

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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 Praise the Sprit in creation (*Finnian*)

Hymnal 506

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

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt.

One God be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Together, let us pray.

Through the storms of life, O God, you walk with your people in the person of Jesus your Son. Calm our fears and strengthen our faith so that we may never doubt his presence among us but proclaim that he is your Son, risen from the dead, living forever. Amen.

Lesson Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

Psalm 85:8-13

- ⁸ I will listen to what you are saying, *
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- ⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, *
that your glory may dwell in our land.**
- ¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- ¹¹ **Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- ¹² You, O God, will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ **Righteousness shall go before you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.**

Sequence Hymn Eternal Father, strong to save (*Melita*)

Hymnal 608

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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.

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: Nettleton, from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

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

Offertory Hymn I sing the almighty power of God (*Forest Green*)

Hymnal 398

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.

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 Precious Lord, take my hand

Lift Every Voice and Sing II 800

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
near, when my life is al - most gone;
near, and the day is past and gone;

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
— hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
— at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on.
fall, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on.
hand, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on.

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 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (*Foundation*)

Hymnal 636

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

We welcome Randy Roberson as our supply organist.
Randy will be joining us as organist for the next several weeks.
Randy has served as a church musician at churches
in metro Atlanta and in greater Washington, D.C.
You can read more about Randy in your Friday E-News.
Welcome Randy!

St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Cheryl Murphy
Lewis Anderson

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

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

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

Susan Forte, *sister of Cheryl Murphy*
Donna Horack, *friend of Beth and Terry Cannon*
Harrison Jobes, *nephew of Beth and Terry Cannon*
Doug Burke, *friend of Larry Bing*
Carlos, *friend of Claudia Fedarko*
Joselina, *friend of Claudia Fedarko*
The People of Cuba
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*

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

Alex Larrivey

Josh Bowers

Jonathan

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:

8/9 Johnny Klein

8/9 Ashton Busch

8/10 Jack Heller

8/11 Beth Cannon

8/12 Greg Cook

8/13 Matt Joiner

8/14 Delia Head

8/15 Margie Klein

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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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