



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, Priest in Charge and Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

Advent 2

December 7, 2025

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 bell is rung three times

Prelude: *Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Johann Christoph Bach

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn 65 *Prepare the way, O Zion (back of bulletin)*

Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant: Hear us, O never-failing Light,

Lord our God, our only Light, the Fountain of Light,
the Light of your angels, thrones, dominions,
principalities, powers, and of all the beings of this world;
you have created the light of your saints,
the bright cloud of witnesses around us.

Congregation: **May our Souls be your lamps, kindled and illumined by you.**

**May they shine and burn with your truth,
and never go out in darkness and ashes.**

May we be your dwelling, shining from you,

**shining in you;
May we worship you always.**

From Ancient Mozarabic Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candle

Celebrant: We light this candle for all God's prophets, confronting injustice and restoring the dream of a world of freedom and peace.

Congregation: **God, as we wait for your promise, give light, give hope.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son; ||
That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

**That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness. ||**

**He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

A He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to an other. (*Back to A*)

A He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth. ||

B In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds! ||**

**And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. A-men.**

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";
and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";
and again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";
and again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 75 *There's a voice in the wilderness crying (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them,

"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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.

Apostles Creed

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy God, help us to move through this Advent season seeking to shine your love into the world as we await your word made flesh in a baby born in a manger.

We lift our prayers to you, saying, "For your love's sake, hear our prayer."

We pray for the holy Church of God to be a light for all creation, a place of healing and reconciliation embodying the love of Christ to a hurting world.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, ministers, and spiritual leaders, especially we pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, Thomas, our Bishop, and all priests and deacons who serve our churches.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all those in authority in the world that they might work together to seek justice for all people. Give them compassion and wisdom to lead.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Increase in us the power to serve, to feed the hungry, to comfort the sick, to welcome the stranger, to house those that need shelter.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all those suffering from any illness or pain, from mental anguish or anxiety, for those feeling alone and unloved, may they know God's compassion and healing.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died that they may rest in your eternal peace that passes all understanding.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Please add your 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 and Congregation: **Open our hearts to the cries of the world, give us strength and courage to serve those in need of the light of your love that we might witness to your power to bring joy and hope. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Congregation: **Most Holy God,**

in the midst of this season of listening and waiting, we confess:

We have resisted the light of your love;

we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us; and

we have not treasured the gifts of others around us.

We stand in need of your love.

Holy Father, make us holy.

Holy Jesus, make us holy.

Holy Spirit, make us holy.

Holy God, make us whole. Amen.

Celebrant: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:

God's mercy is wider than our transgressions.

God's love is deeper than our fear.

God's longing for our wholeness is stronger than our resistance.

We have been freed by grace to be God's people in the world.

Let our lives reflect the light entrusted to us,

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

We acknowledge those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other special events in December.

The Peace

Leader: 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 WLP 795 *Come now, O Prince of Peace (in back of bulletin)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

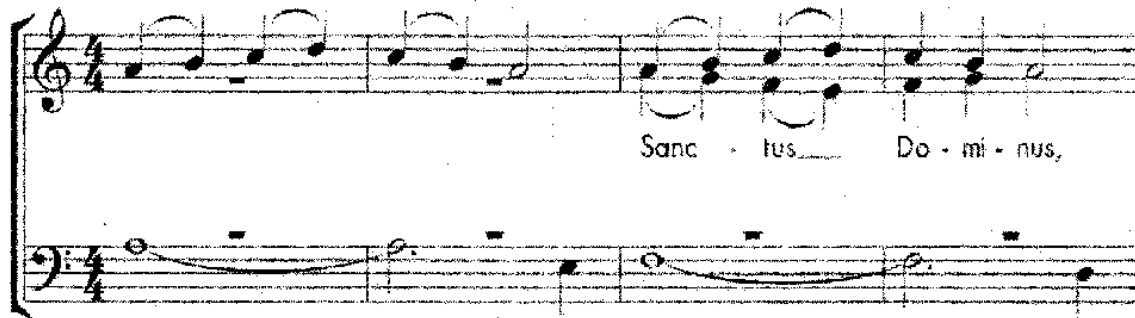
Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

Sanctus

Words: Liturgical traditional

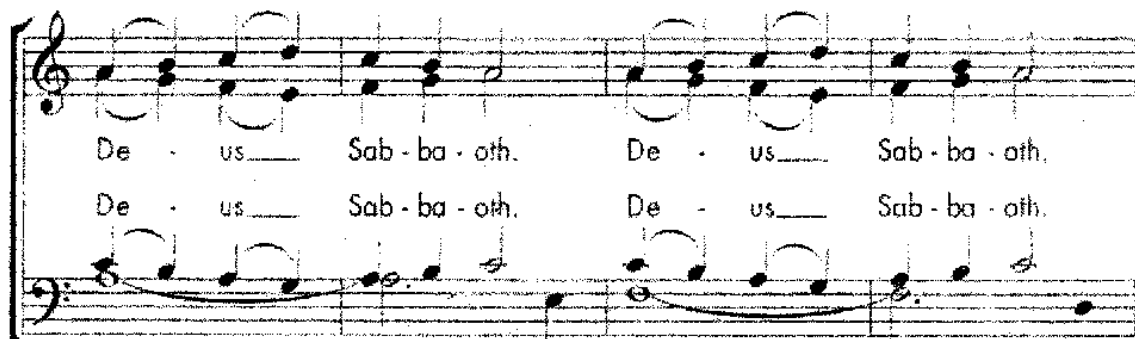
Music: John L. Bell

Sanc - tus, sanc - tus, sanc - tus, Do - mi - nus,
Sanc - tus, Do - mi - nus,



Sanc - - - tus, sanc - - - tus

De - us, Sab - ba - oth, De - us, Sab - ba - oth.
De - us, Sab - ba - oth. De - us, Sab - ba - oth.
De - us, Sab - ba - oth. De - us, Sab - ba - oth.



De - - - us, De - - - us.

Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra,
Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra,
Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,



Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,

ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.

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Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Congregation:

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

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

Congregation:

**We give thanks, O Lord, for these
heavenly gifts;**

**kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when Christ comes again**

**We may shine as light before
his face;**

who is alive and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

May the light of Christ
hold you, uphold you,
pursue and renew you.
So to fill and instill in you
Light you might carry
Into the world God so loves.
In the name of the Father,
The Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Sending Hymn 67 *Comfort, comfort ye my people (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

Max Reger

Announcements

Dismissal

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Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action

Love in Action

Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent. You are invited to take these words to heart. Post this Advent calendar (available in the church entryway) in your kitchen or bedroom. Subscribe to one or more of the daily Advent emails listed in the Navigator under "Advent Devotional Resources."

Come to Vespers on December 10 and 17 and reflect together on our Advent theme – "Light Carried in a Jar" – the Light of God's love shared in a myriad of ordinary ways - through open hearts and hands, forgiveness, patience, expressions of gratitude for others, peacemaking, justice seeking, bridge building, comfort and solidarity given to a grieving friend

CALENDAR

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

Monday, December 8	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, December 9	11:00 a.m. Worship and Music Ministry (Zoom)
Wednesday, December 10	10:00 a.m. In-person meditation 10:30 a.m. Advent Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry meeting 3:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Advent Vespers - Barbara Kourajian, reflector
Saturday, December 13	9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast at Stonecutters Kitchen
Sunday, December 7	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece presiding

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, December 24	4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Carols and Lessons with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding
Sunday, January 11, 2026	4:00 p.m. Walking the Camino de Santiago Jane Lachance

Prepare the way, O Zion *The Hymnal 1982, #65*



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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There's a voice in the wilderness crying *The Hymnal 1982, #75*



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a____
 2 O____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God____ en - du - reth, the____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst____ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The____
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they____ per - ish, like
 feed his____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our____ God____ may go!
 na - tions shall____ pass like a dream____ a - way;
 lead them, and____ bring them____ safe to his fold.

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt. Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988). Copyright © 1938, H. Hugh Bancroft.

Come now, O Prince of Peace *Wonder Love and Praise*, #795

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
 4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Words: Geonyong Lee; para. Marion Pope, alt. Music: *O-so-so*, Geonyong Lee.

Comfort, comfort ye my people *The Hymnal 1982*, #67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalms* 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

THE ANNUNCIATION

If Mary had not heard, had heard
but had not listened,
had understood but not stood
still, had not consented,
had been scared
and scurried from the garden
where he glistened
into the dark house or the dark wood,
worried because the Word he hinted
stirred
uneasily within the ear; if she had erred
and permitted heart to harden
when, like frostenameled ground, air glinted,
the Word would have been only sound.

Tony Stoneburner