

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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 Prelude on *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten*

(today's Opening Hymn, 635)

Welcome

Opening Hymn If thou but trust in God (*Wer nur den lieben Gott*)

Hymnal 635

Opening Acclamation

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

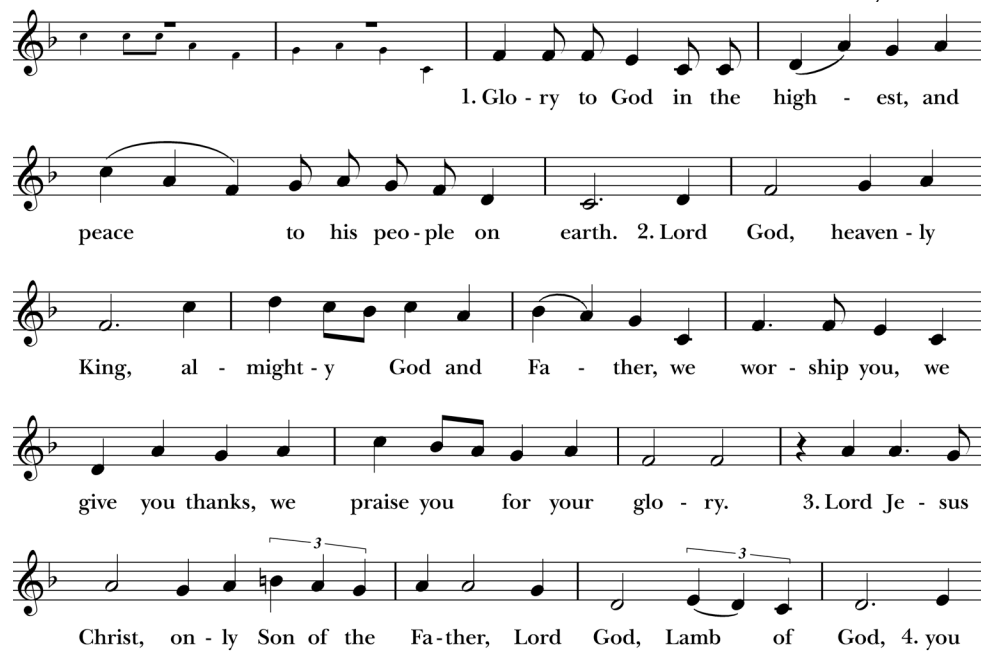
Many And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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



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Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer (1979), alt.

One God be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Together, let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our companion and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lesson Romans 8:26–28,35,37–39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Who, then, will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Many Thanks be to God.



- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the | LORD • from the | heavens; *
— | praise him | in the | heights.
- ² Praise him, | all you | angels of his; *
— | praise him, | all his | host.
- ³ Praise him, | sun and | moon; *
praise him, | all you | shin-ing | stars.
- ⁴ Praise him, | heaven • of | heavens, *
and you | waters • a- | bove the | heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the | Name • of the | LORD; *
for he com- | manded, • and | they were • cre- | ated.
- ⁶ He made them stand fast for | ever • and | ever; *
he gave them a | law • which shall | not • pass a- | way.
- ⁷ Praise the | LORD • from the | earth, *
you | sea monsters • and | all | deeps;
- ⁸ Fire and hail, | snow and | fog, *
tempestuous | wind, | doing • his | will;
- ⁹ Mountains | and all | hills, *
— | fruit trees | and all | cedars;
- ¹⁰ Wild beasts | and all | cattle, *
creeping | things and | wing-èd | birds;
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth | and all | peoples, *
princes and all | ru-lers | of the | world;
- ¹² Young | men and | maidens, *
— | old and | young to- | gether.
- ¹³ Let them praise the | Name of • the | LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is | o-ver | earth and | heaven.
- ¹⁴ He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his | loy-al | servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are | near him. | Hal-le- | lujah!

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son: *
and | to the | Ho-ly | Spirit.

As it was in the be- | ginning, • is | now: *
and | will be • for | ever. • A- | men.

Gospel Matthew 13:31–33,44–52

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

Many Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

One The Gospel of the Lord.

Many Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Very Rev'd S. Chad Vaughn

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.

(instrumental break)

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.

(instrumental break)

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

One The peace of Christ be always with you.

Many And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

Anthem at the Offertory The Secret of Christ

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. (*based on Is. 42:14–16*)

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations. (*based on Rev. 22:1–3*)

Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our friend. Amen. (*The Pilgrim's Prayer, based on Col. 4:2–4, by the Rev'd Canon Derrick Walters*)

music: Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

Offertory Hymn We sing of God, the mighty source (*Magdalen College*)

Hymnal 387

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.
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.

Anthem at Communion

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excell:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ, the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest a while:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

words: Anon., collection of Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784
music: Scottish folk tune; arr. K. Lee Scott

Announcements

Celebration of the Ministry of John Whitt

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 Alleluia! sing to Jesus (*Hyfrydol*)

Hymnal 460

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 Praeludium in E

Vincent Lübeck (1654–1740)

St. Bede's Prayer List

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

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:

Doug Burke, *friend of Larry Bing*
Carlos, *friend of Claudia Fedarko*
Joselina, *friend of Claudia Fedarko*
The People of Cuba
Zeno Johnson, *friend of Larry Bing*
Lauren and Jonathan Hill and family, *daughter of Larry Bing*
Susan Vail Casey, *sister of Tom Vail*
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 pray for those who have died:

Charles DeMars, *friend of Toni Graney*
Celia Sibley, *former member of St. Bede's*

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

Josh Bowers
Jonathan

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:

7/26 David Boyd	7/30 Bill Studwell
7/27 Mike Flanagan	7/31 Emma Brantley
7/28 Stan Meiburg	7/31 Cindy Platto
7/29 Sean Bevaqua	8/1 Julia Echterhoff Lee

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We invite and welcome *all* to worship, serve, and grow together
as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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