

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 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 Partita on *Salzburg*

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Welcome

Processional Hymn Songs of thankfulness and praise (*Salzburg*)

Hymnal 135

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.

Compassionate God, you transfigured your Son, Jesus Christ, before the eyes of your chosen witnesses and they were overcome by fear. Transfigure us so that we may turn from fear to love and reveal your compassion for all humanity; through Jesus Christ, the beloved. **Amen.**

Lesson 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Psalm 99 sung responsively by half verse

Tone 8

- 1 Our God reigns; let the people tremble; *
God is enthroned upon the cherubim; / let the earth shake.
- 2 God is great in Zion *
and is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome; *
God / is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 We proclaim your greatness, O God, and fall down before your footstool; *
you / are the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your Name, *
they called upon you, / and you answered them.
- 7 You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept your testimonies and the decree / that you gave them.
- 8 "O Holy God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them / for their evil deeds."
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of our God and worship on God's holy hill, *
for our God / is the Holy One.

Sequence Hymn Christ upon the mountain peak (*Mowsley*)

Hymnal 129

Gospel Matthew 17:1–9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

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

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

words: Psalm 24:7–10

music: William Mathias (1934–1992)

Presentation Hymn O wondrous type! O vision fair (*Wareham*)

Hymnal 137

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.

Refrain 1
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.
2
Al - - le - lu - ia.
4
Al - - le - lu - ia.

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 O Light of Light, Love given birth (*Elmhurst*)

Hymnal 133

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 Alleluia! sing to Jesus (*Hyfrydol*)

Hymnal 460

Dismissal

The deacon sends the people forth with these or similar words

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 Improvisation on *Be known to us, Lord Jesus*

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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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