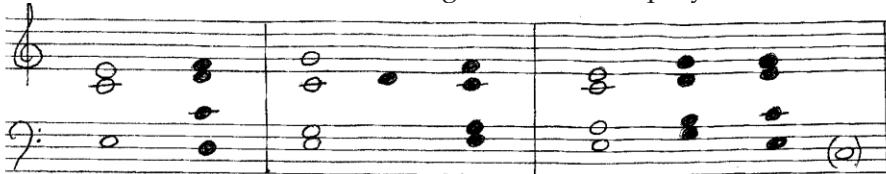
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Celebrant: 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 our sins as we forgive those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trial and de-liver us from evil

For the kingdom, the power
And the glory are yours
Now and for-ever, A-men.

Fraction Anthem

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Celebrant and Congregation: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. United by the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we acknowledge the Holy Sacrament of communion and the fullness of Christ's presence in the gifts of the bread and the wine and in countless other ways in our lives. As a community of faith, nothing can separate us from the love of God nor are we separated from one another.**

The gifts of God for the people of God ...

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.

Celebrant: And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious and Holy One, you have met us in our desert places, and have fed us with the bread and wine of your incarnate presence. Send us forth now in the power of your Spirit, that all might know the healing waters of your grace and love. Amen.

The Blessing

May God the Creator find you in your desert places.

May God the Redeemer lead you to the spring of life.

May God the Spirit fill you with courage and hope for the living of these days, and may you know it to be all joy.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn 679 *Surely it is God who saves me (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Venetianishes Gondellied*

Felix Mendelssohn

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Justice for All

February is Black History Month

You are invited to explore the documentary film, "Now and Forever: A Story on the Move," released in 2023 by the Washington National Cathedral. This 22-minute film chronicles the decision in 2017 to remove two stained-glass windows honoring Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson as a recommitment of the Cathedral to "confront systemic racism, to foster racial reconciliation, and to be repairers of the breach, in the past, the present, and in our future." The documentary also details the commission of world-renowned artist Kerry James Marshall to replace the Confederate Generals' windows with new "Now and Forever" windows that "capture the resilience, faith, and endurance of African Americans and our nation's struggle with the original sins of racism and slavery."

See the Navigator for the link to the film and for more information on "The Now and Forever Windows."

CALENDAR

All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, March 2	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, March 3	1:30 p.m. Worship and Music Ministry meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, March 4	9:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Ministry meeting (Zoom) 10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers – Linda Nelson, reflector
Friday, March 6	4:00 p.m. Education and Spiritual Development Ministry meeting (Zoom)
Sunday, March 8	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece presiding

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, March 11-25	5:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers - Reflectors are Cathy Washburn, Carl Woodard, and Dwight Staples
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Bless Now, O God, the Journey 326



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.



As longs the deer for cooling streams *The Hymnal 1982*, #658

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
 2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my
 3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Words: New Version of the Psalms of David, 1696, alt.; para. of Psalm 42:1-7. Music: *Martyrdom*, melody and bass Hugh Wilson (1764-1824); adapt. and harm. Robert Smith (1780-1829).

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, #70

1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
 2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
 3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); All a -
 2. tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When the
 3. sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When my

1. long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
 2. shades of _____ life _____ are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
 3. heart with - in _____ is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 2. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 3. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*.
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Surely it is God who saves me *The Hymnal 1982, #679*

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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Our Values

These are our **values** at St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church.

We will:

Welcome others with **respect** and **compassion**;

Listen to others with **trust** and **appreciation**;

Seek God's goodness in each person;

Strive for **consensus** and work **collaboratively**;

Join in acts of **loving kindness**;

Share our faith joyfully across the generations;

Engage as many of our **parishioners** as possible, **year-round**, in our
common life and ministries;