

The Navigator

February 2026



St. Brendan's Episcopal Church
Juneau, Alaska

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Hello Everyone,



39th Annual Parish Meeting Highlights

Elections

Vestry:

Chuck Adams, Jeff Fujioka, and Dan Hall

(Jeff Fujioka drew the short straw and will finish the two years of Daisy Davenport's term)



Diocesan Convention Delegates:

Poopathi Manickam
Andrew Shand

Deanery Convocation Delegates:

Barbara Learmonth
Brita Rice
Michael Rowcroft
Lori Seymour

Southeast Deanery
of
The Episcopal Church
Diocese of Alaska



Minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting, 2025 Year End Financial Report, and Presentation of 2026 Budget accepted.

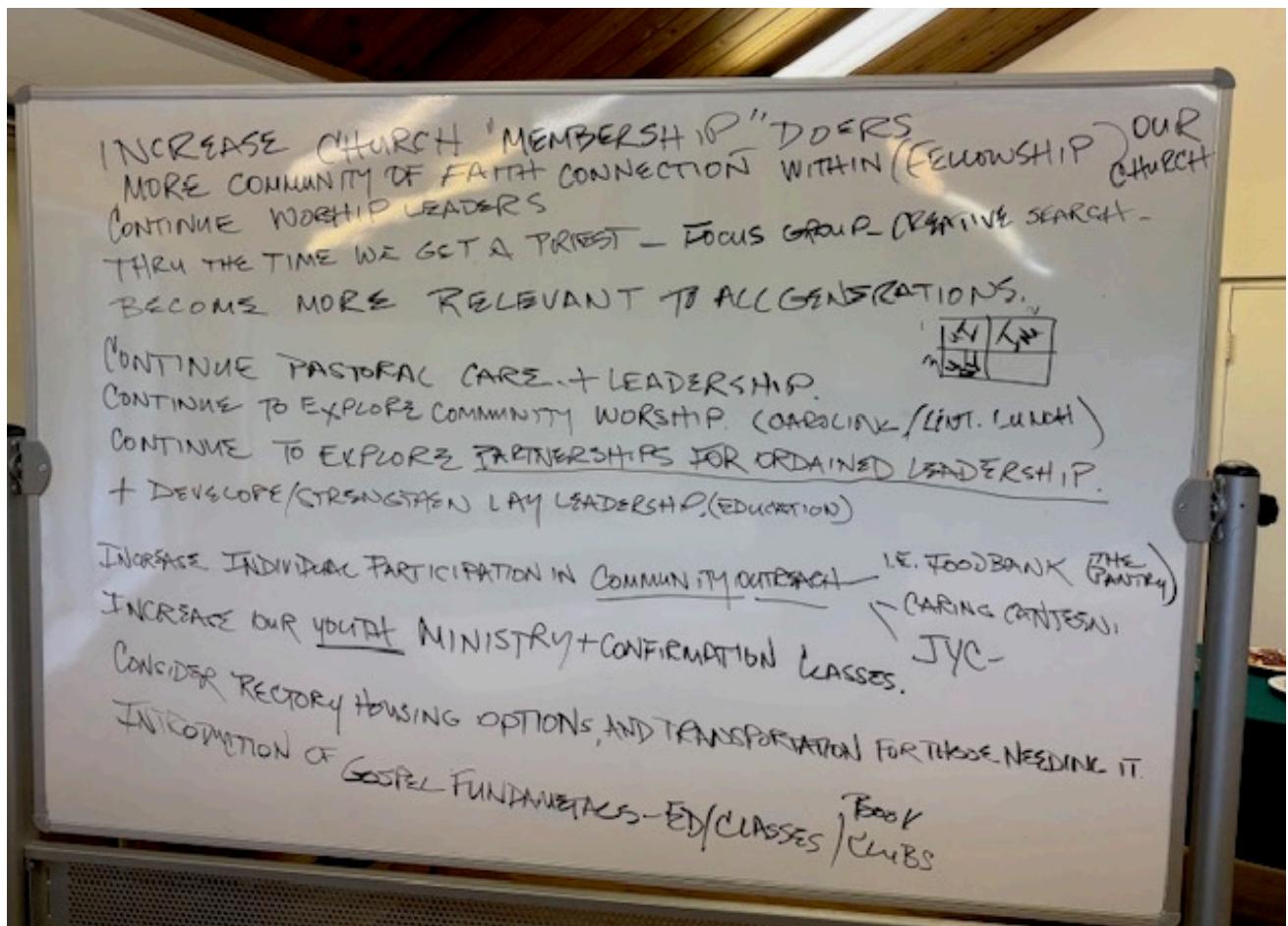
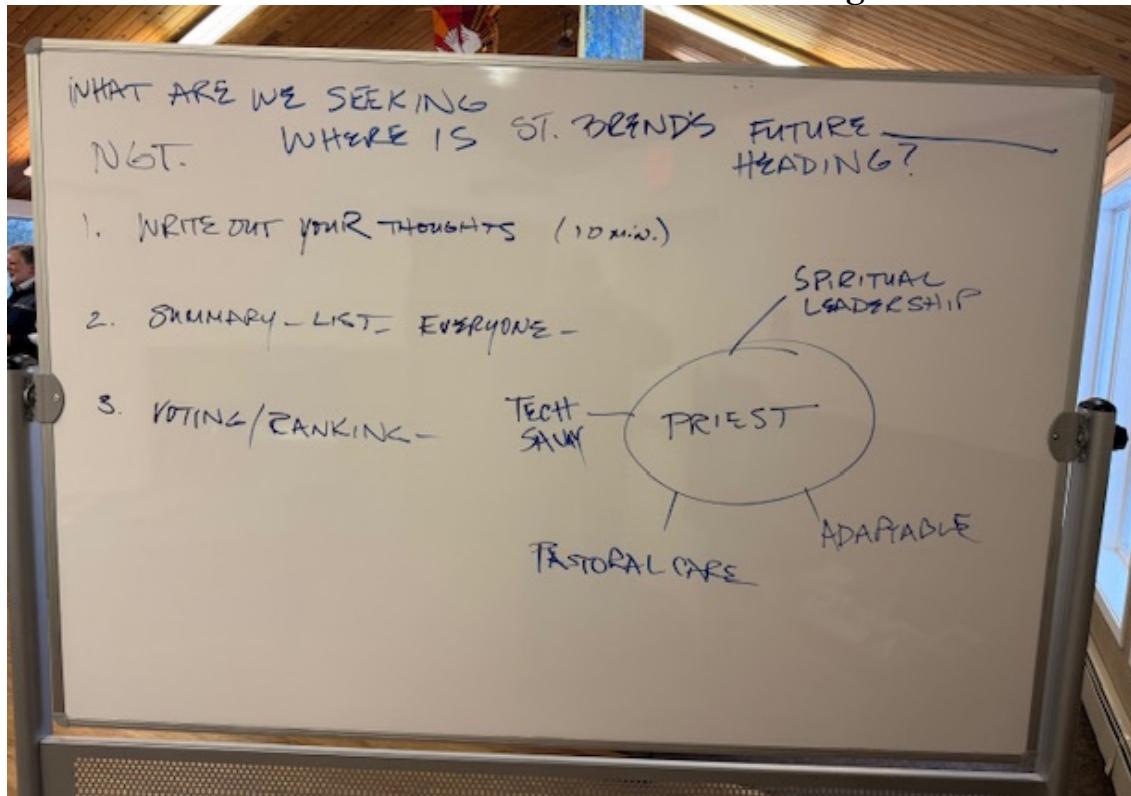
Presentation

The future of St. Brendan's, what are we seeking – where are we headed?

Michael Rowcroft did an outstanding job of leading the congregation in the process of discerning the above topic and was exceptional in soliciting a comment from everyone in attendance. All comments were recorded on the white board (*see next page*). The comments collected will be presented to the Vestry and they will incorporate them into the goals that they develop for St. Brendan's in 2026. The Vestry sets goals each year, but this year they will be reporting back to the congregation, something that has never been done, how their thoughts, wishes, and comments gathered at the annual meeting will be incorporated into the goals for St. Brendan's.

A lot of good work was done...Thank you Michael.

These may be a little tough to read, but wanted to include them as a reminder and for those that were unable to attend the annual meeting.



Bishop Mark Lattime's Annual Visit to St. Brendan's



It was great to have Bishop Mark Lattime present on Saturday to meet with the Vestry and to lead the Holy Eucharist and be present at St. Brendan's 39th Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday.

At the end of the presentation led by Michael and before St. Brendan's broke for the potluck, Bishop Mark took a moment to summarize his thoughts on process the congregation just completed.

He started by saying that he has had the opportunity to participate in many annual parish meeting across the diocese and the challenges are the same whether a church has full time clergy or doesn't have clergy. They have the same conversations about how to increase membership, how to increase youth involvement and other areas of concern that St. Brendan's listed.

He went on to say "... my final summary is to put a bracket on all of this (*referring to what is written at the top of the board*) and just remind us what we really need is the presence of Christ in our midst. When we talk about ordained leaders feeding us, if a leader is doing her or his job right, they are not feeding you from themselves, they are feeding you from the riches of Christ's grace that is what those of us who are ordained have vowed to do. And what I love and what I said earlier is that you all have been nurturing yourselves in that same riches of Christ's grace. So as long as Jesus and holy spirit sits as the ultimate leader of you here at St. Brendan's I am assured that you will be well nourished and you will be well led into the future. And there are ways you have brilliant, smart, committed people serving in leadership here and you will take these I am sure and come up with a more focused and strategic plans as to how you might be able to develop your ministry here. Thank you for this really good work."

I offer my thanks to all those that submitted reports, the Fellowship Committee for the organization of and set up for the potluck, and to Senior Warden Dave Muldoon for leading the meeting.

On the schedule for St. Brendan's

Shrove Tuesday:

Tuesday, February 17, 2025

5:30 p.m. ~ Adams Hall



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2025
7:00 p.m.

The Way of the Cross ~ Fridays during Lent at 5:30 p.m. ~ led by Worship Leaders

The Way of the Cross is a prayerful devotion that recalls the series of events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and burial. In the early centuries of the Christian faith, pilgrims to Jerusalem often visited the places connected to the final hours of Jesus' earthly life. Over time, Christians unable to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem developed the practice of recalling those events using images and "stations" to imitate the Jerusalem pilgrimage and to meditate on the final hours and events of Jesus' life. There are fourteen traditional stations. Eight stations correspond to events found in the Bible, and the remaining six stations are either based on inferences from the Bible or on pious tradition.



Lenten Season Community Soup and Worship

Once again this year there will be a time for Lenten Soup and Worship every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. sponsored by several Juneau churches.

The churches involved are:

Kuneix Hidi Northern Light United Church, Douglas Methodist, St. Paul's, Church of the Nazarene, Holy Trinity, Douglas Island Bible, First Baptist, Shepherd of the Valley, Resurrection Lutheran, and St. Brendan's.

The gathering will begin at 5:30 for a short worship (30 minutes max) then a time of fellowship and soup.

This year it is St. Brendan's turn to provide Soup and Bread, last year we provided the space and worship. We do not know at this time which church we will partner with to provide the space and worship. When I know I will let St. Brendan's Know. The first opportunity for a gathering will be February 25.



One more quick note on the annual meeting.

The Vestry will elect Sr. and Jr. Wardens and a Clerk after the service on Sunday, February 1. Lori Seymour was elected to continue as Treasurer. The Vestry will also designate the loose offering for a month that has five Sundays and confirm that Vestry meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m..

All the best,
Dan

DATES TO REMEMBER

February – Black History Month

February 6 – Sisters and Brothers Breakfast

February 8 – Super Bowl Sunday & assemble JYC gift bags

February 13 – Feast Day of Absalom Jones

February 16 – Presidents’ Day & Elizabeth Peratrovich Day

February 17 – Worship Leaders zoom meeting with Bishop

February 17 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – 5:30 p.m.

February 18 – Ash Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

Every Friday, Feb. 20 – March 27 –The Way of the Cross 5:30 p.m.

February 27 - Navigator submissions due



PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage,
that they may have the strength to meet the days to come
with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope,
but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness,
and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.
And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Editor's Note: Our Presiding Bishop issued two important messages this week. Both messages are set out below in full.

FROM PRESIDIING BISHOP SEAN ROWE: Death and Despair Do Not have the Last Word

Dear people of God in The Episcopal Church:

Like Jesus, we live in frightening times. His earthly ministry began, as we heard in today's Gospel reading, when John the Baptist was imprisoned by authorities who wanted to silence his preaching and prophesying.

Jesus knew what happens when earthly powers persuade human beings to fear one another, regard one another as strangers, and believe that there is not enough to go around. In Jesus' time, the power of these divisions motivated John's beheading and Jesus' own death on the cross at the hands of Roman authorities.

In our time, the deadly power of those divisions is on display on the streets of Minneapolis, in other places across the United States, and in other countries around the world. As has too often been the case throughout history, the most vulnerable among us are bearing the burden, shouldering the greatest share of risk and loss, and enduring the violation of their very humanity.

But we do not grieve without hope. The Christian story is full of people who lived in frightening and brutal times, and who followed Jesus' call that we heard in church today. His proclamation turns us away from the fear born of sin and death and toward the kingdom of God, toward Christ's ministry of justice, reconciliation, and love. "From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view," the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth (2 Corinthians 5:16), exhorting them to reject the divisions of their time in favor of being ambassadors for Christ.

This is God's call to The Episcopal Church now, and it is not an easy one. In the United States, we no longer live in a time when we can expect to practice our faith without risk, and we are confronting what vulnerable communities of faith have experienced for generations. Our right to worship freely as one church, committed to the dignity of every human being, has been curtailed by the fear that too many immigrant Christians face when they leave their homes. Peaceful protests, a right long enshrined in the Constitution, are now made deadly. Carrying out the simple commands of Jesus—feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, visiting prisoners, making peace—now involves risks for the church and grave danger for those we serve. As Christians, we must acknowledge that this chaos and division is not of God, and we must commit ourselves to paying whatever price our witness requires of us.

In the coming years, our church will continue to be tested in every conceivable way as we insist that death and despair do not have the last word, and as we stand with immigrants and the most vulnerable among us who reside at the heart of God. We will be required to hold fast to God's promise to make all things new, because our call to follow God's law surpasses any earthly power or principality that might seek to silence our witness.

To those of you who are in the center of the storm, please know that I am praying for you as you embody the love of Christ in your ministries and communities. To those of you who are watching with concern and fear, I ask you to pray for those who have died in protests and detention, for those who witnessed their deaths, and for everyone who bears authority and responsibility in this moment, that they may exercise wisdom, restraint, and courage. Pray too, especially in the days to come, for the witness of our church in these times and for a hedge of protection around all the beloved children of God who live in fear this day.

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop
The Episcopal Church

FROM PRESIDING BISHOP SEAN ROWE: Support Emergency Migration Ministry

Feast of John Chrysostom
Jan. 27, 2026

Dear people of God in The Episcopal Church:

As the situation in the United States grows more fraught, The Episcopal Church is working to find new ways to care for God's people in our immigrant communities. Many of you have asked how you can help.

Please join me in making a generous donation that will allow us to provide emergency funding for ministry with migrants. Your gift will allow us to rush financial support to dioceses that are loving and caring for immigrants in these difficult times.

Last week, we sent funds to our siblings in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to support Casa Maria, a place for vulnerable neighbors to receive food and clothing and network with others. Your gift will help support ministries like this across The Episcopal Church.

As we approach the season of Lent, I will invite us all into a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we turn toward Christ's ministry of justice, reconciliation, and love during divisive times. Please watch for these invitations in the coming days.

About 1,500 years ago, John Chrysostom, whose feast we celebrate today, had his own share of trouble with the forces of this world. In a famous homily, he said, "If Christ is with me, whom shall I fear? Though the waves and the sea and the anger of princes are roused against me, they are less to me than a spider's web."

The anger of princes is raging around us, but Christ is with us, and God is calling us into the waves. Please give as you are able and pray for the witness of the church in these times, and for a hedge of protection around the people we serve who live in fear.

Yours in Christ,

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop
The Episcopal Church

FEBRUARY OUTREACH NEWS!



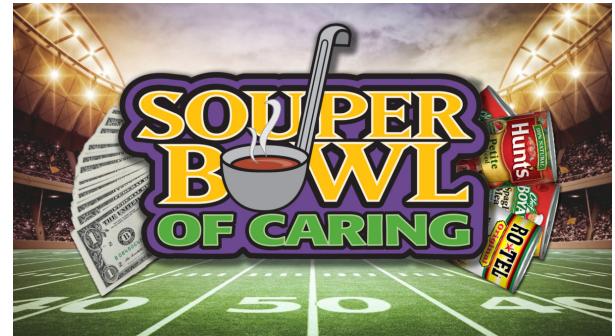
February is a busy month for St. Brendan's Outreach. Lots of ways to spread the "love." Our main project is the Souper Bowl, a means to raise money for the Southeast Alaska Food Bank, while having some fun supporting the teams who are playing in the Super Bowl.

That same day, February 8th, we will be putting together 10 bags for the young ladies at the Johnson Youth Center. See my note below, in regards to this project.

We acknowledge that there are times throughout the year that Outreach may have multiple focuses in the same month. Moving forward, while we do our best to contribute resources to all of these projects to help enrich the lives of people in our community, we intend to be aware and sensitive not to ask too much of the congregation.

Souper Bowl 2026 is February 8th

The Souper Bowl of Caring event is a nationwide movement with people working together to help fight hunger and poverty. A fun way for us to show support for the team you would like to see win the Super Bowl and help support the Southeast Alaska Food Bank at the same time. On the big day (2/8/2026) 2 soup pots will be set out on a cart in the back of the church, each labeled with the names of the teams playing in the Super Bowl that afternoon.



You are welcome to make a donation in support of the team of your choice – Seattle or New England. The money from each soup pot will be tallied after church, and we will announce the winner for Souper Bowl during coffee hour. And all the money raised will be donated to the Southeast Alaska Food Bank to help curb food insecurity in our community.

Valentine's Day Bags for JYC



We will be putting together 10 bags for the girls at the Johnson Youth Center on Sunday February 8th. Outreach will supply all the “love” treats, snacks and other goodies for the bags. We hope that you will join us in putting the bags together on Sunday February 8th.

Caring Canteen

St. Brendan's will prepare and serve our next Caring Canteen meal on February 10th. This has become a great opportunity for us to help feed those in need from the Chinook Apartments on Cinema Drive. Looking ahead, our next turn in the Caring Canteen rotation will be March 17th.



Wishing you all a blessed February,

Carla



**Sisters and Brothers Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m.
Friday, February 6, 2026
All are welcome!!!**

The following one will be on March 6th, and we plan to continue to celebrate through Lent.



WEEKDAY WORSHIP AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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 February 12, 2026, 6:30 p.m. in Boesser Hall. Contact any vestry member (see page 17) 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
for approved minutes and financials from any vestry meeting

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

Scheduling a meeting?
Please let Dan know...

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Loose Offering

1st Sunday of the month:
Rector's Discretionary Fund

2nd Sunday of the month:
Glory Hall

3rd Sunday of the month:
General Fund

4th Sunday of the month:
Vestry Discretionary Fund

5th Sunday of the month:
Will be designated at Feb. Vestry Meeting

Forward Day by Day for February, March & April available in Narthex

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Serving Schedule

February 1 ~ March 1 ~ 2026

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22	March 1
Altar	Dave Muldoon	Dan Hall	Lori Seymour	Brita Rice	Tonya Muldoon
1st Reading	Rob Smith	Barbara Learmonth	Dave Muldoon	Brita Rice	Dave Muldoon
Psalm	Dave Muldoon	Brita Rice	Rob Smith	Jo Schoeppe	Dan Hall
2nd Reading	Dan Hall	Jo Schoeppe	Stephanie Hall	Jackie Schulz	Stephanie Hall
Gospel	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Barbara Learmonth	Michael Rowcroft
Prayers of the People	Stephanie Hall	Jackie Schulz	Barbara Learmonth	Rob Smith	Jo Schoeppe
Chalice Bearer	Rob Smith & Barbara Learmonth	Dan Hall & Jo Schoeppe	Rob Smith & Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe & Dave Muldoon	Rob Smith & Barbara Learmonth
Worship Leader	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Barbara Learmonth	Michael Rowcroft
Godly Play	Michael & Tamara Rowcroft & Tonya Muldoon				
Coffee Hour	Carol Fujioka	Carla Adams	Carol Fujioka	Carla Adams	Carol Fujioka
Ushers	Dave Muldoon	Jeff & Carol Fujioka	Alec Muldoon	Ingrid Zaruba & Jo Schoeppe	Dave Muldoon

Little Lambs Preschool M – F, 7:45 – 1:00 in Boesser Hall

February

Building Use 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
1	2	3	4	5	Sisters & Brothers <u>8 am</u> Pentecostal 7 pm- Midnight	6	7
8 Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm	9	10 Food Truck	11	12 Vestry 6:30 pm	13 Pentecostal 7 pm- Midnight	14 Pentecostal 10 am – noon	
15 Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm	16	17 Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 5:30 pm	18 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm	19	20 Pentecostal 7 pm- <u>Midnight</u> Way of the Cross 5:30 pm	21	
22 Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm	23	24	25	26	27 Pentecostal 7 pm- <u>Midnight</u> Way of the Cross 5:30 pm	28	

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Vestry ~ 2026

(leadership positions are held until the Annual Meeting in 2027)

Chuck Adams (2026-2028)

Jeff Fujioka (2025-2027) *Elected at 2026 annual Meeting will fill out Daisy Davenport's term*

Dan Hall (2026-2028)

Dave Muldoon (2024-2026)

Brita Rice (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)

