

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 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 God of our Fathers (*National Hymn*)

Hymnal 718

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

A New Zealand Prayer Book (1997), alt.

One God be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Together, let us pray.

God of heaven and earth, whose Son came eating and drinking, exposing the rivalry that tears the world apart: may we share his feast and friendship and lay our burdens in his liberating arms; through Jesus Christ, Wisdom's child. **Amen.**

One And on this Independence Day Weekend, we pray together with our country,

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lesson Zechariah 9:9–12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Many Thanks be to God

Psalm 145

- ⁸ You are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- ⁹ **You are loving to everyone, ***
and your compassion is over all your works.
- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, O God, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- ¹¹ **They make known the glory of your realm *
and speak of your power,**
- ¹² That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your dominion.
- ¹³ **Yours, O God, is an everlasting reign; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**
- ¹⁴ You are faithful in all your words *
and merciful in all your deeds.
- ¹⁵ **You uphold all those who fall; *
you lift up those who are bowed down.**

Sequence Hymn Just as I am (*Woodworth*)

Hymnal 693

Gospel Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

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

Many Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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.



words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1989, alt., 8.7.8.7.D
music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony* (1835)

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 Love divine, all loves excelling (*Hyfrydol*)

Hymnal 657

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

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 O beautiful, for spacious skies (*Materna*)

Hymnal 719

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 This is my song (*Finlandia*)



1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3. This is my prayer, O Rul - er of all na-tions:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
but oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
In peace may all earth's peo - ple draw to - geth - er,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
O hear my song, O God of all the na-tions,
O hear my prayer, O God of all the na-tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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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 Postlude on *National Anthem*

St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Jack Heller

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

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

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

Susan Vail Casey, *sister of Tom Vail*
Jimmy Hays, *brother of Muriel Diguette*
Celia Sibley, *former member of St. Bede's*
William Gunter, *brother of Doris Bushart*
Charles DeMars, *friend of Toni Graney*
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:

7/6 Raz Schreiber	7/9 Elaine McClean
7/7 Andrew Ackall	7/10 Felicity Blackburn
7/7 Tom Vail	7/11 Mike Lampros
7/7 Emilio Vaquero-Boxtha	7/11 David West

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as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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