

# The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 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 praise to thee (*Engelberg*)

**Hymnal 477**

### 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

*A Prayer Book for Australia* (1995) alt.

*One* God be with you.

*Many* And also with you.

*One* Together, let us pray.

Inviting God, laying open your table to those without status or power, and setting a place for the foreign and the unwanted: overturn our tables of power and teach us to receive bread from stranger and friend alike; through Jesus Christ, the one given for all. Amen.

## Lesson Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*One* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*Many* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 112

- <sup>1</sup> Alleluia! Happy are they who fear God, \*  
and have great delight in the commandments!
- <sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blest.**
- <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right; they put their trust in God.
- <sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

**Sequence Hymn** Tell out, my soul (*Woodlands*)

**Hymnal 438**

**Gospel** Luke 14:1, 7–14

*One* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*Many* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

*One* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Many* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon The Very Rev'd S. Chadwick Vaughn

*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.



words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1989, alt., 8.7.8.7.D  
music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony* (1835)

### 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.*

### **A Collect for Labor Day**

Holy One, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **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** My God, thy table now is spread (*Rockingham*)

**Hymnal 321**

### 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)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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** O beautiful, for spacious skies (*Materna*)

**Hymnal 719**

### **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** Come, labor on (*Ora Labora*)

**Hymnal 541**

### **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 memory of Peter Stellato  
by the Burton Family



## St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Helen Loeb

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

Connie Coralli

Margie Klein

Michele Heller

Lynn Williams

Jim Handsfield

Barbie Olsen

Dixie Snider

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:**

Charlotte Flores, *wife of Anton Flores*

Hope Hudson, *great-granddaughter of Jean Petersen*

Stuart Allen, *son-in-law of Jean Petersen*

Susan Brown, *friend of Lynnsay Buehler*

Terry Walker, *friend of Larry Bing*

Family and friends of Stacey Cooper Phillips, *niece of Larry Bing*

Adam Kallal, *friend of Anita Montelione*

Kayt Hoch, *daughter-in-law of Martha and David West*

Bill Edgar, *father of Beth Cannon*

Art Haecker, *brother of Helen Loeb*

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 pray for those who have died:**

Edna Bacon, *aunt of Amanda Vaughn*

Paul Lee, *family of Cathe Echterhoff*

Stacey Cooper Phillips, *niece of Larry Bing*

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

Josh Bowers

Jonathan

**We give thanks with Lynn Williams, whose birthday was last Sunday, August 24.**

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:**

8/31 Maggie Kottke

9/3 Laura Martin

9/5 Claude Oakley

9/6 Lisa Main

9/6 Alex Larrivey



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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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