

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Sunday after the Ascension
May 17, 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 Ricercare

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583–1643)

Welcome

Opening Hymn Hail the day that sees him rise (*Llanfair*)

Hymnal 214

Opening Acclamation

One Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Many The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-278 (Mathias)

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

from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), alt.

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

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to glory at your side. Bring us together in Christ, so that all may be drawn into your bountiful dwelling where with Christ and the Spirit, you live united in love and joy. Amen.

Lesson Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother

of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68:1–10, 33–36 (*read responsively*)

- ¹ Arise, O God, and let your enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate you flee before you.
- ² **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at your presence, O God.**
- ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before you; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- ⁴ **We sing praises to your holy Name; we exalt the One who rides upon the heavens; *
yours is the Name in which we rejoice!**
- ⁵ Guardian of orphans, defender of widows, *
God, in your holy habitation!
- ⁶ **You give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom, *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- ⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ **The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- ⁹ You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ **Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- ³³ Sing to God, O nations of the earth; *
sing praises to the Holy One,
- ³⁴ **Who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens, *
who sends forth a voice, a mighty voice.**
- ³⁵ Ascribe power to God, *
whose majesty is over Israel, whose strength is in the skies.
- ³⁶ **How wonderful is God in the holy places; *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to the people: blessed be God!**

Sequence Hymn A hymn of glory let us sing (*Deo gracias*)

Hymnal 218

Gospel John 17:1–11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus

Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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.

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.

On this third Sunday of the month, Prayers for Healing and Anointing will be offered during Communion at stations in the back of the Nave.

The Liturgy of the Table

Anthem at the Offertory

(Sung in Latin) O saving victim, who opens the gate of heaven, our foes press on us: give strength, bring aid. To the Lord, three in one, be everlasting glory, for he gives us life without end in the kingdom.

words: Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274)

music: Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Presentation Hymn When Christ was lifted from the earth (*St. Botolph*)

Hymnal 603

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 I come with joy (*Land of Rest*)

Hymnal 304

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 to the Lord, the almighty (*Lobe den Herren*)

Hymnal 390

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 *Lobe den Herren*

St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Fran Snider

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:

The Rev'd Richard Smith, *friend of Nancy Bruce*
Larry Wilson, *friend of Larry Bing*
Zoe Bushart, *granddaughter of Doris and Jim Bushart*
Lawrence Pinson, *father of Laura Sellers*
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:

Andrew Roane Townes, Jr., *family of Rob Townes and Lynnsay Buehler*
Jeremy Craig, *family of Helen Loeb*

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

Josh Bowers
Jonathan

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week

5/17 Melanie Alexander
5/17 Ellis Crowell
5/18 Leslie Webster
5/21 Anna Graves
5/23 Miriam Needham
5/23 Nicolas Cáceres

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as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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