



LET LOVE OVERFLOW ♥ AMOR REBOSANTE

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Paul, in these verses, implores the Philippians,
“I pray that your love will overflow more and more,
and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding
... for this will bring much glory and praise to God.”

Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:9-11

Dear Beloved Friends of St. Bede's,

Jesus said, “Love your God with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul and all your might. Love your neighbor as yourself, on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

When we speak of Love, we may speak with the conviction that Love is the powerful force of our Creator and that is the overriding force for good in our known world. Jesus and Paul know this. We sometimes lapse into selfishness, the opposite of Love according to our presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

We have all had our challenges in the past year and half and we still are struggling to come to grips with all we grieved, the loss of life and loss of our sense of knowing how to be. But here at St. Bede's we kept LOVE alive through our weekly zoom services. Although we were apart, we viewed one another's faces with longing. In due time we came back together, masked, and rejoiced in sharing our time together of worship.

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We are entering a time of Celebrating All Saints Day with our incredible Altar of Remembrance. Along with expanded understanding of those who came before us we remember and celebrate the Love and Life of our forbearers. For better or worse they lived their lives and gave us our lives; the supreme gift to be used for the greater good. It is a blessing that we are learning together with our combined congregations how to be in communion with one another's traditions. To love one another as Jesus has loved and **continues to LOVE us.**

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Our Font is now overflowing again with the promise of Baptisms into the Body of Christ! That symbolic ritual is one of the more moving traditions of our Episcopal ways. We enfold all who are baptized in LOVE!

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We have been live-streaming our weekly services into Cyberspace reaching out to so many, known and unknown with messages of Love and Welcome.

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Although 2020 seems to be fading from memory, people are still sick and dying from Covid-19, a modern day scourge. We demonstrate our Love for one another by being vaccinated.

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As we enter the season of giving our LOVE overflows in the dozens of Emmaus House Thanksgiving Bags overflowing with the LOVE of our fellow travelers in our own community. Soon we will fill Baby Jesus baskets with supplies for families in need of newborn baby products.

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We are blessed to be here in this outpost of Giving. Our finances are overflowing despite the isolation of 2020.

We continue to meet, form new ways to study and learn about others. We plan, we pray, we teach, we do outreach, we study, we knit and crochet. We hold sessions to further our understanding of the world as we know it. **WE LET LOVE OVERFLOW** into our own lives, our family lives, our church lives, and out into the community.

Most of all we are grateful for generous Givers of Life and LOVE to one another.

We have our own John Whitt who designs and uses his creative talents year after year to help us celebrate our Stewardship to St. Bede's. As we begin to sing again we will join our voices with angels, archangels and all the company of heaven to forever sing the praises of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

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So as we consider our financial pledge to the Greater Good and the Overflowing of LOVE let us remember that that pledge is a commitment to fund our corner of the world and to do the overflowing work of LOVE in that corner.

Your pledge is important as we consider the 2022 budget. Your generous support allows us to always remember that LOVE overflowing is life giving and lifts us all us to the Glory of our Creator.

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