

The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021 ✠ 10 am

Welcome to St. Bede's Episcopal Church

St. Bede's is a sacred place because it is a place where God and the human pilgrimage meet. It is a welcoming community because this is 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 physical 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 Sonata in G Minor, Op. 2, No. 2 1. Andante 2. Allegro G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Rachael Doughton-Johnson, Kim Padgett, *violins*

Welcome

The Opening Acclamation

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

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.

The Opening Hymn Lo! He comes, with clouds descending (*Helmsley*)

Hymnal 57

The Collect of the Day from *St. Helena Psalter*

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when Christ shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through the One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson — Jeremiah 33:14-16

One A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Many Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

One Let us pray a portion of Psalm 25 together, responsively, by whole verse.

- 1 To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; ***
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O God, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, ***
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O God, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; ***
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O God.
- 7 Gracious and upright are you; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- 8 **You guide the humble in doing right ***
and teach your way to the lowly.
- 9 All your paths are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

The Gospel — Luke 21:25-36

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

Many Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be

on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

One The Gospel of the Lord.

Many Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon – Kate Kennedy, *postulant for the diaconate*

A period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

from Intercessions for the Christian People

The Deacon or Presider says

At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Holy One, hear our prayer.

That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, Let us pray to God.

Holy One, hear our prayer.

That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, Let us pray to God.

Holy One, hear our prayer.

That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, Let us pray to God.

Holy One, hear our prayer.

That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, Let us pray to God.

Holy One, hear our prayer.

That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, Let us pray to God.

Holy One, hear our prayer.

Following the intercessions, the Presider adds the concluding collect.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

One So that we might better love as God loves us,

Let us confess the sin that seeks to separate us from God and one another.

A period of silence is kept.

Many **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 us, forgive us all our sins

through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

***As we continue to journey through this long season of global pandemic,
please remain closer to your seat
and exchange the peace with a wave or bow to those around you.***

One The peace of Christ be always with you.

Many And also with you.

"Let Love Overflow" Annual Pledge Campaign Moment

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory Hymn Creator of the stars of night (*Conditor alme siderum*)

Hymnal 60

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

One The Lord 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, Father Almighty, 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 he 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 (*sung by the choir*)

Setting: *Conditor Alme Mass* by Frank Boles

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All pray together

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The one presiding continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Bede, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Father, 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.

Fraction Anthem *(sung by the choir)*

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Be known to us Lord, Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
Be known to us Lord, Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
One Body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.
Be known to us Lord, Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The one presiding extends the following invitation to share in communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music for the sharing in Communion Zion hears the watchmen's voices

Zion hears the watchmen's voices,
With gladness all her heart rejoices,
She eager wakes to greet the day.
See, her Lord from heav'n descending
With grace and truth and power unending,
Her daystar dawns with brightest ray.
O come, thou blessed One,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son,
Hosanna!
We follow there Thy feast to share,
And taste the joys beyond compare.

Glory now to God we render,
Who reigns on high in heav'nly splendour;
Let ev'ry tongue in praise unite.
Lo, we enter heav'n's bright portal
To join the song of saints immortal
With angels round thy throne of light.
No mortal joy can e'er
with heav'n's true bliss compare;
Alleluia!
Rejoice below, *io, io!*
Sing out *in dulci jubilo*.

words: Philip Nicolai (1556-1608)

music: J. S. Bach (1685-1750) from Cantata 140

Announcements

Post-Communion Prayer

All pray together

Faithful God
in the wonder of your wisdom and love
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.
We thank you for feeding us with this bread.
May it strengthen us
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may embody your love
and be renewed for your service
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The one presiding pronounces God's blessing.

Advent Responsory *(Sung by the choir)*

setting: Plainsong Tone I

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not nor be dismayed:
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord:
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

The Dismissal

The deacon sends the people forth with the following words

One Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Many Thanks be to God.

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St. Bede's Prayer List

Prayers have been requested for:

Myles Metcalf, *nephew of Susan Reef*
Rita Borge, Andrea Montero, Humberto Méndez, *friends of Nora Cruz-Diaz*
Angela Grai, *friend of Ron and Connie Aylor*
Jack "Bouncer" Robertson, *friend of the Buehler Townes family*
Douglas Bruce, *brother of Nancy Bruce*
Laura McIntosh Deck, *friend of Suzanne Shapiro*
Paul Knopick, *son-in-law of Anita Montelione*
Carmen Graciaa, *friend of Laura Martin*
Jim Poulos, *husband of Carol Kemker*
Helen Abraham
Karen Daniel, *daughter-in-law of Nina Daniel*
Anne Jones, *sister of Claiborne Jones*
Fay Key
Lisa Maloof, *daughter-in-law of Anita Maloof*
Kevin Maloof, *stepson of Anita Maloof*
Donareen Oakley
Larry Bing
Bill Edgar, *father of Beth Cannon*
Sarra David
Rosalene Larson, *mother-in-law of Michael Daniel*
Aree Bancroft

Laura Ribas
Jane Wiggins
Hilda Bell
Willie Diaz
Tim Waring
Peggy Allen, *mother of Lisa Main*
Ray Lampros
Arlene Means, *sister of Larry Bing*
Maggie Williams
Mary Rodriguez
Hollis Pickett
Margie Klein, *mother of Jody Klein*
Lynn Edgar, *mother of Beth Cannon*
Nancy Waring
Kerry Penney
Andy Matia, *friend of Ann Foote*
Jim Ohl
Frances Bowen
Max Carpenter, *grandson of Sarra David*
Judy Penney, *sister-in-law of Kerry Penney*
Sydney Lund
Ann Foote
Cameron Maddox

For those who have died:

Richard Hollahan, *friend of Susan Reef*
Vicki Bolton, *friend of Muriel Diguette and Claiborne Jones*

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:

11/29: Nancy Waring	12/3: Tyler Busch
11/30: Misty Dumas-Patterson	12/3: Angelica Cuevas-Cuevas
12/1: Claudia Fedarko	12/4: Kimberly Hernandez-Bernal
12/3: Emma Seif	

The flowers on the altar today are given
in memory of Ruth Mizell by Elizabeth, Bill, Julie, and Will Mizell



We invite and welcome *all* to worship, serve, and grow together
as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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