

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026 ✠ 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 Partitas I–IX: *Jesu, meine Freude*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

Welcome

Opening Hymn The glory of these forty days (*Erhalt uns, Herr*)

Hymnal 143

Penitential Order

One Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

Many God's mercy endures for ever. Amen

One Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, God, our God, is one. You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29–31*

The deacon bids the confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

A period of silence is kept. All pray together

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 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.**

Trisagion

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

Propers Working Group (2016)

One God be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Together, let us pray.

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world, even when we are blind to your grace. Open our eyes to see your transforming love in our midst, so that we may see your world anew; through Jesus Christ, the savior who shows compassion for all. **Amen.**

Lesson Samuel 16:1–13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Many Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *sung by choir*

chant: C. Hylton Stewart

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd: * therefore can I lack nothing.
- ² He shall feed me in a green pasture, * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- ³ He shall convert my soul, * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
- ⁵ Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; * thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- ⁶ Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Sequence Hymn I want to walk as a child of the light (*Houston*)

Hymnal 490

Gospel John 9:1–41

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

Many Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not

listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

Form VI, *Book of Common Prayer*, alt.

In peace, we pray to you O God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.

For all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

For all whom we have loved, but see no more.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

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 concludes the prayers with the following collect for peace.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; in Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

from A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989)

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

My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddès grace;
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed
from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
of that celestial fire.

words: Robert Bridges (1844–1930)
music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, *Book of Common Prayer*

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Enriching Our Music 1

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. The first system is for the lyrics "Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." and the second system is for "Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est." Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in a minor key and 4/4 time.

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The one presiding continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”**

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”**

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
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 and a period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Enriching Our Worship 1

The musical score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace." The score includes repeat signs and fermatas.

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The one presiding extends the following invitation to share in communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Announcements

Post-Communion Prayer

from *The Book of Alternative Services (Anglican Church of Canada)*

All pray together

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer over the People

One Let us bow down before our God.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence. Amen.

Closing Hymn Jesus, all my gladness (*Jesu, meine Freude*)

Hymnal 701

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 Partita X: *Jesu, meine Freude*

Walther

*The altar party processes out to the closing Voluntary,
after which the people may leave the nave in silence or remain in prayer.*

St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Terry Cannon
Susan Cáceres
Jim Helms

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

Martha Robert	Claude Oakley
Miriam Needham	Al and Regina Studwell
Claiborne Jones	Sarah Jane and Jim Ohl
Margie Klein	Mary Rodriguez
Michele Heller	Helen Abraham
Lynn Williams	Cameron Maddox
Jim Handsfield	Aree Bancroft
Barbie Olsen	Nancy Waring
Dixie Snider	Frances Bowen
David Boyd	Ann Foote
Debhani Hernandez	Sue Ellen Lampros

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

The Reverend Richard Smith, *friend of Nancy Bruce*
Jeremy and Aila Craig, *family of Helen Loeb*
Carol Wilkes, *friend of Larry Bing*
Spenser Simrill, *friend of Lynnsay Buehler*
Melanie Millsaps Johnson, *friend of Lynnsay Buehler*
Lea Robinson, *friend of St. Bede's*
Ed Provost *friend of Mike and Cindy Huston*
Dede Clemmons *friend of Mike and Cindy Huston*
William Gunter, *family of Doris and Jim Bushart*
Tim and Margie Graves, *family of Doris and Jim Bushart*
Julian Bushart, *family of Doris and Jim Bushart*
Cristóbal Lecuna, *friend of St. Bede's*
Lawrence Pinson, *father of Laura Sellers*
James Smythe, *great nephew of Molly Graves*
Larry Sullivan, *friend of Joan Greer*
John Borden, *friend of Joan Greer*
Kayt Hoch, *daughter-in-law of Martha and David West*
Reagan Koski, *friend of Beth Cannon*
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:

Sandy Drummond, *father of Gavin Drummond*

George Lenaeus, *father of Julie Mizell*

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

Josh Bowers

Jonathan

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week

3/17 Glenn Boatenreiter

3/20 Samantha Cannon

3/18 Molly Seif

3/21 Bryce Cannon

3/19 Jody Klein

3/21 Cullen Branch

3/19 Luis Piedra-Sujia

3/21 David Fisk

Prayers of celebration for the birth of
James Forrest Klein

On February 27

Son of Benjamin and Emmaleigh Klein

Grandson of Jody and Heidi Klein

Great-grandson of Margie Klein

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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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