

# The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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

**Processional Hymn** Prepare the way, O Zion (*Bereden vag*)

**Hymnal 65**

### Opening Acclamation

*One* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*Many* You come to your people and set them free.

### Collect for Purity (*said 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.

**Kyrie eleison** *Missa Conditor alme siderum*

*Enriching our Music 2 (Boles)*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in G-flat major (three flats). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is marked 'Cantor' and 'All'. The second staff is marked 'Cantor'. The third staff is marked 'All'. The fourth and fifth staves are marked 'All'. The lyrics are: Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Chri-ste e-le-i-son. Chri-ste e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

## Collect of the Day

Anglican Church of Canada (2004) alt.

*One* God be with you.

*Many* And also with you.

*One* Together, let us pray.

God of justice, clear our lives of hatred and despair and sow in us seeds of joy and peace; so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us as we await the coming of the Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Lesson Isaiah 11:1–10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

*Many* Thanks be to God.

## Psalms 72:1–7, 18–19

<sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son,

<sup>2</sup> **That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> **He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup> **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>18</sup> **Blest are you, O God of Israel; \*  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup> And blest is your glorious Name for ever! \*  
May all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

**Sequence Hymn** O day of peace that dimly shines (*Jerusalem*)

**Hymnal 597**

**Gospel** Matthew 3:1–12

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

*Many* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*One* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Many* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** The Rev’d E. Claiborne Jones

*A period of silence follows the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed** (*said by all*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

from *Intercessions for the Christian People*

*The Deacon bids the prayers.*

God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love, let us lift up our prayer to God for the needs of all people throughout the world, saying: O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and the nations shall cease to learn war any more. O God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. O God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people of good will who seek to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service of others in the name of Christ. O God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love. O God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are assembled here today, that we may be clothed with the love of Christ Jesus and go forth from this place to be Christ in the world. O God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have asked for our prayers that we may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives. O God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

### **Offertory Anthem**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings to the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn, to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall be joyful in my God. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

words: Isaiah 61:1–3,11

music: Allen Orton Gibbs (1910–66)

**Presentation Hymn** Comfort, comfort ye, my people (*Psalms* 47)

**Hymnal 67**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B from *The 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Cantor* *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of po - wer and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
*Cantor*  
 Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*All*  
 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 - san - na in the high - est. 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 shed 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,

*All pray together*

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** Be known to us (*Missa Conditor alme siderum*)

setting by Frank Boles

antiphon; cantor, then all

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

*Choir:* The bread which we break [Alleluia] is the communion of the  
body of Christ. **[Antiphon]**

*Choir:* One body are we [Alleluia] for though many we share one bread. **[Antiphon]**

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn** Herald, sound the note of judgment (*Herald, sound*)

**Hymnal 70**

**Announcements**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*All pray together*

Merciful God,  
may this Eucharist free us from our sins,  
fill us with unending joy,  
and prepare us for the birth of our Savior.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
the one who was, and is, and is to come. Amen.

**Blessing**

*The one presiding pronounces God's blessing.*

**Processional Hymn** There's a voice in the wilderness crying (*Ascension*)

**Hymnal 75**

**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 greenery on the altar  
is given to the glory of God and  
in memory of our son,  
Andrew McPherson West,  
by Martha and David West



## St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Larry Channell	Raz Schreiber
Jim Helms	Suzanne Shapiro
Carlin Lutz	Doug Weaver

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

Helen Loeb	David Boyd	Aree Bancroft
Margie Klein	Debhani Hernandez	Nancy Waring
Michele Heller	Al and Regina Studwell	Frances Bowen
Lynn Williams	Sarah Jane and Jim Ohl	Ann Foote
Jim Handsfield	Mary Rodriguez	Sue Ellen Lampros
Barbie Olsen	Helen Abraham	
Dixie Snider	Cameron Maddox	

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

Issy Weaver, *mother of Doug Weaver*  
Anne Parker, *sister of Robin Schreiber*  
Rufus Williamson, *father of Kay Entekin*  
Bill and Nancy Love, *parents of Becca Love*  
James Smythe, *great-nephew of Molly Graves*  
Larry Sullivan, *friend of Joan Greer*  
Kayt Hoch, *daughter-in-law of Martha and David West*  
Bill Edgar, *father of Beth Cannon*  
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:**

"Honey" Philomena Cesaro, *friend of Connie Coralli*  
Linda Byrne, *mother of Alexis Carter*  
Teresa Powell Spires, *mother of Drew Spires, grandmother of James, Caroline, & Savannah Spires*

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

Josh Bowers  
Jonathan

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

12/7 Amy Busch	12/9 Benjamin Klein
12/8 Kate Tucker	12/12 Anita Montelione
12/8 Rebecca Pope	12/12 Randy Roberson
12/8 Larry Channell	





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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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