

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, Priest in Charge
The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece, Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Pentecost Proper 12

July 28, 2024

Celebrant: We honor the Indigenous people everywhere, particularly the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth.
Congregation: **May we learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

The Gathering of the Community

The service begins with the ringing of the bell three times

Prelude: *The Peace* Dan Locklair

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

Opening Hymn 414 *God, my King, thy might confessing (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Congregation: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: God of grace,
Congregation: **you have given us minds to know you,**

hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise: ELW 880 *(first verse)*



The Collect of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Second Kings 4:42-44
A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145 *[Note: This psalm is an acrostic-using the 22 Hebrew letters in alphabetic order: the translation of the first word in the Hebrew text in the applicable line (which of course begins with the appropriate letter) is underlined]*

א I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
ב Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.
ג **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.**
ד **One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**
ה On the glorious splendor of your majesty *I shall speak,*
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
ו The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.
ז **They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,**
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
ח **The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
ט **The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**
י All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.
כ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
ל to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
מ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,**
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
נ The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

ס The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

ע The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

פ You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

צ The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

ק The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

ר He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

ש The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

ת My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn WLP 761 *All who hunger gather gladly (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: John 6:1-21

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley

loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."
When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.
When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

Silence

Affirmation 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.

Prayers of the People
Leader: In peace, we pray to you, loving God.

(Silence)

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work.
Congregation: **May we, with God's grace, be present to, and aware of, the needs of our families, friends, and neighbors.**

Leader: For the leaders of our communities, the nation, and the world. May they act with wisdom to advance the cause of peace and justice for all.
Congregation: **With God's grace may we also speak up courageously for peace, justice and freedom from oppression.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;
Congregation: **May we look for ways to simplify our lives, curtail our consumption and advocate for just and creative solutions to the realities of climate change.**

Leader: For all who are in sorrow or any kind of trouble.
Congregation: **As people of faith in a God who loves all, may we practice the works of mercy- visit the sick, the imprisoned, the lonely.**

Leader: For peace and unity within all Christian churches.
Congregation: **May we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus in our actions and our words.**

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Thomas, our Bishop; and all priests and deacons who serve our churches.
Congregation: **We pray for their well-being, and may we give thanks for their commitment to serve the Church.**

Leader: For all who serve God in whatever way they can.
Congregation: **May we learn to accept our limitations of time and energy but also, in the name of Jesus, be generously engaged to the best of our ability here at St. Brendan and in the surrounding community.**

Leader: For all who have died, for all who mourn their loved ones.
Congregation: **May we offer comfort to those who mourn.**

Leader: I invite you to add your own prayers and thanksgivings.

Members of the congregation are invited to add prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

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

Leader: O Holy One, sustainer of the church, hear our prayers, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Set our hearts on fire with your love and give us the courage to speak and live that love as we minister to each other and the world.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin
We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts
through faith.
Congregation: **Amen.**

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 Hymn 574 *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel (in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: ***A*nd 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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus ELW 193 *(next page)*


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.

The Celebrant continues: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and Congregation:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

Celebrant and Congregation: **By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St Brendan and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.**

Celebrant: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer our Lord taught us to 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.

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.**

Celebrant: In recognition of and in solidarity with those who are worshiping with us remotely this morning, we pray this prayer of spiritual communion:
Celebrant and Congregation: **In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of the Church where the bread and wine are offered, and in union with those who are with us today by the internet, we offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. We believe that Jesus is present in the Breaking of the Bread, the Holy Sacrament of Communion and in ways more numerous and mysterious than we can imagine. We embrace you, Jesus, with all our hearts, souls and minds. Nothing can separate us from you, nor are we separated from one another.**

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

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
Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn 554 *'Tis the gift to be simple (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Bouree* G. F. Handel

Announcements

Dismissal

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CALENDAR

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

Monday, July 29	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, July 31	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Final Session Dante's Divine Comedy discussion led by Mary Jane Poole and Pete Dane 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, August 4	9:30 a.m. Dedication of Memorial Garden 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding 11:15- 12:30 p.m. H.O.M.E. Craft Fair

Looking Ahead

Sunday, August 11	7:00 p.m. *Blue Jean Day* CD release Concert Deer Isle - Sunset Congregational Church CD sales and free will offerings will support Island Heating Assistance Program
Saturday, August 17 through August 30	Art of Siri Beckman—Opening Reception on August 17, 3-5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 27- 30	Women's Retreat

GPS (Giving our Priorities Shape) Action

Love Thy Neighbor

For July, our flag and sign reflect our focus on meeting the needs of the Deer Isle community. Building bridges. Crossing bridges with each other's help. Reaching out to our neighbors.

This is an update from Kassie Grey about the **need for volunteers at HIP to help in August with Wednesday Coffee with Friends or at the Food Pantry**, also Wednesdays. If you can help, please call 207-367-6332 or email healthyislandproject@gmail.com.

Kassie also mentioned that there is always a need for incontinence products especially pull-ups in all sizes. The HIP donation box is in our foyer.

**Simmering Pot soups will be made at St Brendan's on Monday, July 29.
Many hands make light work!

**H.O.M.E. Craft Fair is next Sunday, August 4 in the Parish Hall. Come support this ministry to the homeless and marginalized people of Hancock County.

God, my King, thy might confessing *The Hymnal 1982,* #414



6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;
thee shall all thy saints adore:
King supreme shall they confess thee,
and proclaim thy sovereign power.

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848); para. of Psalm 145:1-2. Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Anächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.; desc. John Wilson (1905-1992). By permission of Oxford University Press.

All who hunger gather gladly *Wonder Love and Praise,* #761





Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. harm., *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel *The Hymnal 1982*, #574



Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free *The Hymnal 1982,* #554



Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).