

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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 Christ is made the sure foundation (*Westminster Abbey*)

Hymnal 518

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

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009), alt.

One God be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Together, let us pray.

Living God, you accept our stumbling faith, our misplaced answers, our false horizons, and through them you build a way of peace. Empower and enable us to bind the wounds of the world and loose the bonds of oppression, so that all may confess the grace that is your work alone; through Jesus Christ, your anointed one. Amen.

Lesson Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Many Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
- ² **and praise your Name, ***
because of your love and faithfulness;
- ³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- ⁴ **When I called, you answered me; ***
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁵ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁶ **They will sing of the ways of God, ***
that great is the glory of God,
- ⁷ Who is on high, yet cares for the lowly, *
and perceives the haughty from afar.
- ⁸ **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; ***
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- ⁹ You will make good your purpose for me; *
O God, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Sequence Hymn Take my life, and let it be (*Hollingside*)

Hymnal 707

Gospel Matthew 16:12-20

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

Many Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.



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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 The Church's one foundation (*Aurelia*)

Hymnal 525

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 He's got the whole world in his hands **Lift Every Voice and Sing II 217**

1. He's got the whole— world— in His hand,— He's got the whole world— in His hand,— He's got the whole world— in His hand,— He's got the whole world in His hand.—

2. He's got you and me sister, etc. 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
3. He's got you and me brother, etc. 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

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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 Bring forth the kingdom



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple;
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



salt for the king-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
light for the cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
bring forth the king-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
bound for the king-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the king-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



king-dom of peace; bring forth the king-dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the cit - y of God!

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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

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God
and in gratitude for the life of her husband, Jack C. "Jay" Shapiro,
by Suzanne Shapiro
May his memory be for a blessing.

St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Margie Klein
Martha West
Cheryl Murphy
Lewis Anderson
Rebecca and Mark Engsberg

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

Susan Cáceres
David West
Jim Murray
Dixie Snider
Claude Oakley
Miriam Needham
Claiborne Jones
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:

Grace, *friend of Julia Dalbom*
Stayce Bushart, *sister of Jim Bushart*
William Gunter, *brother of Doris Bushart*
The family of Rebecca and Mark Engsberg
Susan Forte, *sister of Cheryl Murphy*
Donna Horack, *friend of Beth and Terry Cannon*
Harrison Jobes, *nephew of Beth and Terry Cannon*
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 give thanks for those serving our country in the military:

Josh Bowers
Jonathan

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:

8/23 Heidi Klein
8/23 Karen Downen
8/23 Susan Reef
8/24 Karen Werner
8/24 Lynn Williams
8/26 Harrison Fair
8/26 Luz Zuñiga
8/29 Ray Callaway
8/29 Peaches Flanagan

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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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