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Deer Isle Maine

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Celebrating Earth Day

April 26, 2026

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 Gathering of the Community

The service begins with the ringing of the bell three times

Prelude: *Fugue in B Minor*

G.F. Handel

Silence begins and ends with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn ELW 739 *Touch the Earth Lightly (in back of bulletin)*

The Acclamation

Celebrant : Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Song of Praise

Day of de-light and beau-ty un-bound-ed, tell the news, the

7 gos-pel spread! Day of all won-der, day of all splen-dor,

13 praise Christ ris-en from the dead!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: A Reading from the writings of Pope Francis:

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone. Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth).

Just as the different aspects of the planet – physical, chemical and biological – are interrelated, so too living species are part of a network which we will never fully explore and understand. A good part of our genetic

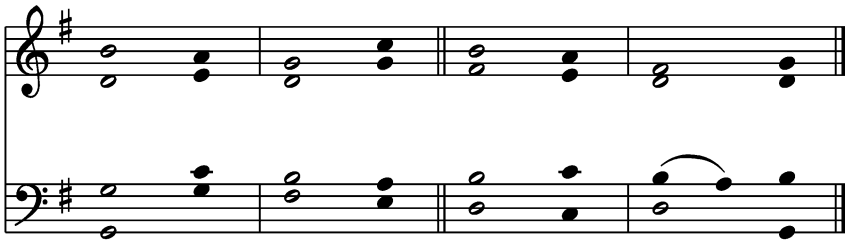
code is shared by many living beings. It follows that the fragmentation of knowledge and the isolation of bits of information can actually become a form of ignorance, unless they are integrated into a broader vision of reality.

May we pray for the grace to see with God's eyes- not a dis-integrated, elevated, or even secluded existence, but rather a radically interconnected tapestry of Creation in which God's love is the fundamental moving force.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, 2015 p 77, 120, 138

Psalm 23 S-409

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want. ||

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. ||

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table be-fore me*

in the presence of those who trouble me; ||

you have anointed my head with oil,*

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy*

shall follow me all the days of my life, ||

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever;*

the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Lesson: First Letter of Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sequence: *Invention #3*

Scott Cleveland

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

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

Congregation: Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes.

Sermon

The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling

Affirmation

We believe in God, the source of love,
who breathed God's Spirit into all of creation,
who created humanity in God's own image and likeness,
and who calls God's children to be about the work of reconciliation
and justice in the world God so loves.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,
who was born of a woman,
who modeled for us a way of living on the earth,
and whose passionate love for God's creation
led to his Passion and death on the cross.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who moved over the darkness at the beginning to bring light and life,
and who moves over the darkness still,
opening our hearts to God's incarnate presence in our midst
and calling us to be manifestations of incarnation
in the name and in the way of Jesus.**

Prayers of the People

Beloved God, in the power of the Resurrection, we pray to you as your welcoming love rises in our hearts saying: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all nations and all peoples of the world that we might live together in hope, harmony, and peace, we pray,
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence

For your church, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop Thomas, for all priests, deacons, and lay leaders and for all who minister in your name that we might witness to your faithful presence with us, we pray,
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence

For those who hold authority in our country and the world, that they might devote themselves to reconciliation, justice, mercy, and an end to all war.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence

For all those we will encounter in our daily lives; our neighbors, the children and the elders. May we respond with love that reflects your life of compassion.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence.

For the whole earth; for the land, the oceans, the mountains, the forests, and the rivers, that the whole world may know the glory of your creation.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence.

For all those suffering from any illness or pain, from mental anguish or anxiety, for those who are feeling unloved or alone, for the poor and the hungry, that they may know You are the God of heartbreak.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence.

For those who are close to death; for their caregivers, and those who will grieve their passing. And for those who have died, that they may rest in your eternal peace that passes all understanding. May we learn to trust that your love is with us for eternity.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence.

Please offer your prayers and thanksgivings at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

Oh God whose is love eternally rising, renew us, strengthen us, help us to model to one another what it means to love You as You love us. God of life, we pray today through Jesus, the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

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 are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Anthem: *The Silver Rain*

Sung by the Choir

Eucharistic Prayer

Enriching our Worship #3

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: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said,

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Congregation: Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Congregation: Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

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.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: 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. 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.

Celebrant: 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

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May we see your beauty
in the earth, and sky,
may we hear you in birdsong,
and wind.

May we feel you in the silence
of the night sky and in the radiance
of the sunrise.

May we find peace and
safety in the sheepfold.

For all these gifts we give you thanks.

And the blessing of God the Father,
God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

Be with you this day and forever more.

Congregation: Amen.

Sending Hymn *God the sculptor of the mountains (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Fughetta in C*

G.F. Handel

Announcements

Dismissal

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Caring for Creation

So many ways to Care for Creation! Choose one!

Deer Isle Transfer Station is now accepting food scraps, which will be picked up and composted by Chickadee Compost.

Read the March 12 and April 9 Island Ad-Vantages articles (see the Navigator for the links) to learn what is acceptable.

If you are not a Deer Isle resident, you can subscribe to Chickadee Compost (www.chickadeecompost.com) and/or lobby your town to sign up.

Join Island Heritage Trust's Trail Tuesday Volunteer Workdays April 28, May 5, May 12. Call or email Alex Drenga for information (adrenga@islandheritagetrust.org).

Plant more flowers and shrubs that attract pollinators – Bee Balm, Purple Cone Flower, Joe Pye Weed, Asters and so many more. See the Navigator for a link for more information on pollinator-friendly gardening.

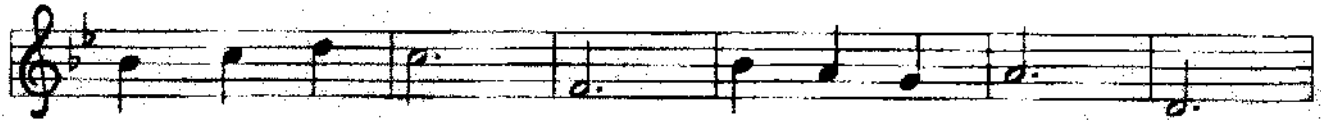
CALENDAR

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

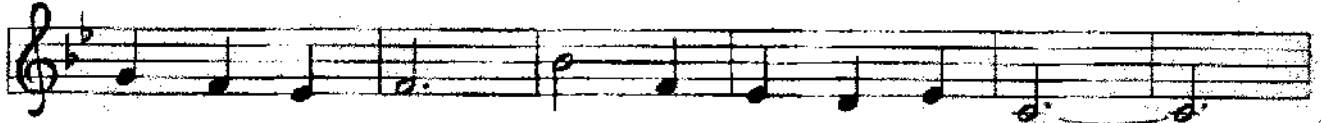
Monday, April 27	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, April 29	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy" Third Session led by The Rev. Timothy Ensworth 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, May 3	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

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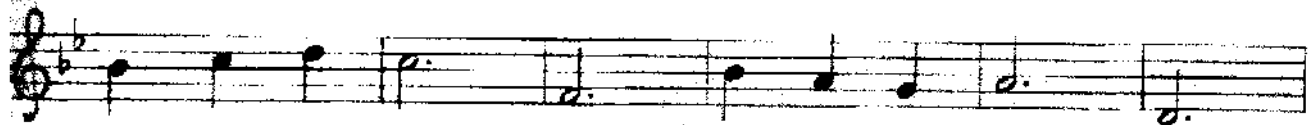
Touch the Earth Lightly



1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er.
 we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter -
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray
 Music: Colin Gibson

21 God the Sculptor of the Mountains

1 God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mill-er
 2 God the nui-sance to the Phar - aoh, God the cleav-er
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plant-er
 4 God the un - ex-pect-ed in - fant, God the calm, de-

of the sand, God the jewel-er of the heav - ens,
 of the sea, God the pil - lar in the dark - ness,
 of the wheat, God the reap - er of the har - vest,
 ter-mined youth, God the ta - ble-turn-ing proph - et,

God the pot - ter of the land: you are
 God the bea - con of the free: you are
 God the source of all we eat: you are
 God the res - ur - rect - ed truth: you are

womb of all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.
 fount of all de - liv - 'rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.
 host at ev - ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.

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