



## 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

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**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

November 19, 2023

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We honor the Indigenous people across the globe, in particular the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. We give thanks for their rich heritage. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth; let us remember that we are all members of one great community of life. 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. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native neighbors as they seek their sovereignty here in Maine.

### **The Gathering of the Community**

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

**Prelude:** *The King of Love*

C. S. Lang

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

**Opening Hymn 21** *O God of truth, O Lord of might (in back of bulletin)*

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:* **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise: ELW 637 *Holy God, Holy and Glorious* (verses 1 and 2)

**Holy God, Holy and Glorious** 637

1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,  
2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,  
3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,  
4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,  
5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,

glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us  
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;  
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;  
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:  
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,

in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.  
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.  
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.  
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.  
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

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### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,

he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,

those who say in their hearts,

“The LORD will not do good,

nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,

and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,

they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,

they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near,

near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,

the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,

a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,

a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,

a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities

and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people  
 that they shall walk like the blind;  
 because they have sinned against the LORD,  
 their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
 and their flesh like dung.  
 Neither their silver nor their gold  
 will be able to save them  
 on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
 in the fire of his passion  
 the whole earth shall be consumed;  
 for a full, a terrible end  
 he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 90 Plainsong Psalter Tone II.1**



Lord, you have been our 'dwelling place  
 in all /gener-'ations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the 'earth and the world,  
 from everlasting to everlasting /you are 'God.**

You turn us 'back to dust,  
 and say, "Turn /back, you 'mortals."

**For a thousand years in 'your sight  
 are like yesterday when it is past, or like a /watch in 'the night.**

You seed them year after year; they are like a 'grass that grows;  
 in the morning it blossoms and shines forth; in the evening it /fades and 'withers.

**For we are consumed by your 'anger;  
 by your wrath we are /over-'whelmed.**

You have set our iniquities be-'fore you,  
 our secret sins in the light /of your 'countenance.

**For our days pass away under your 'wrath;**

**our years come to an /end like 'a sigh.**

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if 'we are strong;  
even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, /and we 'fly away.

**Who considers the power of your 'anger?**

**Your wrath is as great as the fear /that is 'due you.**

So teach us to 'count our days  
that we may /gain a 'wise heart.

**Turn, O LORD! How 'long until?**

**Have compassion /on your 'servants!**

Satisfy us in the morning with your 'steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be /glad all 'our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you have affl-'icted us,  
and as many years as we /have seen 'evil.**

Let your work become manifest to your 'servants,  
and your glorious power /to their 'children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the 'work of our hands—  
O prosper the /work of 'our hands!**

### **Second Lesson: First Letter to the Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 465** *Eternal light, shine in my heart (in back of bulletin)*

**The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

The Reverends Anne Deneen and Joseph Duggan

*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:* We pray for the church; our presiding bishop Michael and our bishop Thomas and we pray for all priests, deacons and lay leaders that you may strengthen them in their desire to serve:

*Congregation:* **For this let us pray to the Lord.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who are enduring the violence of conflict and devastation of war, especially we remember Ukraine, Syria, Gaza and Israel:

*Congregation:* **For this let us pray to the Lord.**

*Leader:* For the leaders of nations and those who govern, that they might find a way to reconcile grief and anger, to let justice and mercy flow, to live in peace:

*Congregation:* **For this let us pray to the Lord.**

*Leader:* May we reverence creation, these lands, the oceans and the mountains, the forests and the rivers that we might use their resources wisely, and acknowledge our relationship and place in them with humility and love:

*Congregation:* **For this let us pray to the Lord.**

*Leader:* For all those suffering from any illness and pain, from mental anguish and anxiety, for those who are feeling unloved and alone, for the poor and the hungry, may they know God's compassion and healing:

*Congregation:* **For this let us pray to the Lord.**

*Leader:* For all who have died that they may rest in your eternal peace that passes all understanding:

*Congregation:* **For this let us pray to the Lord.**

*Leader:* O God of abundant love, give us the strength and courage to join the resurrection conspiracy that we may witness to your love and power to bring peace and hope to the world:

*Congregation:* **Teach us your ways, O God.**

*Leader:* We pray for those on our prayer list:

Carol Simanton, Kathleen Carl, Billy Nutter, Theo, Robert B. Tobin, Anne Burton, Hewit, Pat and Dave, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Brian Turner and family, Rachel Richmond, Corbin, Rebecca, Susan Wade, Pam B., Jase, Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Brent Was, Stewart and Julie, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Blanco, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Bill Scaife, Max, Skip Greenlaw, Bob Budd, Nancy,

Peter Brown, Heather Callister, Nick, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Julie and Tom,  
Mary Ann Shaw, Lindsay Bowker, Nancy Boothby, Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner,  
Carol Stoneburner, Nancy Stearns, Isabelle H.

*Leader:* Please 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 and Congregation:* **Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Confession**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*Congregation:*

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

*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 exchange the peace*

### **The Holy Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn 490** *I want to walk as a child of the light (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:* 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.

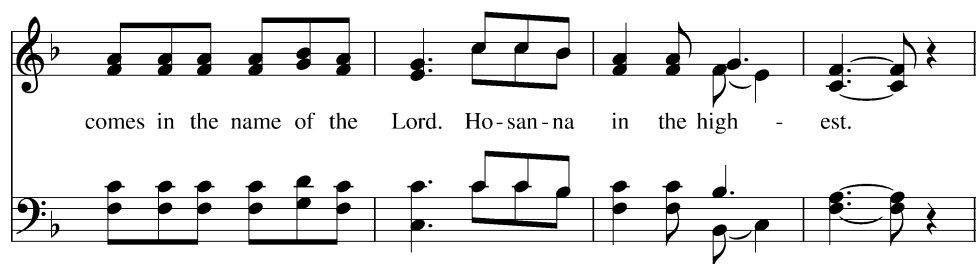
You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;

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: WLP 857**

The musical score is for a Sanctus in 6/8 time, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The vocal line begins with a melodic phrase on "Ho - ly," followed by a series of chords and single notes. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines. The tempo is indicated by the 6/8 time signature.



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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:

*Celebrant and 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.

*Celebrant and People:* **Blessed are you now and for ever. 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**

**We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*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.**

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:* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the presence of Jesus; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all of creation. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Sending Hymn 551** *Rise up, ye saints of God (in back of bulletin)*

**Postlude:** *Light's abode, celestial Salem*

C. S. Lang

### **Announcements**

### **Dismissal**

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Prayers of the People written by Emily Blair Stribling

## GPS ACTION ITEMS

### *Love in Action*

Last year, Community Compass delivered 57 Holiday Meal Boxes, and this year, close to 70 boxes are needed. Community Compass' motto is "No Neighbor Left Behind." **Please consider sponsoring a Meal Box with a \$45 donation.** You can donate by sending a check to PO Box 552, Blue Hill, Maine 04614, with "Holiday Meal Box" in the memo line, or by donating online using the link in The Navigator.

The USDA estimates that 14.7 % of Maine households, or about 200,000 individuals, are food insecure. The child insecurity rate is 23%, or about 61,200 children. Fortunately, every week, the **Tree of Life Food Pantry** in Blue Hill distributes about 3000 pounds of food, most of which is ordered from the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Local farmers and grocery stores contribute as well.

**Here are some ways to help the Tree of Life remain an important resource for the community:**

- Shop at the TurnStyle. All proceeds are used to buy food for the pantry.
- Drop off clean used clothing: a drop box near the door to the TurnStyle is available 24/7.
- Drop off canned and dry goods.
- Donate pet food, paper goods, and personal care items. These are things the Tree of Life can't buy.

All items can be left at the Tree of Life and the TurnStyle during open hours (they are located at 23 South Street). Checks can be mailed to either of these organizations: Tree of Life, P.O. Box 1329, Blue Hill, ME 04614 or TurnStyle Thrift Shop, P.O. Box 1329, Blue Hill, ME 04614.

## CALENDAR

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

Monday, November 20	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, November 22	No Bible Study
Sunday, November 29	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece presiding

## O God of truth, O Lord of might *The Hymnal 1982, #21*

1 O God of truth, O Lord of might, you or - der time and  
 2 Quench now on earth the flames of strife; from pas-sion's heat pre-  
 \*3 Al - might - y Fa - ther, hear our cry through Je - sus Christ, our

change a - right, you send the ear - ly morn - ing  
 serve our life; and while you keep our bo - dy  
 Lord Most High, whom with the Spi - rit we a -

ray, and light the glow of per - fect day.  
 whole, pour heal - ing peace up - on our soul.  
 dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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# Eternal light, shine in my heart *The Hymnal 1982, #465*

*Unison or harmony*

1 E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; e - ter - nal  
 2 E - ter - nal life, raise me from death; e - ter - nal  
 3 un - til by your most cost - ly grace, in - vit - ed

hope, lift up my eyes; e - ter - nal power, be  
 bright-ness, help me see; c - ter - nal Spi - rit,  
 by your ho - ly word, at last I come be -

my sup - port; c - ter - nal wis - dom, make me wisc.  
 give me breath; e - ter - nal Sa - vior come to me:  
 fore your face to know you, my e - ter - nal God.

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# I want to walk as a child of the light *The Hymnal 1982, #490*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
 I want to look at Je-sus.  
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*  
 In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## Rise up, ye saints of God *The Hymnal 1982*, #551

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
 2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long; Lord,  
 3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
 bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
 quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

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