

# The Navigator

April 2025



St. Brendan's Episcopal Church  
Juneau, Alaska

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Hello Everyone,

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND EASTER**



# Holy Week

Church

**Palm Sunday ~ April 13, 10:30 a.m.** The congregation will gather in Adams Hall where palms will be distributed for the Liturgy of the Palms, after which the congregation will process into the church.

**Maundy Thursday – April 17, 7 p.m.** Liturgy of the Day, Foot Washing, Holy Communion, and Stripping of the Altar.

**Good Friday ~ April 18, 5:30 p.m.** Liturgy of the Day included John's account of the Passion gospel and the solemn collects. No Holy Communion.

**Easter Vigil ~ April 19, 9 p.m.** At Holy Trinity

**Easter ~ April 20 ~ Sunrise Service - Skater's Cabin at 6:30 a.m.**

Holy Communion ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ Easter Egg Hunt and potluck following the service.

### **Soup & Worship**

(Two more opportunities)

April 2 ~ Church of the Nazarene 3220 Mendenhall Loop Rd.

April 9 ~ First Baptist Church on Twin Lakes 4625 Glacier Hwy

5:30 p.m.

## Vestry Report:

3/12/2025 Notes AT&T Meeting

11:00 a.m. - noon



### Attending:

Justin Abbott – Select Site Acquisition , LLC

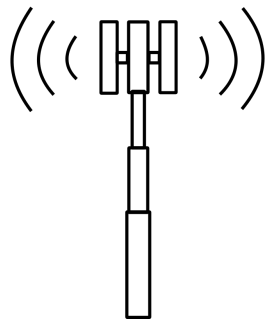
Bob (missed last name) – Construction Manager, MasTec Construction

Evan Venechuk & Associate – Respec surveying

Dave Muldoon

Dan Hall

Purpose: to discuss and lay out best place for AT&T cell tower



Justin presented a “Detailed Site Sketch” of where tower could be located. Site was determined during a previous meeting in June 2024. (*ask Dan to see “Detailed Site Sketch”*)

After discussing and walking the site with all present an area was staked and an access road flagged. The compound dimension for the tower will cover a 35’ X 45’ area and support a 150’ tower. See attached

Constructing the site and tower so it will be barely visible from the parking lot and church is the goal of the engineer and construction manager. They want the landowners to be happy. A stand of trees will be left to buffer the site and as much ground cover as possible will be left in tact.

I have requested that Justin Abbott send an email with the next steps listed in detail. Briefly: Surveyors will send a quote to come back and do a detailed survey, AT&T will accept or reject surveyor quote, construction plans developed and shared with St. Brendan’s, AT&T and St. Brendan’s signs off, during this process a lease agreement will be negotiated (St. Brendan’s will need to involve the Standing Committee and chancellor of the diocese)...

Attached is an email received on June 21, 2024 outlining the “basic business terms”. All this has to be negotiated so the final terms may look different. (*ask Dan to see email.*)

Dan Hall

## Little Lambs Preschool

On March 11, 2025 a Conditional Use Permit for the Little Lambs Preschool was approved by the CBJ Planning Commission. The owner of the preschool, Christine Millay, has asked the Vestry to begin a summer school preschool May and June, Monday-Thursday, 2.5 to 3 hours a day. This would be a “lighter version” of what she will do beginning in the fall. The Vestry has put together a subcommittee to work on the details of her proposal, summer and fall.



## Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Tonya Muldoon has volunteered to replace Daisy Davenport as delegate to Diocesan Convention in Fairbanks this fall. Daisy notified the Vestry at the February meeting that she would not be able to attend.

## Heat Pump

St. Brendan's was approved by the Diocesan Developmental Loan Fund for a \$30,000 loan to install heat pumps.

Terms: 10 years @ 6.5%

Installment: \$340.64 due the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month

The promissory note was signed at the March 20 vestry meeting and the funds will be disbursed after April 1.

Installation of heat pumps will begin within the next two months.



*Please contact any vestry member (see page) if you have any questions or concerns about any of the items in the above Vestry Report.*

All the best,  
Dan

## AN EASTER REFLECTION

### Sharing the Good News

Did you ever have news that was so exciting, so important, so urgent, that you could not wait to share it? Imagine the spice-bearing women who encounter the Angels at the empty tomb learning that it was all true - everything that Jesus had told them would happen had, indeed, happened. They rushed from what had been a moment of ritual grief and mourning and ran to tell the other followers of Jesus what they had witnessed.

Easter gives us a whole year's worth of joy and light and excitement in one glorious moment. As we hear the triple Alleluia for the first time, the spark is ignited within us, and our souls are alight with the need to share this joy with others. Smiles are broad and handshakes are enthusiastic on Easter Sunday in church.

This is the exact spirit which we carry with us all year that inspires us to share not only the Good News, but also the ways in which our lives have been transformed by God's blessings. We share our time, talent, and treasure freely because of the love we have experienced in redemption and in the death-defying power of Jesus and his ministry in the world. Such an enthusiasm cannot be contained, it must be recounted. Like Peter, who was skeptical when the women came to tell him of the Resurrection, others might wonder what has gotten into us: why we are so willing to release our gifts into the world rather than safeguard them in a tomb. But we who have experienced the destruction of darkness and the return of the light will know why we do what we do. It is a story we will rush to share with the world.

Question for reflection: What ministry or program in your church is so inspiring to you that you want to tell others about it?
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This is an Easter Reflection for our 2025/26 annual stewardship campaign, written by Cn. J. Davey, Executive Director of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS).

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**April** – Asian American Heritage Month

**April 2** – Soup & worship at Church of the Nazarene

**April 4** – Stations of the Cross

**April 9** – Soup & worship at First Baptist Church at Twin Lakes

**April 11** – Stations of the Cross

**April 17** – Maundy Thursday

**April 18** – Good Friday

**April 19** – Easter Vigil at Holy Trinity Church

**April 20** – Easter Sunday

**April 22** – Earth Day

**April 29** - Navigator submissions due

**May 9-10** – Southeast Deanery Convocation at Holy Trinity Church

## PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK



Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross may find it none other than the way of life and peace;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

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## GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

### Concert to Support Middle East Ministries

Episcopalians are invited to enhance their Good Friday devotion by attending a sacred performance of music devoted to this solemn day. The concert is being given in support of the 103 years of the Good Friday Offering, which assists churches, medical programs, and schools in the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

“This Lent, the need is almost unfathomable,” writes Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe in a letter to Episcopal churches. “We do not know what the political future of the Holy Land will be; but whatever the future, our siblings in Christ in The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East will continue to serve God’s people.”

The concert—an encore presentation recorded in the spring of 2024 at Christ and St. Luke’s Church, Norfolk, in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia—will air online at **noon and 7 p.m. Eastern Time on April 18th** on The Episcopal Church’s Facebook page and website. Viewers will have the opportunity to make donations to the offering during the event.

## OUTREACH NEWS!

- We will be putting together 10 Easter bags for the girls at the Johnson Youth Center on **Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>**. These bags will consist on things such as microwave popcorn, trail mix, homemade cookies and some Easter candy.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are would like to bring something to add to the bags. The girls truly look forward to holidays such as Easter and the fun filled bags of treats we put together for them.



- Thank you to all who donated items to the AWARE shelter and Bartlett House in March. Those items are greatly appreciated by the recipients at both of those establishments. These outreach ministries are on-going, as is the gathering of food for the Southeast Alaska Food Bank.



- St. Brendan's next turn in the Caring Canteen Food Truck rotation is **Tuesday April 1<sup>ST</sup>**. We are looking forward to providing those in need with another warm meal.

Happy April!  
Carla

## HOUSE OF BISHOPS ANNUAL SPRING RETREAT

### **House of Bishops gathers in Alabama for prayerful support, discussions of church's 'current realities'**

By Shireen Korkzan  
Posted Mar 25, 2025

[Episcopal News Service] The House of Bishops gathered March 19-24 at Camp McDowell in Nauvoo, Alabama, for its annual spring retreat, which centered on discussions of witnessing to the Gospel amid today's contentious political climate and The Episcopal Church's future in a secular society.



*Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe preaches during a prayer service at the 2025 House of Bishops gathering at Camp McDowell in Nauvoo, Alabama. Photo: Frank Logue*

The spring meeting is one of two biannual in-person House of Bishops gatherings. Traditionally, the spring meetings are more retreat-like and tend to occur at church camps. The second meeting occurs in the fall during non-General Convention years, and usually includes participation from the bishops' spouses.

“It’s always an opportunity for bishops to gather, be in prayer together, to reconnect and to consider how we best participate in God’s mission,” Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe said during a virtual media briefing. “We were sure to find our grounding in prayer and also to consider the world around us, what’s happening and how we can most effectively both speak to the world around us and to our own diocese in our own context.”

This was the first in-person House of Bishops gathering Rowe led as presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church and president of the house.

Each day, the bishops – 116 in person and three virtually – engaged in discussions on various topics ranging from using church property for mission to declining membership. The latest parochial report data shows that The Episcopal Church has decreased from about 2.3 million members to fewer than 1.6 million over the past two decades.

“We really looked hard at the statistics – the current reality – what’s happening and where in the church and how we might think about how to address those issues, both together as a House of Bishops, but also in our dioceses,” Rowe said. “We don’t have the same number of resources, but we all have enough gifts to share, and so those conversations are just getting started.”

Like last year, the bishops also reviewed and discussed Title IV disciplinary canons and church-wide calls for greater oversight and transparency in disciplinary cases involving bishops. In February 2024, The Episcopal Church, under then-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s direction, updated its website with a series of informational resources, including chronologies of active cases involving bishops under Title IV.

The bishops heard other presentations from leaders on issues concerning the wider church, including theological reflections from fellow bishops. Notably, Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright earned a standing ovation for his reflection on Christian nationalism, which has been growing throughout the United States in recent years. He called Christian nationalism “demonic.”

“Christian nationalism is not an imperfect or evolving rendering of Jesus’ life and teachings, neither should it be characterized as simply a difference of theological or political interpretation or emphasis. Christian nationalism is a deceitful rendering of Jesus’ teaching for the purpose of manipulation and the increase of mammon. This is not a fringe movement as the data shows,” Wright said in his reflection, per his notes provided to Episcopal News Service. “This is a deeply embedded, well-funded, strategic, compellingly argued appeal.”

During the 81st General Convention in 2024, the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies adopted Resolution A081, “Combat Rising Religious Nationalism,” which requires General Convention to acknowledge and urge The Episcopal Church and its mission-related entities to partner with the Anglican Communion to combat rising religious nationalism. The resolution encourages individuals, congregations, dioceses and other Episcopal affiliates to educate themselves on how religious nationalism harms marginalized groups.

“While the term Christian nationalism is relatively new, it’s a set of beliefs, practices and policy goals which are fundamentally at odds with the gospel but presented as harmonious with the gospel and as having been with us from the church’s beginning.

From Constantine’s formalization of Jesus’ little movement until now, in many lands and languages and in varied forms, Christian nationalism has opposed the aims and purposes of God while harming human beings,” Wright said, in his notes provided to ENS. “Christian nationalism is theologically illegitimate and must be called by its proper names: idolatry, blasphemy and heresy.”

Rebecca Blachly, The Episcopal Church’s chief of public policy and witness, presented the latest updates on immigration actions in the United States since President Donald Trump issued a series of executive orders in January 2025, including restrictions on the asylum process. She shared what could happen to immigration policies in the coming months and highlighted how the church is responding to the legislative changes through litigation, advocacy, education and prayer. More information is available on the Episcopal Public Policy Network and Episcopal Migration Ministries websites. Blachly also invited the bishops to consider the different ways they can individually respond as church leaders, including making public statements and engaging with local and state government officials.

The bishops gathered both in small table conversations and as a large group to discuss each presentation.



*South Carolina Bishop Ruth Woodliff-Stanley addresses the House of Bishops during the spring 2025 gathering at Camp McDowell in Nauvoo, Alabama. Photo: Frank Logue*

Alabama Bishop Glenda Curry said during the media briefing that the bishops also informally shared how they’ve been able to successfully make the Gospel’s message “more relevant or obvious to the world” in their dioceses.

“Sharing programs and different ways that they’re trying to address their own context sometimes applies to everybody,” Curry said. “We’re looking for those places where the sharing of the Gospel is growing – the attraction to the church is positive. We’re looking for ways that we can build on each other’s experience.”

Scott Bader-Saye, dean and president of the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, presented a theological reflection on faith in institutions. Bader-Saye, who is also a professor of Christian ethics and moral theology, described institutions like churches as nests that serve as containers holding the practices of people trying to accomplish a goal. Those “nests,” he said, can be adjusted and enlarged over time to accommodate new challenges and paradigms.

During the media briefing, Indianapolis Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, vice chair of the House of Bishops, described Bader-Saye's reflection as "sitting in a seminary classroom." "There was so much depth to his presentation," she said. "The way I might encapsulate it is that institutions are living, breathing things."

Each morning and at various times throughout the day, the bishops took time to worship together, meditate and reflect quietly. Some bishops expressed themselves through art, including pottery. Baskerville-Burrows said those times of shared spiritual expression throughout the gathering helped bring the bishops "closer to Jesus" in ways that feel "fresh and new."

"There's this expertise and richness within the House [of Bishops] that allows us to share our gifts, and we were able to do some of that, both in the terms of our theological thinking and thinking about the moment that we're in as a world, in a church," Baskerville-Burrows said. "I think that's the thing that will help us meet the challenges of the day. ...These relationships are so important across all our diversities, and there was definitely a deepening of them during the course of this week."

Glenda Curry said that collaborating at House of Bishops gatherings is a reminder that in today's polarizing social climate, it's crucial for the bishops to know that they're not alone in the challenges they're facing in their dioceses. "It's important to remember you're not out there by yourself, and to not feel and act as though you're isolated," Curry said. "You're connected to a power much greater than yourself."

The House of Bishops is expected to next gather in person in September in Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic, for its [fall meeting](#).

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## CREATION CARE

### [Interfaith Power & Light Statement on Closing Central Office](#)

"After much careful deliberation, the board of Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) National has made the difficult decision to suspend its central office's operations, effective January 17, 2025. To be clear, the work of the state affiliates, each its own independent entity, continues unabated, and it is from these groups that much of the IPL network's prodigious output has come over the years, and will continue to emerge.



“Despite the unwavering passion and commitment of our staff, partners, and supporters, the national NGO, that offered logistical and other support to the network of IPL affiliates, faced financial challenges that it was unable to overcome – even as the impact of the network as a whole came to be ever more centered in the affiliates.

“Still, IPL national’s efforts have been transformative.... We remain hopeful that the foundation we have built together – the relationships, the advocacy, the programs, and the momentum we have generated – will continue to serve as a catalyst for progress. Our faith traditions and spiritual practices call us together in the shared belief that we must care for this planet and for those most impacted by the climate crisis.”

### WEEKDAY WORSHIP AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

When we feel a need for immediate worship, healing, prayer and fellowship during the week, we are welcome at these Holy Trinity Church weekday services:

Centering Prayer - Sunday 4:00pm at the church and Wednesday 7:00pm on zoom

Compline - Thursday 8:00pm at the church and on YouTube

Noonday Prayer - Monday - Saturday 12:00pm at the church and on YouTube

Healing Eucharist - Wednesday following Noonday Prayer

## Notes from the Office

The next Vestry Meeting will be April 10 2025, 6:30 p.m. in Boesser Hall. Contact any vestry member (see page 18) if you have any questions or concerns for the Vestry.

### **Prayers of the People**

**Please help me keep the list of people we pray for up to date. Unless otherwise told a person is on the list for four weeks. My master list has an indefinite and specified column. Please let me know if you see a name that no longer needs to be on the list.**

### **Email Dan at:**

[sbrendans1985@gmail.com](mailto:sbrendans1985@gmail.com)  
**for approved minutes and financials from any vestry meeting**

*Lori posts the financials on the bulletin board in the entry after each vestry meeting*

### Loose Offering

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month:

Rector's Discretionary Fund

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month:

Glory Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:

General Fund

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:

Vestry Discretionary Fund

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:

*Meals on Wheels*

Scheduling a meeting?

Please let Dan know...

Dan Hall, Office/Building Manager

[sbrendans1984@gmail.com](mailto:sbrendans1984@gmail.com)

702 374-7475

*If you are unable to do the assigned below, please find someone to exchange or substitute and make changes on schedule in narthex. I will check the schedule each week before printing the bulletin.*

## April 6 ~ May 4 ~ 2025 Schedule

	<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>May 4</b>
<b>Altar</b>	Daisy/Dan	Lori	Brita	Tonya	Daisy/Dan
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Brita	Stephanie	Barbara	Rob	Brita
<b>Psalm</b>	Rob	Barbara	Stephanie	Dave	Rob
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Stephanie	Brita	Jo	Stephanie	Stephanie
<b>Gospel</b>	Dave	Jo	Michael	Barbara	Dave
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Barbara	Rob	Brita	Jo	Barbara
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Rob & Jo	Dave & Barbara	Rob & Jo	Dave & Dan	Rob & Jo
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Dave	Jo	Michael	Barbara	Dave
<b>Godly Play</b>	Michael, Tamara, Tonya	Michael, Tamara, Tonya	Michael, Tamara, Tonya	Michael, Tamara, Tonya	Michael, Tamara, Tonya
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jeff	Carla	Potluck	Carol	Ingrid
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff/Carol	Barbara	Dave	Ingrid/Jo	Jeff/Carol

### Services during Holy Week:

**Maundy Thursday (Dan), 7 p.m. April 17, 2025**

**Good Friday (Dave), 5:30 p.m. April 18, 2025**

**Easter Vigil at Holy Trinity, 9 p.m. April 19, 2025**



# April Building Use 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
			<b>Lenten Soup and Worship 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Viking Swim Club</b>	<b>Pentecostal 7 pm- <u>Midnight</u> Viking Swim Club</b>	<b>Viking Swim Club</b>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Pentecostal <u>2 - 5 pm</u> Viking Swim Club</b>	<b>Viking Swim Club</b>		<b>Lenten Soup and Worship 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vestry 6:30</b>	<b>Pentecostal 7 pm- <u>Midnight</u> Girl Scouts 6 pm</b>	<b>Pentecostal 10 am - noon</b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Pentecostal 2 - 5 pm</b>				<b>Maundy Thursday 7 pm</b>	<b>Pentecostal 7 pm- <u>Midnight</u> Good Friday 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil Holy Trinity 9 pm</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Pentecostal <u>2 - 5 pm</u> Potluck and Easter egg hunt</b>					<b>Pentecostal 7 pm- <u>Midnight</u> Girl Scouts 6 pm</b>	
27	28	29	30			
<b>Pentecostal 2 - 5 pm</b>						

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**Vestry ~ 2025**

*(leadership positions are held until the Annual Meeting in 2025)*

**Senior Warden: Dave Muldoon (2024-2026)**

**Junior Warden: Brita Rice (2025-2027)**

**Vestry Clerk: Michael Rowcroft (2023-2025)**

**Jo Schoeppe (2023-2025)**

**Daisy Davenport (2025-2027)**

**Rob Smith (2024-2026)**

**Treasurer: Lori Seymour (Ex-officio)**

*Prayer for the Parish*

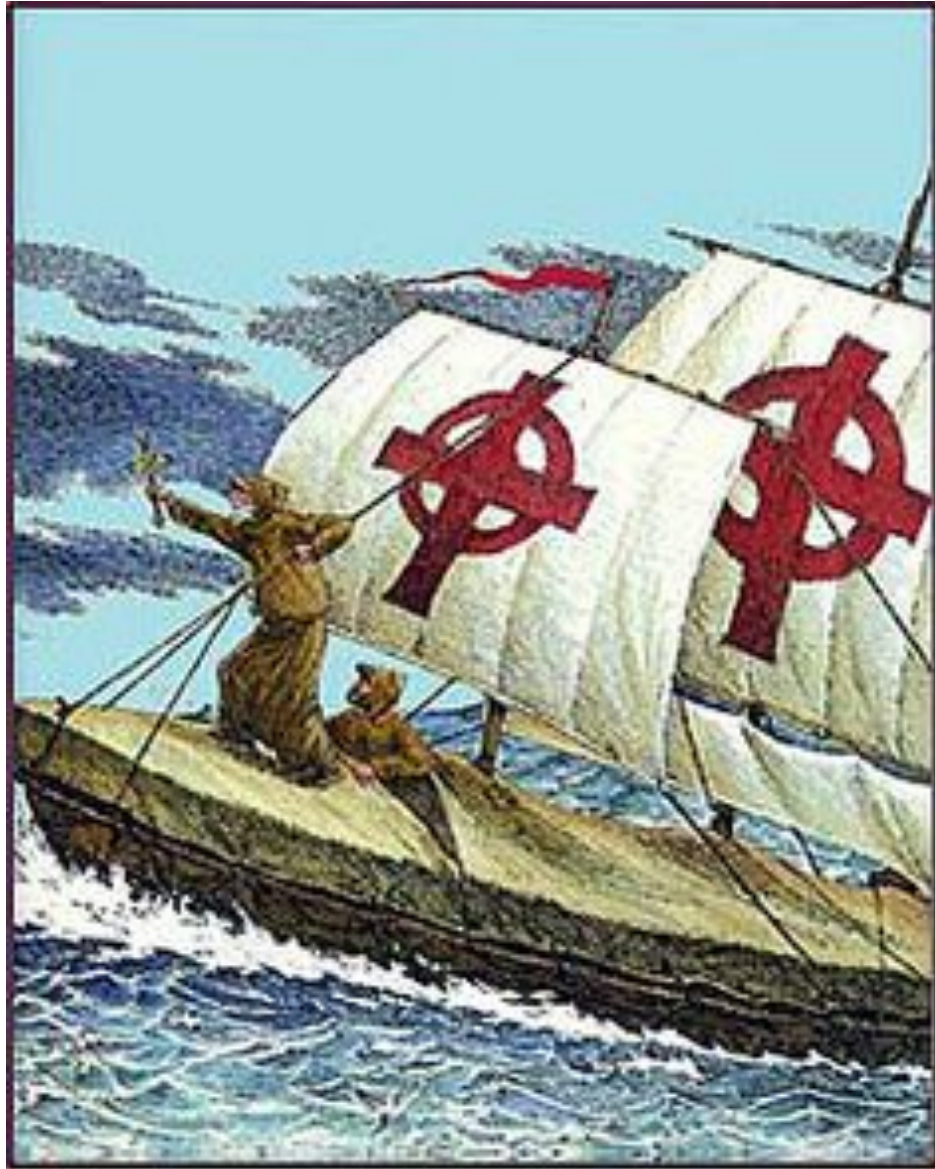
Disturb us, Lord, when  
We are too pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when  
With the abundance of things we possess  
We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wilder seas  
Where storms will show Your mastery'  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back  
The horizons of our hopes'  
And push back the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain,  
Who is Jesus Christ.  
*(attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 1577)*



*St. Brendan's is named after a Celtic saint. Brendan was a sefarer and his symbol being a raven made it very suitable for a congregation in Southeast Alaska. He and a small group embarked on a voyage of faith with only their trust in the Lord to guide and guard them. Like the sefarer, we hope St. Brendan's Church will always have new horizons upon which to set its sail.*