

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, CA
THE 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 8, 2009

Welcome to St. Bede's Church. We're pleased that you have chosen to worship here today. If you are visiting, please sign the guest book or fill out the card in the Visitor's packet, and join the congregation downstairs in the parish hall for refreshments after the service. If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The rest rooms, nursery and classrooms are located downstairs off the parish hall.

As we approach the end of the Church Year, our readings from the Gospel of Mark deal with the final days of Jesus' ministry. In that period Jesus is placed in direct conflict with the religious leaders in Jerusalem. In today's passage Jesus contrasts the simple faith of a poor widow, expressed by her generous giving, with the show of religiosity put on by the scribes and the rich.

The first reading today is taken from the Book of Ruth. In it, an Israelite woman names Naomi who lives in the land of Moab loses her husband and sons. Her daughter-in-law, Ruth, secures a place in society for both of them by marrying a wealthy Judean landowner names Boaz. In today's selection from the final two chapters of the book, we read about Ruth's seduction of and marriage to Boaz and the genealogy of their descendants which leads to "...Jesse, the father of David."

The passage from Hebrews, which we are reading through at this time, deals with the eternal nature of Jesus' priesthood. Unlike the symbolic sacrifices of the old priesthood, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection and ascension have made him uniquely able to take away the sin of the world for all time.

The people of God in every age have gathered in the Eucharist to respond to salvation in generous and loving ministry to each other and the world. Made part of Jesus' own sacrifice in Baptism, we are joined with his sacrifice in the Eucharist. Thus, our own sacrifices, like those of the two poor widows, are given the eternal significance of Jesus' own dying and rising. What is lacking in us through our own imperfection is made perfect in Christ.

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The Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno is the Bishop of Los Angeles

The Very Rev. Canon James Newman is the Rector of St. Bede's Parish & Dean of Deanery 3

The Rev. Vicki Mouradian is the Curate

Associated clergy: The Rev. Giovan King, D. Min.

Mr. Frank Basile is the Director of Music

Canon Annette Graw is the President of Deanery 3, Diocese of Los Angeles

Mr. Reed Wilson & Mr. Michael Mullins are the Wardens of this Parish

Lay Canons of the Diocese of Los Angeles: Annette Graw, Edmonde Haddad, Wes Hartley, Ruth Nicastro

- *Nursery care is available downstairs. We also have speakers in the patio should your child wish to go outside*
- *You are invited to receive communion at the Lord's Table.*
- *If you wish a pastoral call, please see a member of the Clergy or the Vestry member on duty.*
- *Items to be included in the bulletin must be at the office by the preceding Tuesday morning.*

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INTERCESSIONS

◆ We pray for Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Jon, Chester & Sergio, our bishops, and James, Vicki & Giovan, our clergy; for Frank-Joaquin-Tom-RoseMarie-Michael & Jeannette, our lay staff & for the clergy & people of St. Andrew's with St. Agnes in Romford, England. We pray for Lauren, Richard and all Missionaries of the Church. We pray for discernment in the election of two Bishops Suffragan at the Diocesan Convention in December. We pray for reconciliation in the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church & the Diocese of Los Angeles. In our parish, we pray for the Verger, lay eucharistic ministers, healing team members, intercessors, lectors, acolytes, ushers, greeters, counters, and the sacristans.

◆ [ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: *Diocese of Uyo* - (Province of the Niger Delta, Nigeria) *The Rt Revd Isaac Orama;*

◆ **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:**
Congregatio ns: St. Martin in-the-Fields (Twenty-nine Palms, Winnetka/ Canoga Park); Institutio ns: St. Martin's Inner City Community Services and Mission (Compton); Clergy: Edward Crowther, Frances Cantella.]

◆ We pray for Barack, our President; Arnold, our Governor; and the mayors of our cities. We pray for peace in the world and remember all those serving their countries at home and abroad, especially those we name ...

◆ We remember the **ill & those in need:**
Dulcie, Fr. Ron, Michael, John, Nabila, Edmonde, Harriet, Fr. John, Elsie, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Evlynn, Kim, Frances, Kanan, Peggy, Steven, David, Dean, Kelly, Bryn, Dan, Eileen, Caleb, Dennis, Max,

◆ We remember those who have **died:**
◆ The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of her husband John Connelly by Paddie Harris; the **Sanctuary lamp** is lighted this week to the glory of God...

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

WEDNESDAY - Martin of Tours:

Isaiah 58.6-12; Ps. 15; Matthew 25.34-40

SUNDAY – Pentecost 24/Proper 28:

1 Samuel 1.4-20; 1 Samuel 2.1-10;
Hebrews 10.11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13.1-8

CLERGY SCHEDULE

(available for office appointments or confessions)

Canon Jim

M: 12-7pm; T: 9am-4pm; W: 3-9 pm

Mthr. Vicki

T: 9am-12pm; W: 3-9 pm

THIS WEEK AT ST. BEDE'S

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| TODAY | 9 & 11 am | Coffee Hour Forum: Diabetes |
| | 6 pm | Evening Prayer |
| Monday | 7 pm | Sisters of Bede |
| Tuesday | 9 am | Breakfast & Bible |
| Wednesday | Noon | St. John's Guild (Canon Newman's home) |
| | 7 pm | Holy Eucharist |
| | 7.30 pm | Forum: <i>History of Christianity</i> |
| Fri.-Sun. | | Parish Retreat @ St. Mary's Retreat House, Santa Barbara |
| Sunday | 8 & 10 | Holy Eucharist |
| | 9 am | Choir rehearsal |
| | 9.45 am | Nursery & Ch. School |
| | 6 pm | Evening Prayer |

[refreshments: 8: S. Hutson; 10: D. Gandara, R. Crane, C. Portalupi]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *Homecoming Quill* and the **November Calendar** are available on line and in the narthex rack.
- Marilyn Montgomery will lead the **Coffee Hour Forum** after services today: "Diabetes: Types I & II - An American Epidemic - what it means to you.
- Today we remember those who have **birthdays or anniversaries** in November; the collection taken benefits the **Neighborhood Youth Association**.
- Deadline for the **Advent/Christmas Quill** is 11/20.
- **Bookworms of Bede** will discuss:
11/16 - *The Poisonwood Bible*, Barbara Kingsolver
12/21-no meeting
1/18- *Nickel and Dimed*, Barbara Ehrenreich

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher (8): The Rev. Canon Jim Newman

Assisting (8): The Rev. Giovan King

Lay Assistant (8): Kyle Ferstead

Lector (8): Dennis Winston

Greeter (8): Dennis &/or Connor Winston

Healing Team (8): Gina Turella

Refreshments (8): Vestry

Presiding (10): The Rev. Giovan King

Assisting & Preaching (10): The Rev. Canon Jim Newman

Music Director (10): Frank Basile

Vocal Section Leaders (10): Anita Van Tellingen;

Cynthia Rothschild; Ben Enright; Joe Montgomery

Lay Ministers (10): Barbara Sands, Annette Graw, Steve Buck,

Laird Hegamin, Betsy Hiteshew, Phil Schultz, Samira Tamer

Greeters (10): James Raef

Healing Chapel (10): Sharon Arthur

Refreshments (10): Vestry

Vestry Member on Duty: Mike Mullins

Counters: Samira Tamer & Ruben Scott