

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025 ✕ 10 am

Welcome to St. Bede's Episcopal Church

St. Bede's is a sacred place where God and the human pilgrimage meet. It is a welcoming community, characteristic of the God we serve as followers of Christ—welcoming and affirming people of every race, age, sexuality, culture, ethnicity, gender identity, education, economic circumstances, family configuration, and ability. We believe Jesus the Christ to be the incarnation of God's love—the God who is reconciling and offering hospitality to the whole world.

Holy Eucharist The Liturgy of the Word

Voluntary

Welcome

Opening Hymn All who believe and are baptized (*Es ist das Heil*)

Hymnal 298

Opening Acclamation

One Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Many And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity (*All pray together*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: 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. Amen.

Song of Praise *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S 280 (Powell)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Collect of the Day

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

One God be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Together, let us pray.

Holy One, as Jesus taught the disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lesson Genesis 18:20–32

The Lord said to Abraham, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Let me take it upon myself to

“speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Many Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;**
- ³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- ⁴ **When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.**
- ⁵ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁶ **They will sing of the ways of God, *
that great is the glory of God.**
- ⁷ Although on high, God cares for the lowly *
and perceives the haughty from afar.
- ⁸ **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**
- ⁹ You will make good your purpose for me; *
O God, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Sequence Hymn Forgive our sins as we forgive (*Detroit*)

Hymnal 674

Gospel Luke 11:1–13

One The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Many Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

One The Gospel of the Lord.
Many Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev'd Lynnsay A. Buehler

A period of silence follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed (*sung by all*)

1

We believe in God the Father,
God Almighty, by whose plan
Earth and heaven sprang to being,
All created things began.
We believe in Christ the Savior,
Son of God in human form,
Child of Mary and the Spirit,
God incarnate for us born.



2

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
Like a lamb to slaughter led,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
He descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
As the scriptures do proclaim,
To the Father's side ascended
Till in glory comes to reign.



3

We believe in God the Spirit:
In one Church, below, above;
Saints of God in one communion,
One in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Reconciled to foe and friend,
We shall rise with Christ in glory
To the life that knows no end.



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music: *Blaenwern*, William Penfro Rowlands (1860–1937):
first published in Henry H. Jones' *Cân a Moliant* (1915)

The Prayers of the People

written by the people of St. Bede's

The deacon bids the prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

One Loving God, we give thanks for your presence;

Many **One God with many faces.**

One We pray for all baptized people;

Many **That we may live fully into our covenant with you.**

One Give us faith to serve you in all people;

Many **And our neighbors as ourselves.**

One Bless the leaders of our land;

Many **That we may be a people at peace among ourselves
and a blessing to other nations.**

One Give us wisdom to revere our mother earth;

Many **That we may be faithful stewards of her abundance.**

One Open our eyes to the joys and sorrows of others;

Many **That barriers which divide us may crumble
and we may live in justice and peace.**

Let us welcome into this space our own prayers of celebration and hope ...

Let us welcome in prayers for healing and wholeness ...

Let us welcome in prayers for the Church and for the World ...

Let us welcome in prayers for those who have died and for those who mourn ...

The one presiding adds a concluding collect.

Confession & Absolution

The deacon bids the confession.

Let us confess our sins to God.

A period of silence is kept. All pray together.

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.

One 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please gently exchange the peace, perhaps with a wave or bow, as a courtesy to others.

One The peace of Christ be always with you.

Many And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

Presentation Hymn O day of God, draw nigh (*St. Michael*)

Hymnal 601

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, *Book of Common Prayer*, 1979, alt.

One God be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

Many We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The one presiding continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 129 (Powell)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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The one presiding continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from Blessed Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."**

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory.

The one presiding continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, Blessed Julian, Blessed Bede, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

One And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All pray together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

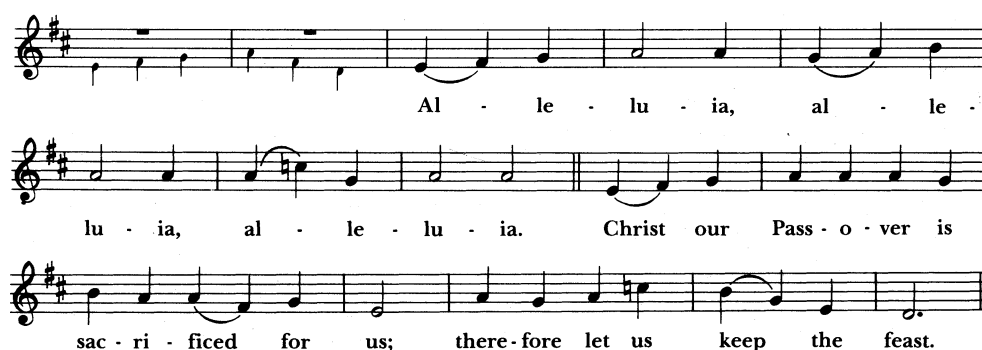
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The one presiding breaks the bread.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 155 (Near)





Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The one presiding extends the following invitation to share in communion.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymn at Communion For the bread which you have broken (*Omni die*)

Hymnal 341

Announcements

Post-Communion Prayer

All pray together

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The one presiding pronounces God's blessing.

Closing Hymn Joyful, joyful, we adore thee (*Ode to Joy*)

Hymnal 376

Dismissal

One Our worship has concluded and now our service begins.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

Many Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary
of Barbara and Jim Helms.

St. Bede's Prayer List

In our St. Bede's community, prayer has recently been requested for:

Martha West

Jan Swoope

Prayer has been requested on a more long-term basis for:

Margie Klein

Michele Heller

Lynn Williams

Jim Handsfield

Barbie Olsen

Dixie Snider

Connie Coralli

David Boyd

Debhani Hernandez

Al and Regina Studwell

Sarah Jane and Jim Ohl

Mary Rodriguez

Helen Abraham

Cameron Maddox

Aree Bancroft

Nancy Waring

Frances Bowen

Ann Foote

Sue Ellen Lampros

Prayer has also been requested for these in our wider community:

Bill Edgar, *Beth Cannon's father*

Edna Bacon, *Amanda Vaughn's aunt*

Art Haecker, *Helen Loeb's brother*

Carol Guthrie, *sister of Ann Foote*

Andy Matia, *friend of Ann Foote*

Mary Robert, *sister of Martha Robert*

Wright Coleman, *son of Jennie Couture*

Fay Key, *friend of the St. Bede's community*

Eleanor Pearlman, *granddaughter of Gwen Heaton*

Anne Jones, *sister of Claiborne Jones*

We give thanks for those serving our country in the military:

Josh Bowers

Jonathan

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:

7/27 Mike Flanagan

7/27 Samuel Pittman

7/28 Stan Meiburg

7/29 Sean Bevaqua

7/30 Bill Studwell

7/31 Emma Brantley

8/1 Julia Lee

8/2 Beth Walden

8/2 Clara Branch

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We invite and welcome *all* to worship, serve, and grow together
as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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