The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 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 Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome

Processional Hymn Lo! he comes, with clouds descending *(Helmsley)* **Hymnal 57**

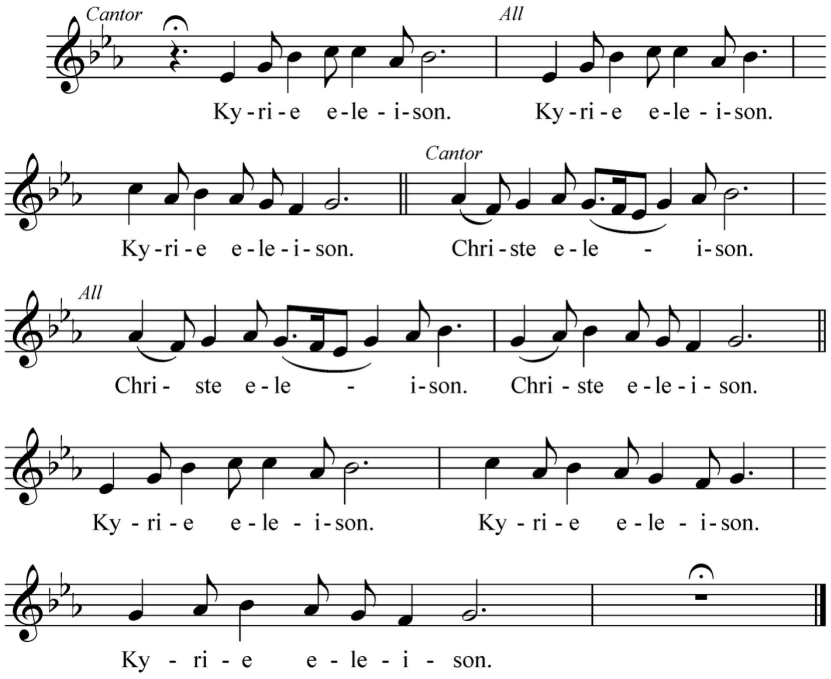
Opening Acclamation

One Blessed are you, holy and living One.
Many You come to your people and set them free.

Collect for Purity *(said 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.

Kyrie eleison *Missa Conditor alme siderum* *Enriching our Music 2 (Boles)*



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.

God of unveiled truth, in times of darkened sun and waning moon, lift up our hearts and waken our love to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Psalm 80:1-7:16-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon those at your right hand, *
those whom you have made so strong for yourself.

17 So we may never turn away from you, *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Sequence Hymn Creator of the stars of night *(Conditor alme siderum)* **vv.1,3,4,6** **Hymnal 60**

Gospel Mark 13:24-37

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

One The Gospel of the Lord.
Many Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev'd Iñaki Guevara

A period of silence follows the sermon.

The 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 from *Intercessions for the Christian People*

The Deacon bids the prayers.

God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love, let us lift up our prayer to God for the needs of all people throughout the world, saying: O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and the nations shall cease to learn war any more. O God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. O God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people of good will who seek to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service of others in the name of Christ. O God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need, that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love. O God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are assembled here today, that we may be clothed with the love of Christ Jesus and go forth from this place to be Christ in the world. O God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have asked for our prayers that we may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives. O God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Stewardship Moment

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem My Lord, What a Morning

My Lord, what a morning!
My Lord, what a morning!
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a morning...

You'll hear the trumpet sound
to wake the nations underground.
Looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.

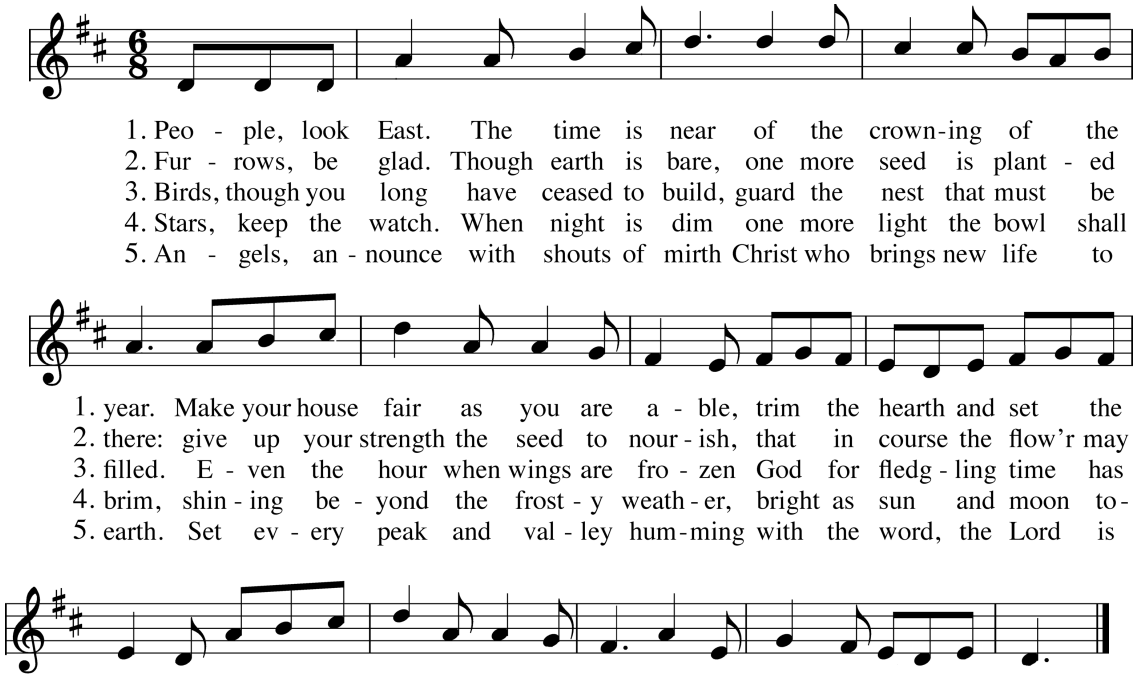
My Lord, what a morning...

The chariot wheels roll round
to wake the nations underground.
Looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a morning...

Traditional Spiritual
Arranger: Victor C. Johnson

Presenation Hymn People look East *(Besançon Carol)* *Wonder, Love, & Praise* 724



Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: *Besançon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

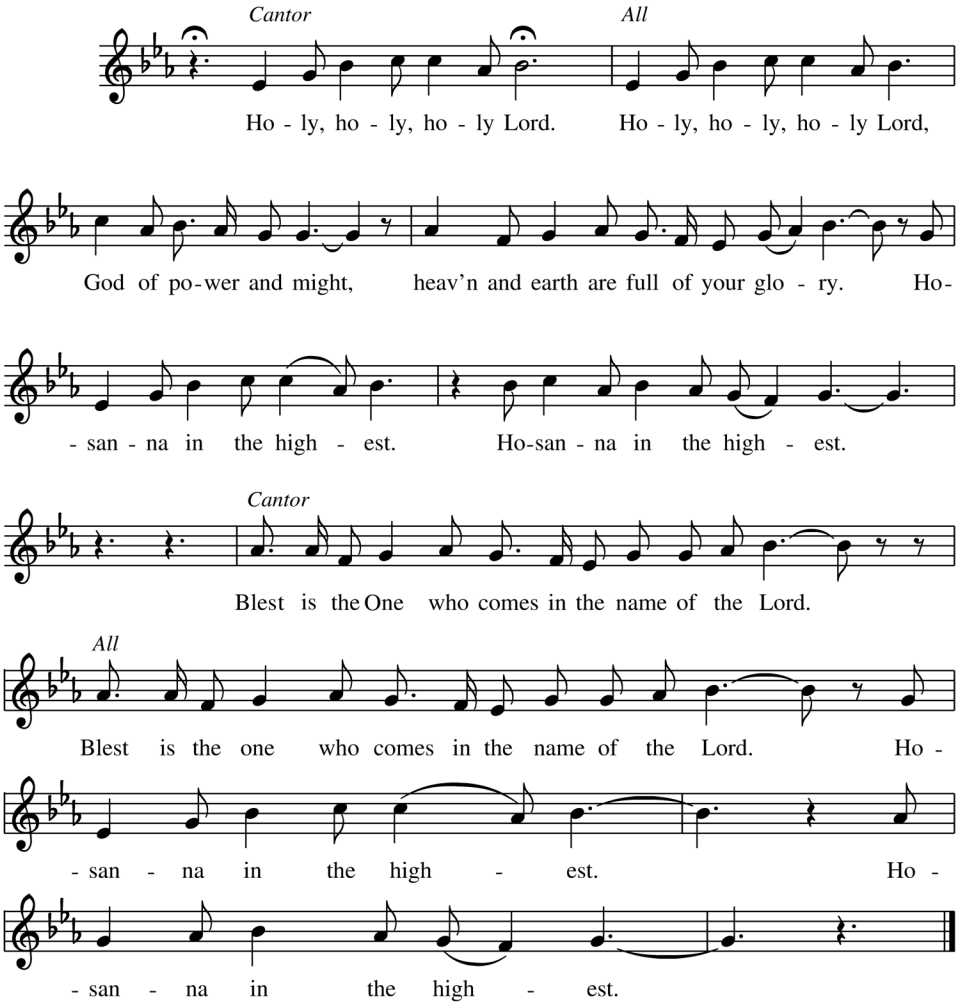
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B from *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), alt.

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, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Missa Conditor alme siderum* *Enriching Our Music 2 (Boles)*



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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

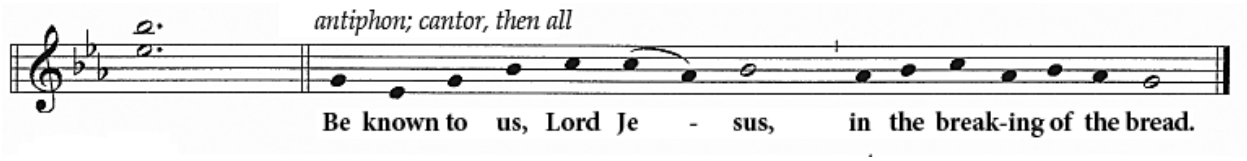
One And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Be known to us *(Missa Conditor alme siderum)* setting by Frank Boles

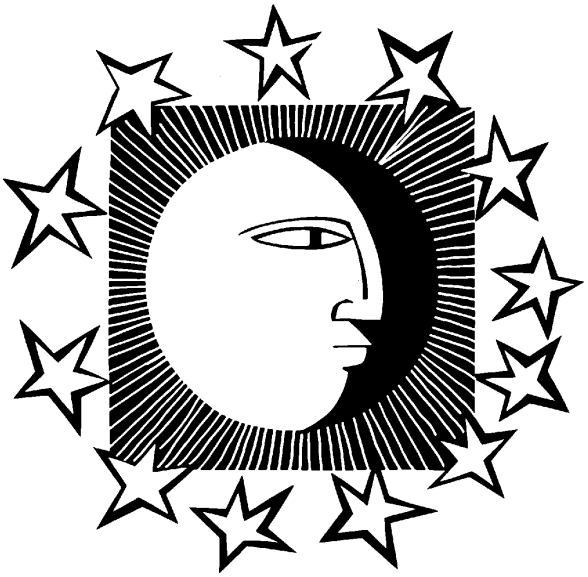


Choir: The bread which we break [Alleluia] is the communion of the body of Christ. ***[Antiphon]***

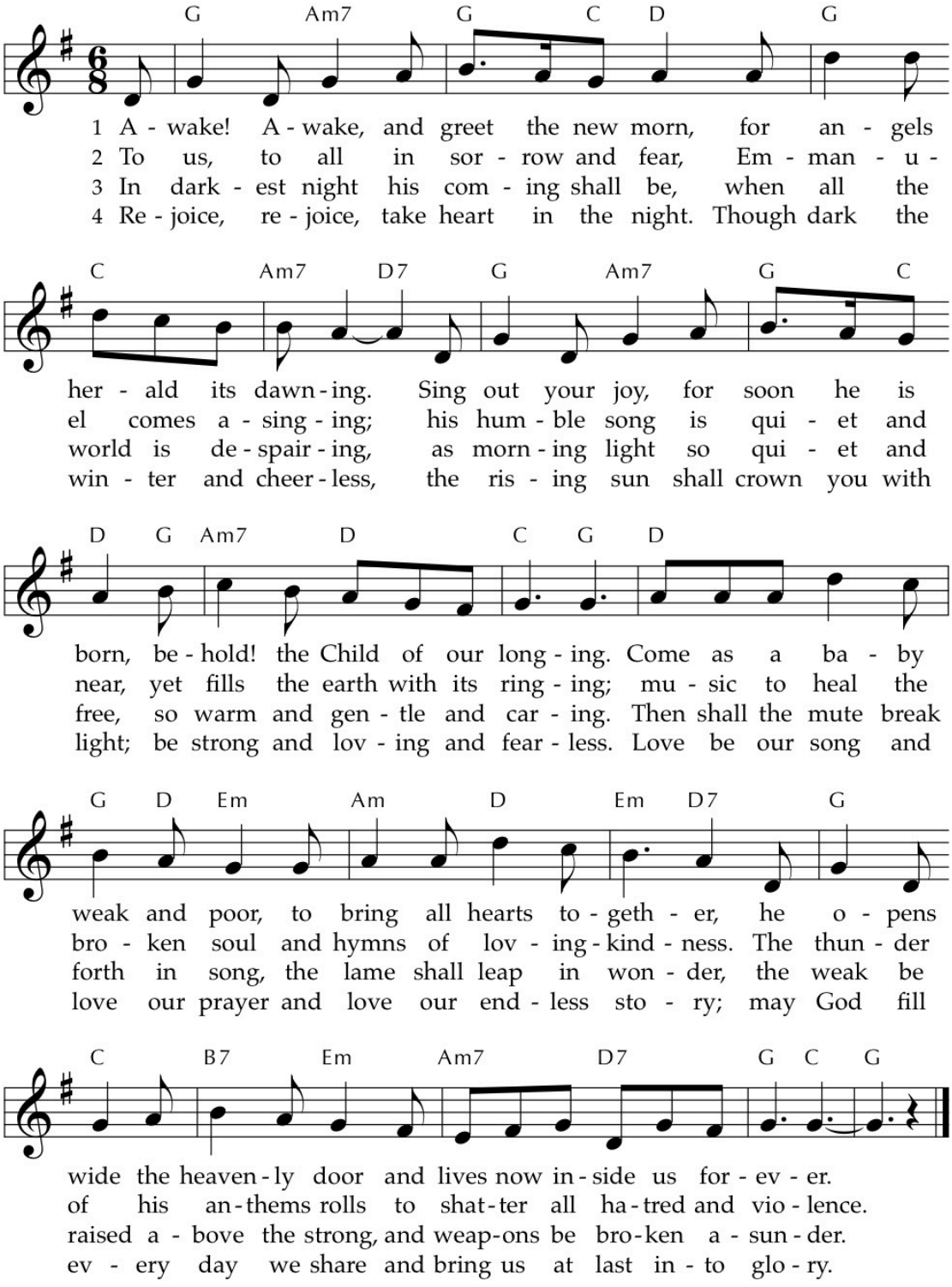
Choir: One body are we [Alleluia] for though many we share one bread. ***[Antiphon]***

The one presiding extends the following invitation to share in communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Communion Hymn Awake! awake, and greet the new morn *(Rejoice, Rejoice)*



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REJOICE, REJOICE
9.8.9.8.8.7.8.9

Announcements

Post-Communion Prayer

All pray together

Merciful God,
may this Eucharist free us from our sins,
fill us with unending joy,
and prepare us for the birth of our Savior.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
the one who was, and is, and is to come. Amen.

Blessing

The one presiding pronounces God's blessing.

Processional Hymn Savior of the nations, come *(Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland)* **Hymnal 54**

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 Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 Johann Sebastian Bach

St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Barb Pettitt
Amalia Renner
Issa Ackall
Jack Heller

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

David and Martha West
Mary Porter
Susan Cáceres
Margie Klein
Fred and Cheryl Murphy
Lewis Anderson
Jim Murray
Dixie Snider
Claude Oakley
Miriam Needham
Claiborne Jones
Michele Heller
Lynn Williams
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:

Michelle Schultz, *sister of Doris Bushart*
Carlos, *friend of Claudia Fedarko*
Joselina, *friend of Claudia Fedarko*
The People of Cuba
Susan Vail Casey, *sister of Tom Vail*
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*
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:

Rita Winings, *friend of Rita Channell*

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

Alex Larrivey
Tyler Swoope
Josh Bowers

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week

11/29 Nancy Waring
12/1 Claudia Fedarko
12/3 Emma Seif
12/3 Tyler Busch

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as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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