

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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** *Decatur Place*

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** Christ is made the sure foundation (*Westminster Abbey*)

**Hymnal 518**

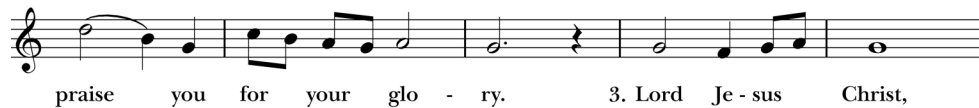
**Opening Acclamation**

*One* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*Many* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**Gloria in excelsis**

*Hymnal S-278 (Mathias)*



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

from *Propers Working Group* (2016)

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

Risen Christ, give us grace to love one another, to search for truth, and to walk in the ways of justice and peace, so that we may abide in God's eternal love. Amen.

## Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

**Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16** (*read responsively*)

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- <sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me; \***  
**make haste to deliver me.**
- <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- <sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \***  
**for you are my tower of strength.**
- <sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.
- <sup>15</sup> **My times are in your hand; \***  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**
- <sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness, save me.

**Sequence Hymn** Thou art the Way, to thee alone (*St. James*)

**Hymnal 457**

**Gospel** John 14:1–14

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

**Sermon** The Rev'd Raymond Walker III

*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.*

Christ lives, for death has no more power over him. And so we, God's holy Church, proclaim the resurrection, saying: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*The intercessor continues.*

Created in the image and likeness of God, we pray to see God's image in one another. May our lives proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Tested in our faith and strengthened by God's love, we pray for open hearts, that we may live to proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Liberated from sin and death by water and Spirit, we pray for those who do not share our hope, that they may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Sharing in the joy of the newly baptized, we pray for their growth unto the full stature of Christ, that they may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Joining with those who share in the passion of Christ through illness, famine, war, temptation, and trial, we pray for courage and strength, that those who suffer may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

United in our hope that we and all who die will live again, we pray for family and friends who have

died, proclaiming: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

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*

## **The Peace**

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

*Many* And also with you.

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

### **Anthem at the Offertory** Litany to the Holy Spirit

In the hour of my distress,  
When temptations me oppress,  
And when I my sins confess,  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed,  
Sick in heart and sick in head,  
And with doubts discomfited,  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep,  
And the world is drowned in sleep,  
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

words: Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

music: Peter Hurford (1930–2019)

### **Presentation Hymn** We the Lord's people (*Decatur Place*)

**Hymnal 51**

### **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 God 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, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life, 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 (Proulx)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. 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. 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**

Hymnal S-171



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. [Ant]

One body are we: alleluia, for though many we share one bread. [Ant]

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn** He is the Way (*New Dance*)

**Hymnal 464**

### **Announcements**

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*All pray together*

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,  
and the bread of life to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,  
so that we may show your glory to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

#### **Blessing**

*The one presiding pronounces God's blessing.*

**Closing Hymn** Praise, my soul, the king of heaven (*Lauda anima*)

**Hymnal 410**

## **Dismissal**

*One* Our worship has concluded and now our service begins.  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Many* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Voluntary** Kleine Praeludium und Fuge (IV)

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

## St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Terry Cannon  
Raz Schreiber

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

Susan Cáceres	Lynn Williams	Mary Rodriguez
Jim Helms	Jim Handsfield	Helen Abraham
Martha Robert	Barbie Olsen	Cameron Maddox
Claude Oakley	Dixie Snider	Aree Bancroft
Miriam Needham	David Boyd	Nancy Waring
Claiborne Jones	Debhani Hernandez	Frances Bowen
Margie Klein	Al and Regina Studwell	Ann Foote
Michele Heller	Sarah Jane and Jim Ohl	Sue Ellen Lampros

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

Larry Wilson, *friend of Larry Bing*  
Carlos Ramirez Vargas, *friend of Claudia Fedarko*  
Zoe Bushart, *granddaughter of Jim and Doris Bushart*  
Lawrence Pinson, *father of Laura Sellers*  
Jeremy and Aila Craig, *family of Helen Loeb*  
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:

Delores O'Neil, *friend of Tom and Loretta Vail*  
Nancy Bunker Ward, *mother of Nancy Ward*

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

Josh Bowers  
Jonathan

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

5/3 Drew Spires  
5/3 Mae Marshall  
5/8 Katie Doolittle





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as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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