

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Annual Parish Meeting Sunday
February 1, 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 Christ is the world's true light (*St. Joan*)

Hymnal 542

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

One God be with you.
 Many And also with you.
 One Together, let us pray.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

God of the prophets you shame the strong through the weakness of love and turn upside down the wisdom of the world: may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry, the grieving and abused; may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward; through Jesus Christ, the power of God. **Amen.**

Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

Psalm 27:1–13 sung responsively by half verse

Tone 2



- 1 O God, who may dwell in your tábernacle; *
who may abide upon / your hóly hill?
- 2 Those who lead blameless lives and do what is ríght, *
who speak truthful-ly fróm the heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon their tongues; they do no evil to their fríends; *
they do not heap contempt upon /their neigh-bors;
- 4 In their sight the wicked are re-jected, *
but they honor those / who fáir God.
- 5 They have sworn to dó no wrong *
and do not / take báck their word.
- 6 They do not give their money in hope of gáin, *
nor do they take a bribe against / the ín-nocent.
- 7 Whoever dóes these things *
shall never / be ó-verthrown.

Sequence Hymn What does the Lord require? (*Sharphorne*)

Hymnal 605

Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for thei

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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.

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

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more;
Than my weary sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast.
O come quickly, dearest Lord, and take my soul to rest!

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise,
Cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapour dims our eyes;
Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the blessed only see.
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

words: Thomas Campion (1567–1620)

music: Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Presentation Hymn We come, O Christ (*Rathervue*)

1 We come, O Christ, as peo - ple seek - ing some sign of
 2 To taste the cross with - in the chal - ice, to hear the
 3 Re - new - ing Spir - it, come breathe through us with hope that
 4 U - nite our hearts and shape our liv - ing to share the

bless - ing on our lives, yet scarce - ly pause to hear you
 mu - sic born of grief, to feel the hurt con - cealed by
 heals, with faith that thrills; burn off the sins still - cling - ing
 yoke that sets us free: great Tri - une God, joined by self -

speak - ing or wait un - til your time ar - rives: help us let
 mal - ice, to sense in doubt un - ripe be - lief: give us, O
 to - us, trans-form our minds, con - vert our wills: so may your
 giv - ing, the life of true com - mu - ni - ty, our man - y

go, help us be still, in pa-tience may - we learn your will.
 God, new hearts, new eyes, wake us to love - and make us wise.
 gifts of grace in - crease to send us forth - in love and peace.
 prayers at last make one: 'Your king-dom come, - your will be done.'

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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.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is for the Refrain, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. It features a repeating pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread." are written below the notes. The bottom staff is for the choir, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. It features a repeating pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Al - - le - lu - ia," are written below the notes. The number "2" is above the first "Al - -" and the number "4" is above the second "Al - -".

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 Blest are the pure in heart (*Franconia*)

Hymnal 656

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 When in our music God is glorified (*Engelberg*)

Hymnal 420

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*

Jeane Carroll Custin, *aunt of Lynnsay Buehler*

Bill Bailey, *husband of Neva Corbin*

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

Josh Bowers

Jonathan

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week

2/2 Barb Pettitt

2/2 J.R. Branch

2/3 Jelani Valdez

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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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