

# The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 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

**Opening Hymn** O Zion, haste (*Tidings*)

Hymnal 539

#### Opening Acclamation

*One* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

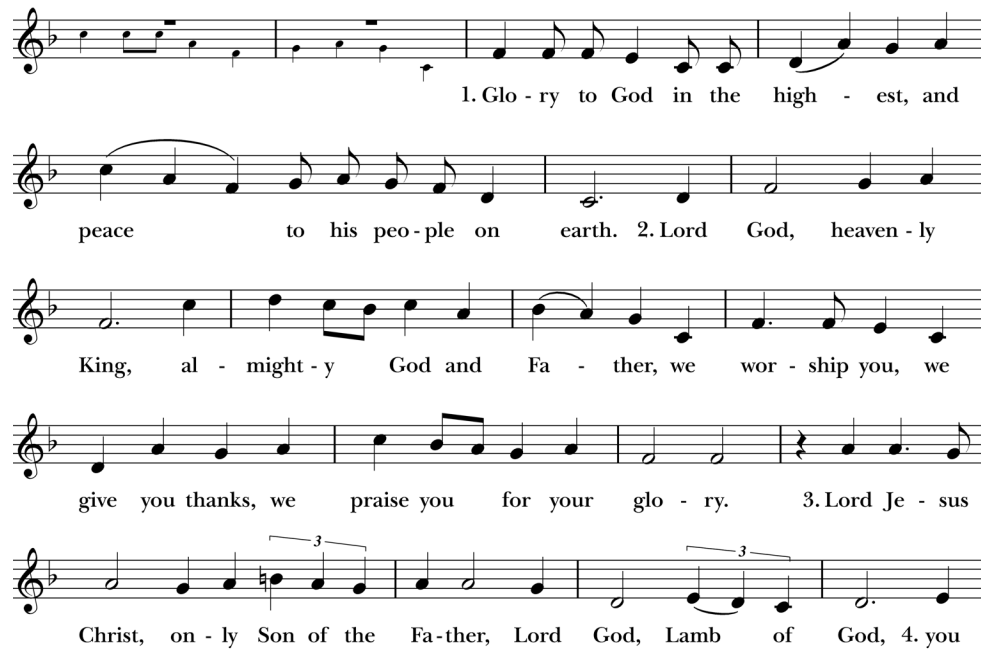
*Many* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Collect for Purity (*All pray 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 280 (Powell)



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

*Propers Working Group (2016)*

*One* God be with you.

*Many* And also with you.

*One* Together, let us pray.

God of love, in your compassion you reach out to the lost and helpless. Continue this work through us, so that your reign of justice and peace may increase; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. Amen.

## Lesson Genesis 18:1–15; 21:1–7

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful

for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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

*Many* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 100**

1 May all lands be joyful before you, O God, \*  
serve with gladness and come before your presence with a song.

**2 For we know that you are God; \*  
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;  
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.**

3 We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving, go into your courts with praise, \*  
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.

**4 For you are good; your mercy is everlasting; \*  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Sequence Hymn** Open your hearts, O faithful people (*Yisrael V'oraita*)

**Hymnal 536**

**Gospel** Matthew 9:35–10:23

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

*Many* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your

feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

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

**Sermon** The Rev'd Lynnsay A. Buehler

*A period of silence follows the sermon.*

**Nicene Creed** (*sung by all*)

1  
We believe in God the Father,  
God Almighty, by whose plan  
Earth and heaven sprang to being,  
All created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Savior,  
Son of God in human form,  
Child of Mary and the Spirit,  
God incarnate for us born.

2  
Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
Like a lamb to slaughter led,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
He descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
As the scriptures do proclaim,  
To the Father's side ascended  
Till in glory comes to reign.

3  
We believe in God the Spirit:  
In one Church, below, above;  
Saints of God in one communion,  
One in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Reconciled to foe and friend,  
We shall rise with Christ in glory  
To the life that knows no end.

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music: *Blaenwern*, William Penfro Rowlands (1860–1937):  
first published in Henry H. Jones' *Cân a Moliant* (1915)

## The Prayers of the People

written by the people of St. Bede's

*The deacon bids the prayers.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*One* Loving God, we give thanks for your presence;  
*Many* **One God with many faces.**

*One* We pray for all baptized people;  
*Many* **That we may live fully into our covenant with you.**

*One* Give us faith to serve you in all people;  
*Many* **And our neighbors as ourselves.**

*One* Bless the leaders of our land;  
*Many* **That we may be a people at peace among ourselves  
and a blessing to other nations.**

*One* Give us wisdom to revere our mother earth;  
*Many* **That we may be faithful stewards of her abundance.**

*One* Open our eyes to the joys and sorrows of others;  
*Many* **That barriers which divide us may crumble  
and we may live in justice and peace.**

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

*Please gently exchange the peace, perhaps with a wave or bow, as a courtesy to others.*

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

*Many* And also with you.

## The Liturgy of the Table

**Offertory Hymn** Lord, you give the great commission (*Rowthorn*)

**Hymnal 528**

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, *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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

### Sanctus

*Hymnal S 129 (Powell)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven 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 poured out 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,  
**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 155 (Near)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Hymn at Communion** My God, thy table now is spread (*Rockingham*)

**Hymnal 321**

### **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** Come, labor on (*Ora Labora*)

**Hymnal 541**

### **Voluntary**

### **Dismissal**

*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**

## St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Jack Heller  
David West  
Anita Montelione  
Jim Murray  
Fran Snider

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

Susan Cáceres	Jim Handsfield	Helen Abraham
Jim Helms	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
Lynn Williams	Mary Rodriguez	

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

Agnes Cissell, *friend of Tom and Loretta Vail*  
Gloria Maldonado, *friend of Claudia Fedarko*  
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 give thanks for those serving our country in the military:

Josh Bowers  
Jonathan

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

6/14 Stephen Wankel	6/17 Melissa Huston
6/15 Jonathan Bowers	6/19 Dave Bevacqua
6/15 Paige Chase	6/19 Laura Sellers
6/16 Michael Huston	6/20 Emilio Vaquero
6/17 Kendall Huston	6/20 Jerry Simmons





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