The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 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 "St. Anne" Fugue, BWV 552 Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome

Opening Hymn O day of radiant gladness *(Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein)* **Hymnal 48**
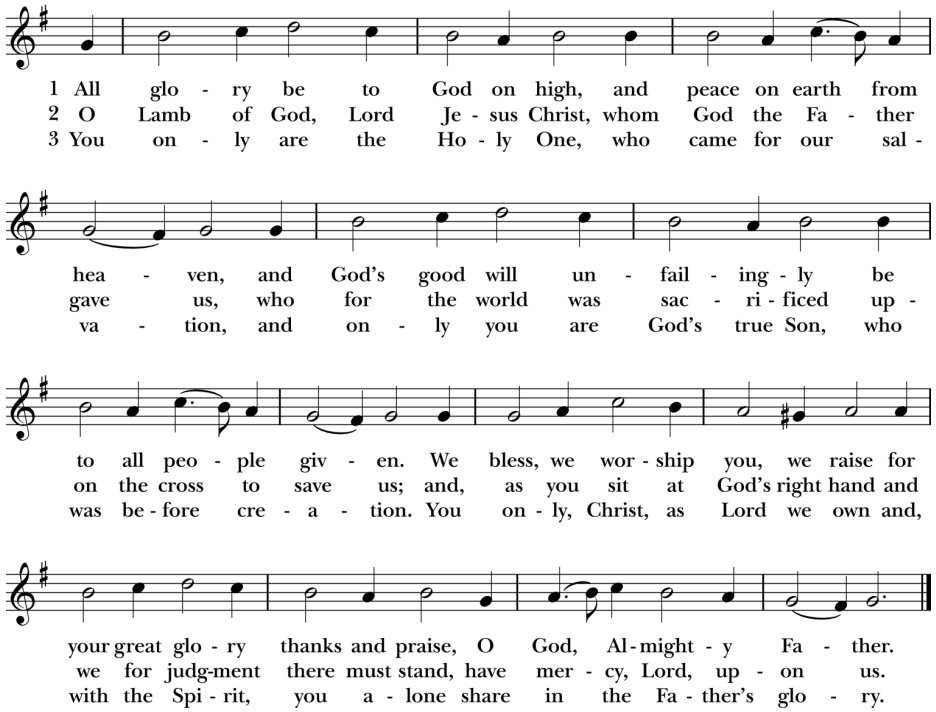
Opening Acclamation

One Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Many Glory to God for ever and 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 All glory be to God on high *(Allein Gott in der Höh)* **Hymnal 421**



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Collect of the Day *Opening Prayers* (1997) alt.

One God be with you.
Many And also with you.
One Together, let us pray.

O God from whose abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed: give us courage to use our talents as generously as you have given them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may share in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

1 O God, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Sequence Hymn O God, our help in ages past *(St. Anne)* **Hymnal 680**

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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 *(said by all)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Book of Common Prayer*, Form VI (alt.)

The Deacon bids the prayers.

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

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 Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

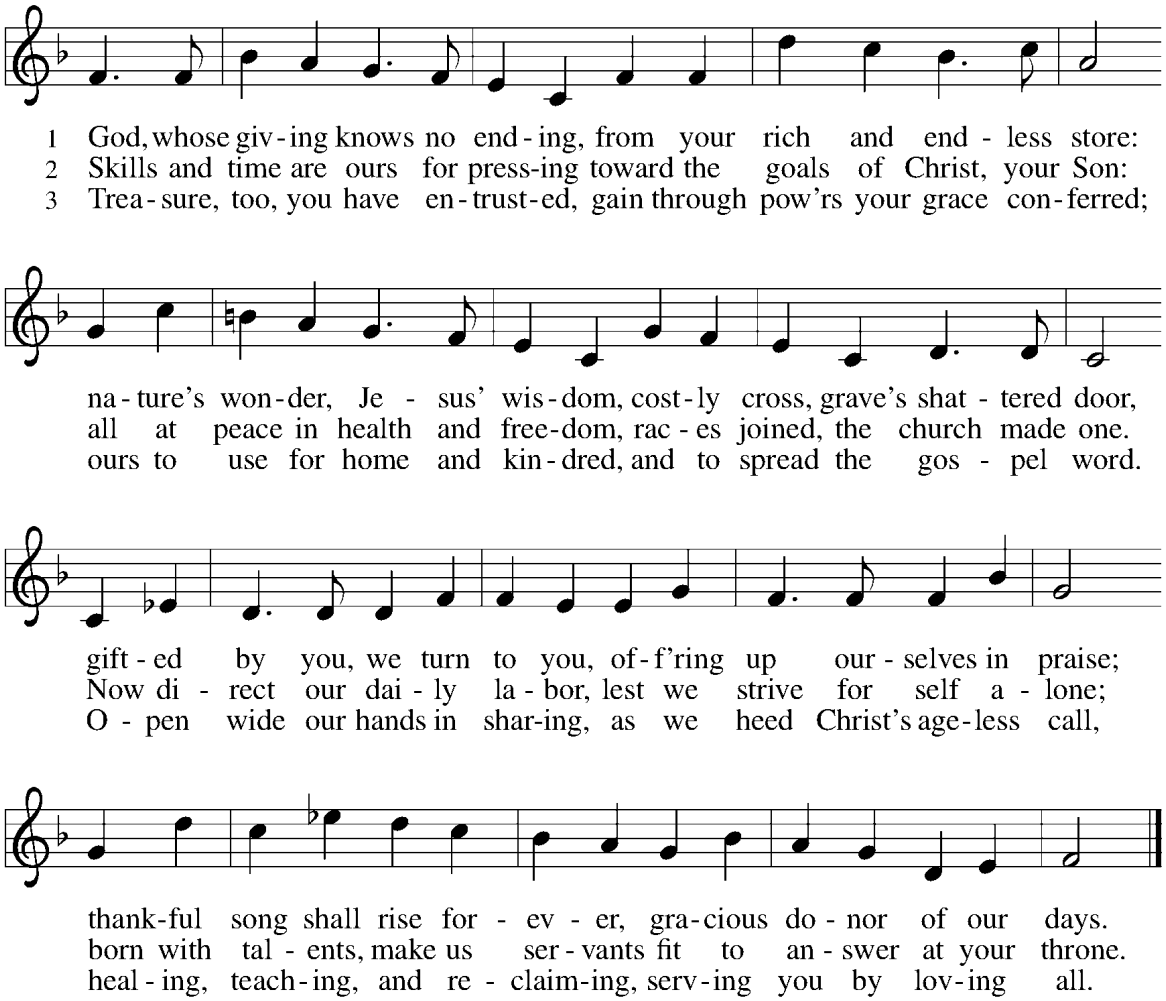
For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light: *[Refrain]*

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [*Refrain]*

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: *[Refrain]*

Words: F.S. Pierpoint
Music: John Rutter

Presentation Hymn God, whose giving knows no ending *(Rustington)*



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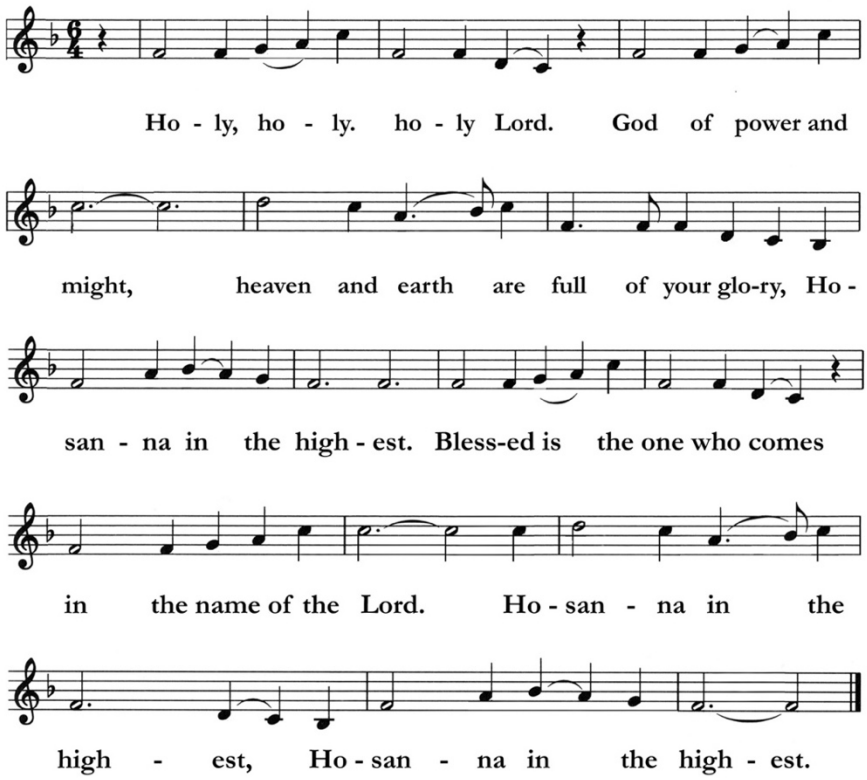
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2, from *Enriching our Worship*

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus *Wonder, Love, and Praise* 858



Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Palmer
harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

The one presiding continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: **"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Mary of Galilee, Blessed Julian of Norwich, Blessed Bede of Jarrow, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer
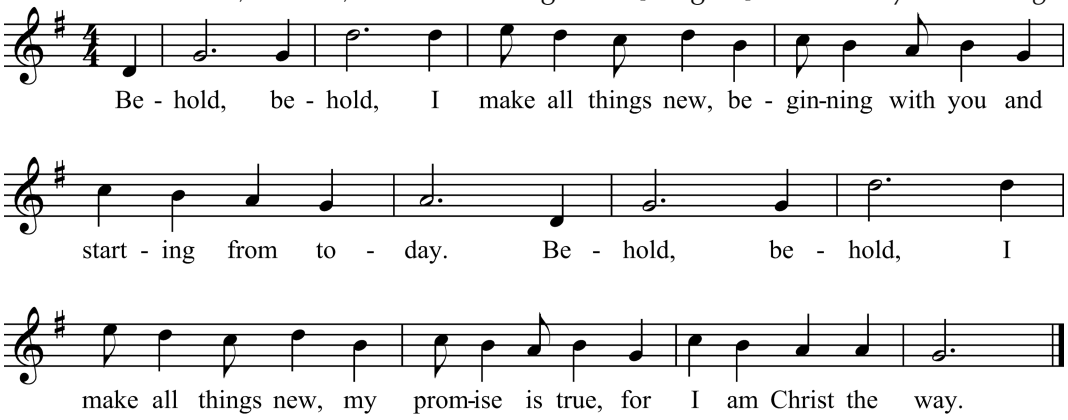
One And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Behold, behold, I make all things new [sung 2x] *My Heart Sings Out* 47



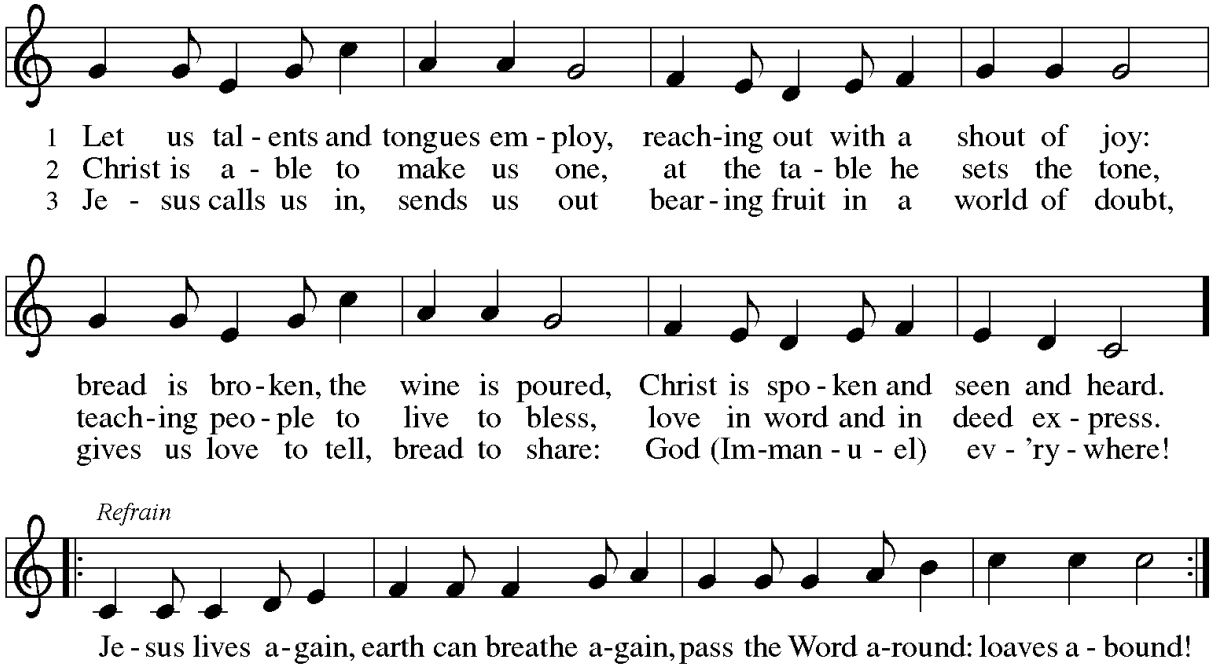
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The one presiding extends the following invitation to share in communion.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

On this third Sunday of the month, Prayers for Healing and Anointing will be offered during Communion at stations in the back of the Nave.

Hymn at Communion Let us talents and tongues employ *(Linstead)* *Voices Found* 79



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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 I want to walk as a child of the light *(Houston)* **Hymnal 490**

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 Toccata in Seven John Rutter

St. Bede's Prayer List

In our St. Bede's community, prayer has recently been requested for:
Amalia Renner
Issa Ackall
Jack Heller
Melody Murray

Prayer has been requested on a more long-term basis for:
Susan Cáceres
Margie Klein
David and Martha West
Mary Porter
Cheryl Murphy
Lewis Anderson
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 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:
Frank and Melissa Wilson,
brother and sister-in-law of Jennie Couture
Maria and Family*, friend of Debra Weber*
Carlos, *friend of Claudia Fedarko*
Joselina, *friend of Claudia Fedarko*
The People of Cuba
Susan Vail Casey, *sister of Tom Vail*
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*
Susan Forte, *sister of Cheryl Murphy*
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*

Mary Robert, *sister of Martha Robert*
Wright Coleman, *son of Jennie Couture*
Fay Key, *friend of St. Bede's*
Eleanor Pearlman, *granddaughter of Gwen Heaton*
Anne Jones, *sister of Claiborne Jones*

We pray for those who have died:
Joan Davis
Michael deCamp
Mason Hatcher, *nephew of Janice Welch*
Jan Pucher, *friend of Jeff and Jan Swoope*

We give thanks for those serving our country in the military:
Josh Bowers
Tyler Swoope
Alex Larrivey

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:
11/16 Orisha Parsons
11/18 Jim Galvin
11/18 Terry McClean
11/18 Shane Hunziker
11/18 Ellen Hopkins
11/21 Gwen Cordner
11/21 Bruce Lampros

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as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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