



*Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.*

## THE FEAST BEDE

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia **Bede** (/biːd/ *BEED*; Old English: *Bæda* [ˈbæːda], *Bēda* [ˈbeːda]; 672/3 – 26 May 735), also known as **Saint Bede**, **The Venerable Bede**, and **Bede the Venerable** (Latin: *Beda Venerabilis*), was an English monk at the monastery of St. Peter and its companion monastery of St. Paul in the Kingdom of Northumbria of the Angles (contemporarily Monkwearmouth–Jarrow Abbey in Tyne and Wear, England).

Born on lands belonging to the twin monastery of Monkwearmouth–Jarrow in present-day Tyne and Wear, Bede was sent to Monkwearmouth at the age of seven and later joined Abbot Ceolfrith at Jarrow. Both of them survived a plague that struck in 686 and killed a majority of the population there. While Bede spent most of his life in the monastery, he travelled to several abbeys and monasteries across the British Isles, even visiting the archbishop of York and King Ceolwulf of Northumbria.

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## **The Word of God**

### **The Greeting**

**Presider** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Gloria in Excelsis** S278 Hymnal 1982 # S278

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day:**

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Presider** Let us pray

**All: Almighty God, who has enriched your church with the learning and holiness of your servant Bede: Grant us to find in Scripture and disciplined prayer the image of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and to fashion our lives according to his likeness, to the glory of your great Name and to the benefit of your holy church; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Word of God**     *(Please be seated)*

### **The First Lesson:** A reading from **Ecclesiastes 12:9–14**

Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. The Teacher sought to find pleasing words, and he wrote words of truth plainly.

The sayings of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are given by one shepherd. Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Caeli enarrant*

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **Gospel Lesson:**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Matthew 13:31-33**

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus put before his disciples another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## **Homily**

**Nicene Creed:** *Traditional Version (Said aloud by all, in unison)*

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity. Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations of the world  
Jesus, Lord of life,

*People:* **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word. Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you and who have passed from this life into the life eternal. May we also enter your gates of glory at our appointed time.  
Jesus, Lord of life,

**In your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always.  
Amen.**

## **Exchange of the Peace**

Presider *May the peace of Christ be always with you*

All **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People exchange socially distant signs of peace (peace sign, namaste, virtual hug)*

## **Offertory**

Presider: *But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

# Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP Rite II Prayer A

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

*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

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #S129*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest**

*Then the Presider continues*

*Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.*



*On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

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

*We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.*

*Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit (+) to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.*

*Sanctify us also (+) that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.*

*All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.*

*Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,*

**All: 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 Breaking of the Bread**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**  
**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,**  
**Therefore let us keep the feast,**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church.)*

**Recognition of a Birthday, Anniversary, Healing, Gratitude**  
**Post Communion Prayer** *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider: *Let us pray:*

*Presider and People*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Benediction:**

Presider: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Presider: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

**People: We are called to love and serve.**

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

He was an author, teacher ([Alcuin](#) was a student of one of his pupils), and scholar, and his most famous work, *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, gained him the title "The Father of [English History](#)". His ecumenical writings were extensive and included a number of Biblical commentaries and other theological works of [exegetical](#) erudition. Another important area of study for Bede was the academic discipline of [computus](#), otherwise known to his contemporaries as the science of calculating calendar dates. One of the more important dates Bede tried to compute was Easter, an effort that was mired in controversy. He also helped popularize the practice of dating forward from the birth of Christ (*Anno Domini* – in the year of our Lord), a practice which eventually became commonplace in medieval Europe. Bede was one of the greatest teachers and writers of the [Early Middle Ages](#) and is considered by many historians to be the most important scholar of antiquity for the period between the death of [Pope Gregory I](#) in 604 and the coronation of [Charlemagne](#) in 800.

In 1899, [Pope Leo XIII](#) declared him a [Doctor of the Church](#). He is the only native of [Great Britain](#) to achieve this designation; [Anselm of Canterbury](#), also a Doctor of the Church, was originally from Italy. Bede was moreover a skilled linguist and translator, and his work made the [Latin](#) and [Greek](#) writings of the early [Church Fathers](#) much more accessible to his fellow [Anglo-Saxons](#), which contributed significantly to English [Christianity](#). Bede's monastery had access to an impressive library which included works by [Eusebius](#), [Orosius](#), and many others.

## Life

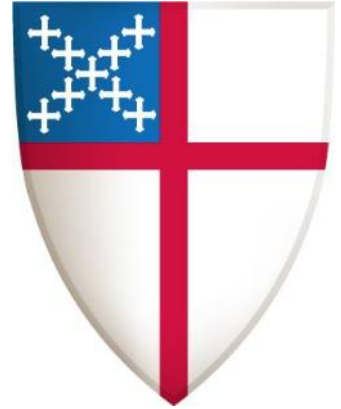
Almost everything that is known of Bede's life is contained in the last chapter of his *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, a history of the church in England. It was completed in about 731,<sup>[4]</sup> and Bede implies that he was then in his fifty-ninth year, which would give a birth date in 672 or 673.<sup>[1][5][6][a]</sup> A minor source of information is the letter by his disciple Cuthbert (not to be confused with the saint, [Cuthbert](#), who is mentioned in Bede's work) which relates Bede's death.<sup>[10][b]</sup> Bede, in the *Historia*, gives his birthplace as "on the lands of this monastery".<sup>[11]</sup> He is referring to the twinned monasteries of Monkwearmouth and Jarrow,<sup>[12]</sup> in modern-day [Wearside](#) and [Tyneside](#) respectively; there is also a tradition that he was born at Monkton, two miles from the site where the monastery at Jarrow was later built.<sup>[1][13]</sup> Bede says nothing of his origins, but his connections with men of noble ancestry suggest that his own family was well-to-do.<sup>[14]</sup> Bede's first abbot was [Benedict Biscop](#), and the names "Biscop" and "Beda" both appear in a list of the kings of [Lindsey](#) from around 800, further suggesting that Bede came from a noble family.<sup>[6]</sup>

[Bede's name](#) reflects West Saxon *Bīeda* (Northumbrian *Bēda*, Anglian *Bēda*).<sup>[15]</sup> It is an Anglo-Saxon short name formed on the root of *bēodan* "to bid, command".<sup>[16]</sup> The name also occurs in the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*, s.a. 501, as *Bieda*, one of the sons of the Saxon founder of [Portsmouth](#). The *Liber Vitae* of [Durham Cathedral](#) names two priests with this name, one of whom is presumably Bede himself. Some manuscripts of the *Life of Cuthbert*, one of Bede's works, mention that Cuthbert's own priest was named Bede; it is possible that this priest is the other name listed in the *Liber Vitae*.<sup>[17][18]</sup>

At the age of seven, Bede was sent as a [puer oblatu](#)<sup>[19]</sup> to the monastery

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