

The Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 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

Welcome

Processional Hymn Angels from the realms of glory (*Regent Square*)

Hymnal 93

Opening Acclamation

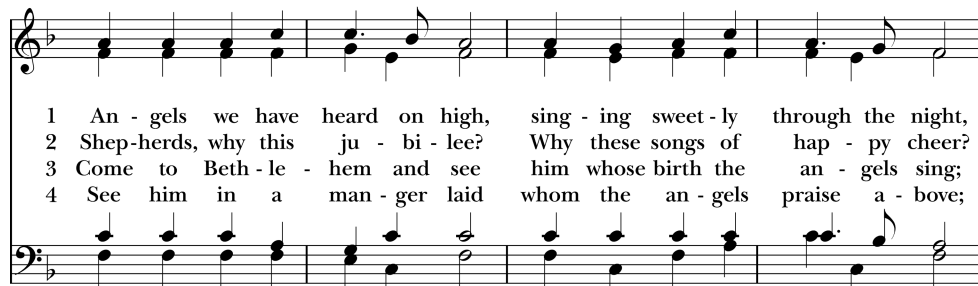
One Alleluia. Unto us a Child is born.

Many O Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

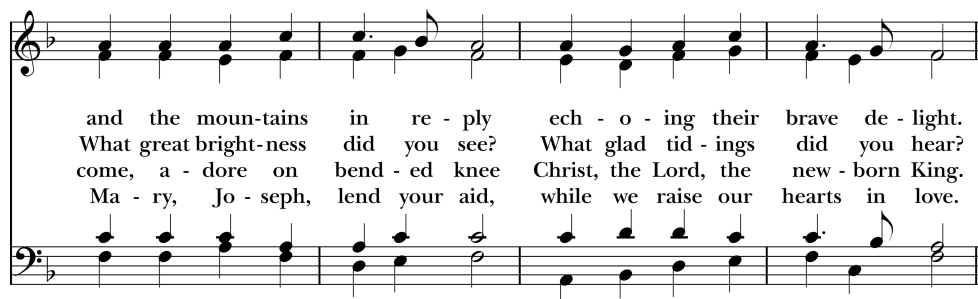
Hymn of Praise *Angels we have heard on high*

Hymnal 96

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



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

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Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer (1979)

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

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lesson Ephesians 1:3–6, 15–19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

Tone VIII.1



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hósts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice / in the lív-ing God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her yóung; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my / King and my´ God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your hóuse! *
they will al-/ways be práising you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in yóu! *
whose hearts are set / on the píl-grims way.**
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with / pools of wá-ter.
- 6 **They will climb from héight to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal him-/self in Zí-on.**
- 7 Lord God of hosts, héar my prayer; *
hearken, O / God of Já-cob.
- 8 **Behold our defender, O Gód; *
and look upon the face of / your A-nóint-ed.**
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my´ own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents / of the wíck-ed.
- 10 **For the Lord God is both sún and shield; *
he will give / grace and gló-ry;**
- 11 No good thing will the Lord with-hóld *
from those who walk / with in-tég-rity.
- 12 **O Lord of hósts, *
happy are they who / put their trúst in you!**

Sequence Hymn How bright appears the Morning Star (*Wie schön leuchtet*)

Hymnal 496

Gospel Luke 2:41–52

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

Many Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

In the birth of Jesus Christ among the poor of the earth, God has promised to comfort all peoples and to give gladness in exchange for sorrow. Assured by this promise, let us pray for all the earth and all its peoples, saying: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the beauty and wonder of creation, that we may care for all God's creatures,
God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For this city, for our church, and for the homes in which we live, God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For peace in the world and for an end to all wars and hatred between people, God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For our president and all leaders of the nations, God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all those who are sad or afraid, God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick, suffering or in any kind of trouble, God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For kind hearts, that we may love our neighbors as ourselves, 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

All loving and gracious God, we thank you for gracing us with the gift of your Son. Confident of your abiding love for us, we have placed our needs before you. Hear and answer our prayers, through that same Christ, newly born this night, our Lord and Savior, for ever and ever. **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 Anthem

A Carol of Adoration

O Babe Divine, now will I sing
To Thee a song of love-longing:
Make in my heart a quick wellspring,
Thyself to love above all thing.

O Holy Child, my dim heart's gleam,
O brighter than a sunny beam!
As Thou wast born in Bethlehem,
Be born in me and be my dream.

words: Old English, adapt. W. A. Pickard-Cambridge
music: Edger Pettman (1867–1943)

O Prince of Peace, my dark soul's light!
Thou art a day without a night,
O give me strength and give me might
Ever to love Thyself aright.

Jesu, it well for him shall be
That in Thy bliss Thyself shall see:
O then with love-chords draw Thou me,
That I may come and dwell with Thee.

Presentation Hymn What star is this (*Puer nobis*)

Hymnal 124

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B from *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979)

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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

Hymnal S 130 (*Schubert*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. 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.

The one presiding breaks the bread.

Fraction Anthem Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

Hymnal S 164 (Schubert)

The one presiding extends the following invitation to share in communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn It came upon a midnight clear (*Carol*)

Hymnal 89

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 The first Nowell the angel did say (*The First Nowell*)

Hymnal 109

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



St. Bede's Prayer List

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

Cameron Maddox
David Boyd
Bill McLemore
Kay Howington

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

Carmen Camiro	Aree Bancroft
Debhani Hernandez	Nancy Waring
Al and Regina Studwell	Frances Bowen
Sarah Jane and Jim Ohl	Ann Foote
Mary Rodriguez	Peg Harriss
Helen Abraham	Sue Ellen Lampros

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

William Doyle and Susan Pittard Doyle, *family of Suzanne Shapiro*
Mary Robert, *sister of Martha Robert*
Marge and Sharon Emerling, *friends of Helen Loeb*
Ian Lopez Kilpatrick, *grandson of Pat Miller and Sean Kilpatrick*
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:

Laura Ward, *friend of Amy Swoope Quillen*
Hilda Bell

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

Josh Bowers

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week

1/6 Jane Bowers	1/9 Trevor Cannon
1/6 Marty Elks	1/10 Robin Schreiber

Christmas Flowers & Music are given to the glory of God

In thanksgiving for

My church family
by Larry Bing

Our family,
by Richard and Amy Busch

John Whitt, master organist, musician, and
choir director. Merry Christmas from the
choir!

Our family
by Claudia Fedarko and Steve Hadler

My family and my St. Bede's family
by Molly Graves

Our many blessings
by Jody and Heidi Klein

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for The
Smith Family and for ALL the blessings of this
life.
by Helen and Joseph Smith

Our St. Bede's Community
by Dixie and Fran Snider

Our daughter, Kara,
by Karen & Paul Werner

In loving memory of

Peter Stellato
by the Burton family

Aunt Dorthy Troutman
by Connie Coralli

Mark Matthews, Patrick Hagan, and Frances
Adams
By Claiborne Jones

Owen Lee
by Joyce Lee

Mary Horder, Emily Craig, and Lloyd Loeb
by Helen Loeb

Jim Sease
by James Sease, Jr.

Jay Shapiro,
by Suzanne Sharpiro

Peter Stellato
by his mother, Nancy

Our son, Andrew MacPherson West,
by David & Martha West

In memory of Hugh and Bertha Sauer and
John and Lougie Whitt
By John and April Whitt

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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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