

# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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 day of radiant gladness (*Woodbird*)

**Hymnal 48**

#### Opening Acclamation

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

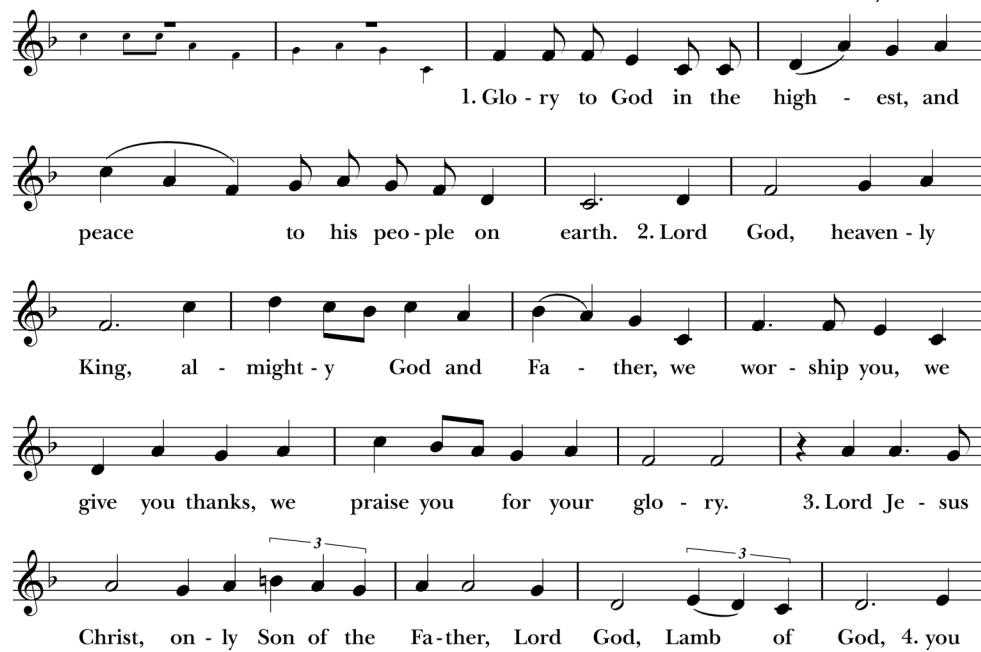
*Many* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### 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

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (2009), alt.

*One* God be with you.

*Many* And also with you.

*One* Together, let us pray.

Divine Sower, you scatter your seed generously: may we be rich soil and receive your gift so freely given, so that we may revel in love's abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. **Amen.**

## Lesson Isaiah 55:10–13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

*Many* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 65

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

<sup>10</sup> **You prepare the grain, \***  
**for so you provide for the earth.**

<sup>11</sup> You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

<sup>12</sup> **You crown the year with your goodness, \***  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

<sup>13</sup> May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

<sup>14</sup> **May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,**  
**and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \***  
**let them shout for joy and sing.**

**Sequence Hymn** Almighty God, your word is cast (*Walden*)

**Hymnal 589**

**Gospel** Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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

*Many* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*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.*

## 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** Like the murmur of the dove's song (*Bridegroom*)

**Hymnal 513**

### **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** Now the silence (*Now*)

**Hymnal 333**

### 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 Blessed Assurance

*Lift Every Voice and Sing, 184*

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vis-ions of  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of  
 rap-ture now burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-  
 sa-vior am hap-py and blest; watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-

God, born of his spi-rit, washed in his blood.  
 bove, ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my  
 sa-vior all the day long; this is my sto-ry, this is my  
 song, prais-ing my sa-vior all the day long.

Words: Fanny Crosby (1820–1915).  
 Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839–1908).

### 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

The flowers on the altar are dedicated  
 to the glory of God and in honor of their marriage  
 here at St. Bede's yesterday, July 11,  
 by Amalia Selle and Adam Renner

## 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  
David West  
Anita Montelione  
Jim Murray  
Fran Snider  
Dixie Snider  
Jim Helms  
Claude Oakley  
Miriam Needham

Claiborne Jones  
Margie Klein  
Michele Heller  
Lynn Williams  
Jim Handsfield  
Barbie Olsen  
David Boyd  
Debhani Hernandez  
Al and Regina Studwell

Sarah Jane and Jim Ohl  
Mary Rodriguez  
Helen Abraham  
Cameron Maddox  
Aree Bancroft  
Nancy Waring  
Frances Bowen  
Ann Foote  
Sue Ellen Lampros

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

Zeno Johnson, *friend of Larry Bing*  
Lauren and Jonathan Hill and family, *daughter of Larry Bing*  
Susan Vail Casey, *sister of Tom Vail*  
Jimmy Hays, *brother of Muriel Diguette*  
Celia Sibley, *friend of St. Bede's*  
William Gunter, *brother of Doris Bushart*  
Zoe Bushart, *granddaughter of Doris and Jim Bushart*  
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:

7/12 Jim Ohl  
7/13 Kristen Montelione Knopick  
7/14 Rebecca Engsberg  
7/15 Larry Schupbach  
7/16 Martha West





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as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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