

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Sunday after the Ascension
May 12, 2024 ✕ 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 Prelude on *Julion*

organ improvisation

Welcome

Opening Hymn Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor (*Bryn Calfaria*)

Hymnal 307

Opening Acclamation

One Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Many The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity (*All pray together*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S278 (Mathias)

Children ages 3–5th grade may move at this time to a special gathering for children's formation.

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 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
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Collect of the Day

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)

One God be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Together, let us pray.

Gracious God, in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have given us eternal life and glorified your name in all the world: refresh our souls with the living stream of your truth, so that in our unity, your joy may be complete. Amen.

Lesson 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

Psalm

One Let us pray Psalm 1, responsively, by whole verse.

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, *
and they meditate on that law day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked; * t
hey are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;

⁶ **For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Sequence Hymn Now thank we all our God (*Nun danket alle Gott*)

Hymnal 397

Gospel John 17:6–19

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

Sermon The Rev'd William P. McLemore

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

from Intercessions for the Christian People

The deacon bids the prayers.

Christ lives, for death has no more power over him. And so we, God's holy Church, proclaim the resurrection, saying: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Created in the image and likeness of God, we pray to see God's image in one another. May our lives proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Tested in our faith and strengthened by God's love, we pray for open hearts, that we may live to proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Liberated from sin and death by water and Spirit, we pray for those who do not share our hope, that they may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Sharing in the joy of the newly baptized, we pray for their growth unto the full stature of Christ, that they may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Joining with those who share in the passion of Christ through illness, famine, war, temptation, and trial, we pray for courage and strength, that those who suffer may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**
United in our hope that we and all who die will live again, we pray for family and friends who have died, proclaiming: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

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

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

Anthem at the Offertory

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

words: 1 Corinthians 15:54–57

music: G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

Claudia Fedarko, *alto* and Steve Hadler, *tenor*

Presentation Hymn When Christ was lifted from the earth (*St. Botolph*)

Hymnal 603

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, *Book of Common Prayer*

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 125 (Proulx)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 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,
**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, blessed Julian, 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.

The one presiding breaks the bread.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 171

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



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

Choir:

The bread which we break: alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. [Ant.]

One body are we: alleluia, for though many we share one bread. [Ant.]

The one presiding extends the following invitation to share in communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymn at Communion Ye who claim the faith of Jesus (*Julion*)

Hymnal 268

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 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (*Hyfrydol*)

Hymnal 460

Dismissal

One Our worship has concluded and now our service begins.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Many Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary Ricercare con obbligo "Sancta Maria ora pro nobis" Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583–1643)
From *Fiori Musicali*

St. Bede's Prayer List

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

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

Al and Regina Studwell	Nancy Waring
Sarah Jane and Jim Ohl	Frances Bowen
Mary Rodriguez	Ann Foote
Helen Abraham	Robin Schreiber
Aree Bancroft	Cameron Maddox
Laura Ribas	Peg Harriss
Hilda Bell	Sue Ellen Lampros

Prayer has also been requested for these in our wider community:

Fay Key, *friend of the St. Bede's community*
Eleanor Pearlman, *granddaughter of Gwen Heaton*
Allen Townes Cunningham, *sister of Rob Townes*
Anne Jones, *sister of Claiborne Jones*
Elizabeth Graham, *friend of Toni Graney*
Jessica Pursley, *friend of Larry Bing*

We pray for those who have died:

Raymond Walker, Sr., *grandfather of Raymond Walker, III*
Dorine Celestine Webster, *grandmother of Orisha Parsons*
Guillermo Romero, *grandfather of Jelani Valdez*

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:

5/12 Beth Shupbach
5/12 Andrew Callaway
5/14 Rob Townes
5/14 Victoria Esquivel
5/15 Taylor Graves
5/15 Judah Sali
5/17 Melanie Alexander
5/17 Ellis Crowell
5/18 Leslie Webster

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

Josh Bowers
Will Grimm

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

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