

# The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 5, 2023 ✠ 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 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**

*Slane*

organ improvisation

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**

Christ whose glory fills the skies (Ratisbon)

**Hymnal 7**

**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.



Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we praise your Ho-ly name, 4. You  
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us, 5. You are  
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,  
 7. You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of the Fa-ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we  
 praise your Ho-ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we  
 Praise your Ho-ly name.

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## Collect of the Day

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

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

O God of light, your Spirit reveals and illumines your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, so that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. Amen.

## The First Lesson – Isaiah 58:1-12

One A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

### Psalm 112:1-9

*One* Let us pray the following portion of Psalm 112 together, responsively, by whole verse.

- 1 Alleluia! Happy are they who fear God, \*  
and have great delight in the commandments!
- 2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \***  
**the generation of the upright will be blest.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \***  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 **For they will never be shaken; \***  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right; they put their trust in God.
- 8 **Their heart is established and will not shrink, \***  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

## **The Gospel – Matthew 5:13-20**

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

*Many*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*One*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*Many*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon – The Rev’d Miriam Needham**

*A period of silence follows the sermon.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

metrical paraphrase from *Common Worship*, The Church of England

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.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
and 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.

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.

## The Prayers of the People

adapted from *Intercessions for the Christian People*

*The deacon bids the prayers*

Let us pray for the church and for the world that all people may shine with the radiance of Christ, saying: Holy One, hear our prayer.

We pray for all of your people, O God, loved wholly by you and sent to be your light in the world.  
**Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, that our conflicts may cease, and that peace may reign in this new year.  
**Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity might prevail.  
**Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are persecuted, shunned, neglected, or rejected because of prejudice or discrimination – that they may find welcoming love in our community of faith,  
**Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all members of our community, that we may recognize the gifts received from the Spirit and use them freely for the good of all,  
**Holy One, 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 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**

*Please gently exchange the peace – perhaps with a wave or bow – as a courtesy to others.*

*One* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*Many* And also with you.

# **The Liturgy of the Table**

## **Offertory Hymn**

Be thou my vision (Slane)

**Hymnal 488**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching Our Worship*

*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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



# Sanctus

Holy, holy (Grayson Warren Brown)

*Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #255*

Ho-ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the One who comes in the  
name of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

*The one presiding continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, 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, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The one presiding continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with blessed Mary, blessed Bede, blessed Julian, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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

Be known to us, Lord Jesus

B. A. Hughley

*The choir intones the first line, then repeated by all.*

Refrain

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - - le - lu - ia.

*Choir:* Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful, and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes to judge the earth. (*Psalms 96:11-13*)

*All then repeat the refrain.*

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Anthem at Communion** *(sung by the choir)*      This little light of mine (Geo. Mabry)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Every day, I'm gonna let my little light shine.  
On Monday, he gave me the gift of love,  
On Tuesday peace come from above.  
On Wednesday, told me to have more faith;  
On Thursday, gave me a bit more grace.  
On Friday, told me to watch and pray;  
On Saturday, told me what to say.  
On Sunday, gave me power divine,  
Just to let my little light shine.

words: Traditional  
music: Traditional, arr. George Mabry

## **Announcements**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*All pray together*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life; 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.

### **The Blessing**

*The one presiding pronounces God's blessing.*

**Closing Hymn**      Thy strong word didst cleave the darkness (Ton-y-botel)      **Hymnal 381**

### **The Dismissal**

*One*      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*Many*      Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**      *Ton-y-Botel*      organ improvisation

## St. Bede's Prayer List

### Prayers have been requested for:

The Vaughn Family  
Diana Segovia, *cousin of Zulma Gutierrez*  
Jerry, *friend of Steve & Claudia Hadler*  
John Sommers, *brother-in-law of Barbara Helms*  
Caroline Spires  
Brian Metcalf, *brother-in-law of Susan Reef*  
Timothy Knapp, *friend of Susan Reef*  
Denise Benson, *friend of Susan Reef*  
Maggie Benson, *friend of Susan Reef*  
Marianne Elliott, *friend of Suzanne Shapiro*  
The Rev. Angela Lerena, *friend of Loretta  
& Tom Vail*  
The Sujia Family  
The Valdez Family  
Barb Pettitt  
Robin Schreiber  
Helen Jo Hardwick, *mother of Taylor Graves*  
Michael Flanagan  
Allen Townes Cunningham, *sister of Rob Townes*  
Wallace Victor Simmons, *brother of Jerry Simmons*  
Mellie Frippen, *friend of Nora Cruz-Diaz*

Anne Jones, *sister of Claiborne Jones*  
Joan Davis  
Carmen Graciaa, *friend of Laura Martin*  
Jim Poulos, *husband of Carol Kemker*  
Helen Abraham  
Fay Key  
Aree Bancroft  
Laura Ribas  
Jane Wiggins  
Hilda Bell  
Mary Rodriguez  
Margie Klein, *mother of Jody Klein*  
Lynn Edgar, *mother of Beth Cannon*  
Nancy Waring  
Andy Matia, *friend of Ann Foote*  
Jim Ohl  
Frances Bowen  
Sydney Lund  
Ann Foote  
Cameron Maddox

### For those who have died:

Maggie Williams  
Hollis Picket  
Thomas Wathen Fenwick, *brother of Fran Snider*

Briana Reef, *great-niece of Susan Reef*  
Mary Lonsdale, *friend of Loretta Vail*  
Jason Maderis, *friend of Suzanne Shapiro*

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

Josh Bowers  
Will Grimm

### We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:

2/9 Susan Anderson  
2/9 Cindy Huston



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