

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025 ✕ 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, S. 659

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Welcome

Processional Hymn Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding (*Merton*)

Hymnal 59

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)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a 'Cantor' part (half note) and an 'All' part (half note). The lyrics 'Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the 'Cantor' part and then the 'All' part. The lyrics 'Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.' and 'Chri-ste e-le-i-son.' are written below. The third staff continues the 'All' part. The lyrics 'Chri-ste e-le-i-son.' and 'Chri-ste e-le-i-son.' are written below. The fourth staff continues the 'All' part. The lyrics 'Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.' and 'Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.' are written below. The fifth staff continues the 'All' part. The lyrics 'Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.' are written below. The score ends with a double bar line.

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 Isaiah 2:1–5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

Many Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of God."

² **Now our feet are standing ***
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

⁴ **To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Holy One, ***
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of God.

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ***
"May they prosper who love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

⁸ **For my kindred and companions' sake, ***
pray for your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the Holy One our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

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

Hymnal 60

Gospel Matthew 24:36–44

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

Many Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

One The Gospel of the Lord.

Many Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Very Rev'd S. Chadwick Vaughn

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

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.

Stewardship Moment

The Liturgy of the Table

Voluntary Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, S. 645

J. S. Bach

Presentation Hymn Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us (*Wachet auf*)

Hymnal 61

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, 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 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)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor, with a fermata over the first measure. The second staff is for the All, with a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - - san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est. The third staff continues the lyrics: - san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est. The fourth staff is for the Cantor, with a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics are: Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cantor *All*

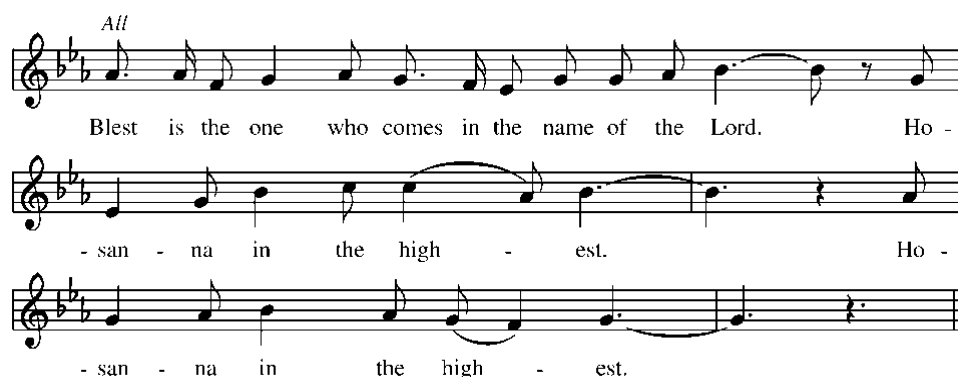
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of po-wer and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

- san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Cantor

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.



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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 shed 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,

All pray together

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 The King shall come when morning dawns (*St. Stephen*)

Hymnal 73

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 Lo! he comes with clouds descending (*Helmsley*)

Hymnal 57

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, S. 599 (*Orgelbüchlein*)

J. S. Bach

The greenery on the altar
is given to the glory of God and
In celebration of Tom and Loretta Vail's 50th wedding anniversary

St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Suzanne Shapiro
Jim Helms

Raz Schreiber

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

Helen Loeb
Margie Klein
Michele Heller
Lynn Williams
Jim Handsfield
Barbie Olsen
Dixie Snider

David Boyd
Debhani Hernandez
Al and Regina Studwell
Sarah Jane and Jim 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:

Anne Parker, *sister of Robin Schreiber*
John Porter, *former rector and friend of St. Bede's*
Rufus Williamson, *father of Kay Entrekin*
Bill and Nancy Love, *parents of Becca Love*
James Smythe, *great-nephew of Molly Graves*
Elizabeth McCollam, *daughter of Jennie and Richard Couture*
Larry Sullivan, *friend of Joan Greer*
Kayt Hoch, *daughter-in-law of Martha and David West*
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:

France Cook, *uncle of Chad Vaughn*

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

Josh Bowers
Jonathan

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week

12/1 Claudia Fedarko
12/3 Emma Seif
12/3 Tyler Busch

12/6 Regina Studwell
12/6 Krista Greer

We rejoice with the birth of
Nicholas Lazarus Alexandrou
son of Elizabeth (Mizell) & Alex Alexandrou

(grandson of Will & Julie Mizell)

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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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