

# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026 ✕ 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** The people who in darkness walked (*Dundee*)

**Hymnal 126**

### Opening Acclamation

*One* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*Many* Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

### 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.

### Song of Praise *Gloria in excelsis*

*Hymnal S 278 (Mathias)*

*Children ages 3–5th grade may move at this time to a special gathering for children's formation.*



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

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (2009) alt.

*One* God be with you.

*Many* And also with you.

*One* Together, let us pray.

God of all people, you sent your Son into our shadowed world. May his dawning light give hope to the broken, the persecuted, the alien, and the excluded, so that we might feel the kingdom drawing near and turn to follow him; through Jesus Christ, the morning star. Amen.

### Lesson Isaiah 9:1–4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

*Many* Thanks be to God.



- 1 God is my light and my salvation; whom then sháll I fear? \*  
**God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall / I bé afraid?**
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flésh, \*  
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum-/bled ánd fell.**
- 3 Though an army should encamp agáinst me, \*  
**yet my heart shall / not bé afraid;**
- 4 And though war should rise up agáinst me, \*  
**yet will I put / my trúst in God.**
- 5 One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thínɡ I seek: \*  
**that I may dwell in your house all the days / of mý life,**
- 6 To behold your fair beauty, O Gód, \*  
**and to seek you in / your témples.**
- 7 For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your shéltér; \*  
**you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high / up-ón a rock.**
- 8 Even now you lift úp my head \*  
**above my enemies round / a-bóút me.**
- 9 Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gládness; \*  
**I will sing and make mu-/sic tó you.**
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Most High, whén I call; \*  
**have mercy on me / and án-swer me.**
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Séek my face." \*  
**Your face, O God, / will Í seek.**
- 12 Hide not your fáce from me, \*  
**nor turn away your servant in / dis-pléasure.**
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me nót away; \*  
**do not forsake me, O God of my / sal-vátió.**

**Sequence Hymn** They cast their nets in Galilee (*Georgetown*)

**Hymnal 661**

**Gospel** Matthew 4:12–23

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

*Many* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region

and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

**Sermon** Holle Tubbs, *Youth Missioner, Diocese of Atlanta*

*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*

Let us pray for the church and for the world that all people may shine with the radiance of Christ,  
saying: Holy One, hear our prayer.

We pray for all of your people, O God, loved wholly by you and sent to be your light in the world.  
**Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, that our conflicts may cease, and that peace may reign in this new year.  
**Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity might prevail.  
**Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are persecuted, shunned, neglected, or rejected because of prejudice or discrimination – that they may find welcoming love in our community of faith,  
**Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all members of our community, that we may recognize the gifts received from the Spirit and use them freely for the good of all,  
**Holy One, 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*

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**

*One* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*Many* And also with you.

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

### **Offertory Anthem**

Go not far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age: forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with your praise, that I may sing of thy glory all the day long.

words: Psalm 71:10,8.7

music: Nicolò Antonio Zingarelli (1752–1837)

**Presentation Hymn** You, Lord, we praise (*Gott sei gelobet*)

**Hymnal 319**

## 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts., to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior. 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:

## Sanctus

*Hymnal S 128 (Mathias)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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 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*

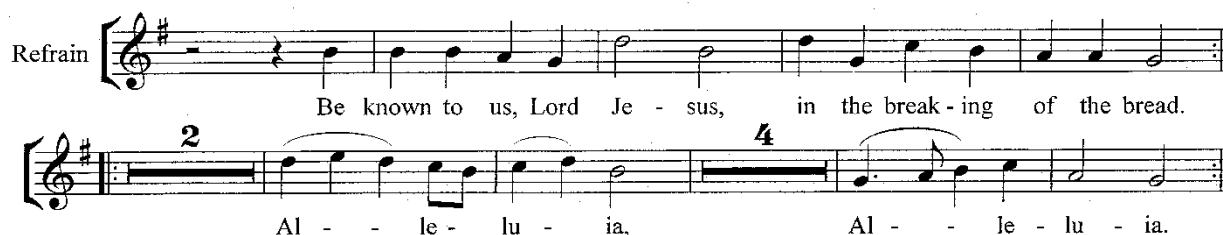
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*The one presiding breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem** Be known to us, Lord Jesus (*Noëls*)

B. A. Hughley

*The choir intones the first line, then repeated by all.*



**Choir:** Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful, and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes to judge the earth. (*Psalm 96:11-13*)

**All:** Repeat Refrain

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Hymn at Communion** Seek ye first the kingdom of God (*Seek Ye First*)

**Hymnal 711**

*Sung as a round*

**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 Give me oil in my lamp

Voices Found, 61



1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. Give me  
 2 Make me a fish-er of men, keep me seek-ing. Make me a  
 3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me sing-ing. Give me  
 4 Give me love in my heart, keep me serv-ing. Give me

oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me  
 fish-er of men, I pray. Make me a  
 joy in my heart, I pray. Give me  
 love in my heart, I pray. Give me

oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. keep me  
 fish-er of men, keep me seek-ing. keep me  
 joy in my heart, keep me sing-ing. keep me  
 love in my heart, keep me serv-ing. keep me

burn-ing 'til the break of day.  
 seek-ing 'til the break of day.  
 sing-ing 'til the break of day.  
 serv-ing 'til the break of day.

*Refrain*  
 Sing ho-san-na, sing ho-san-na,  
 sing ho-san-na to the King of Kings! King!

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## Dismissal

*The deacon sends the people forth with these or similar words*

*One* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Many* Thanks be to God.

## Voluntary

## St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Miriam Needham

Neva Corbin

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

Claiborne Jones

Sarah Jane and Jim Ohl

Jim Helms

Mary Rodriguez

Margie Klein

Helen Abraham

Michele Heller

Cameron Maddox

Lynn Williams

Aree Bancroft

Jim Handsfield

Nancy Waring

Barbie Olsen

Frances Bowen

Dixie Snider

Ann Foote

David Boyd

Sue Ellen Lampros

Debhani Hernandez

Al and Regina Studwell

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

John Sommers, *brother-in-law of Barbara and Jim Helms*

George Lenaeus, *father of Julie Mizell*

Terri Gunter, *sister-in-law of Doris and Jim Bushart*

Zoe Bushart, *granddaughter of Doris and Jim Bushart*

Kelly Weaver, *daughter-in-law of Sarah Jane and Jim Ohl*

James Smythe, *great nephew of Molly Graves*

Larry Sullivan, *friend of Joan Greer*

John Borden, *friend of Joan Greer*

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

Reagan Koski, *friend of Beth Cannon*

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:

Ron Lillie, *brother of Loretta Vail*

Bill Bailey, *husband of Neva Corbin*

Jeane Carroll Custin, *aunt of Lynnsay Buehler*

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

Josh Bowers

Jonathan

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

1/26 Joan Boyd

1/28 Tammy Leverette

1/27 BeCa Fisk

1/29 Nigel Poland

**And we rejoice at the birth of Violet Elizabeth Wadner,  
Granddaughter of Paul Martin**



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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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