

# 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

**Morning Prayer**
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**
**March 21, 2021**

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**Prelude:** *Southwell* Healey Willan

*A brief silence*

*Leader:* Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. *Joel 2:13*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader:* God begs us to turn from those words, those acts, those obstacles which keep us from being God's people. I invite you to join me as we bring our brokenness to God, who desires to make us whole:

*Congregation:*
**Merciful God,**
**for too long we travelled our own ways,**
**for too long have sought to satisfy our hidden desires.**
**We have trusted the falsehoods of the world,**
**and relied on that power which would consume our souls.**
**We have sought healing from impostors,**
**and rejected the one who was broken for our wholeness.**
**Have mercy on us, God, whose love overflows our deepest hopes.**

**Let our hearts be a sanctuary for your spirit;**
**Let our lives abound in service to others;**
**let our spirits reflect the one we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**
**Amen.**

*Silence*

*Leader:* God seeks to pour a new spirit into us: the spirit of hope and joy.
*Congregation:* **We turn to the one who delivers us from our sins.**
**We praise God with cleansed hearts. Amen.**

Thom M. Shuman from *Ash Wednesday: Imposition of ashes and Communion*)
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**Opening Hymn** *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley (in back of bulletin)*

## The Invitatory

*Leader:* Our God is full of compassion and mercy:
*Congregation:* **O come, let us worship.**
*Leader:* Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
*Congregation:* **as it was in the beginning, is now,**
**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 51** *(portion): To the choirmaster. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after he had "gone into" Bathsheba.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**
**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,**
**so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**
**Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.**
**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**
**Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise……

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**
*Leader:* The Gospel according to John
*Congregation:* **Praise to you, O Christ**
Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.
L*eader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God**

**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.**

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

*You are invited to exchange the peace*

## 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.**

**The Collect of the Day**
Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Let us pray that we seek to turn your way, O God. May our Lenten observances bring renewal of spirit and clarity of vision in our service of the Gospel. We pray to the Lord.
**Renew our Hearts, O Lord.**

Let us pray for political leaders, religious leaders and people of faith everywhere that their efforts and ours to foster global peace and justice be rooted in a change of heart that turns away from violence and seeks the good of the poor, powerless, and defenseless of our world.
**Renew our Hearts, O Lord.**

Let us pray for all who suffer due to a lack of justice in our world. May they find hope and comfort in Christians' increased actions to improve the common good in this Lenten season.
**Renew our Hearts, O Lord.**

Let us pray for ourselves, that we might be strengthened to look past the doubts and fears which tempt us to abandon our Lenten efforts to live justly as God's people. We pray to the Lord.
**Renew our Hearts, O Lord.**

We remember those on our prayer list:

Ann Burton and family, Roger Ingoldsby, Lev Sherman, Dan Donahue, Skip Greenlaw, Bob Budd and family, Laurie, Heather Corey, Peter Brown, Ken Clauson, Pär Kettis, Persis Williams, Tracey Hair, Nick, Seth, Stewart, Marian Dobbs, the family of Linda Shepard, Phoibe DeJesus, Heather Callister, Mary Ann Shaw, Lindsay Bowker, Pastor Edward Dufresne, Pat & Tony Stoneburner, Al Chapman, Geoff Place, Nancy Boothby, Ana, Nancy Stearns, Marcia Scott, Isabelle Hulsey, Jennifer Hulsey, Michelle Price

Please offer your own prayers at this time

*All are invited to add their own prayers here.*

*Congregation:* **Merciful God, You created us from the dust of the earth,**
**and breathed your own life into our very being.**
**You recreated us in Christ through the waters of Baptism,**
**that we might share as a people your fullness of life.**
**During these forty days,**
**may our fasting strengthen us to seek your justice,**
**may our prayer lead us to become makers of peace,**
**and may our sharing quicken the seeds of your Rule,**
**present in all human hearts, and growing in mystery,**
**as we await with joyful anticipation, the resurrection of Jesus your Son.**
**We make this prayer to you in his name. Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn ECW 698** *How Long O God? (in back of bulletin)*

**Postlude:** *Voluntary* John Bennett

**Dismissal**

**Announcements**

*You are invited to stay for Virtual Coffee Hour*

# Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley 2112




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# 698 How Long, O God




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