



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 16, 2024
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
10:10AM

WELCOME!

We are so glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God.

Restrooms are located in the hallway beyond the Foyer.

A nursery is available for children up to age five and is in the hallway beyond the Parish Hall.

BCP page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymn numbers refer to the blue *Hymnal, 1982*. Note that 'S' numbers refer to service music and are located at the beginning of the hymnal.

Please silence all electronic devices.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

10:10 AM

A prayerful silence begins at 10:00AM as the bells ring the hour.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 525

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Celebrant prays

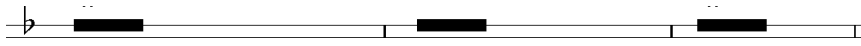
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

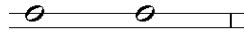
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it, In the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever



A - men.

The people are seated for the reading of the lessons from sacred scripture.

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is sung by the choir.

- ¹ It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
² To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
³ On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
⁴ For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
¹¹ The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
¹² Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
¹³ They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
¹⁴ That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

THE SECOND LESSON

Second Corinthians 5: 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

HYMN 302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Rendez a Dieu

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege

A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

from *Common Worship*

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Let us by prayer and intercession with thanksgiving make our requests to God.

Gracious God,
we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world.
We pray for the honouring of human rights,
and for the relief of the oppressed.
We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives of men, women and children.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service.
We pray for Jose our bishop and for the life of this parish.
We give thanks for the gift of your word,
the grace of the sacraments
and the fellowship of your people.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this local community
and for all people in their daily life and work.
We pray for the young and the elderly,
for families, and all who are alone.
We give thanks for human skill and creativity
and all that reveals your loveliness.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are in need;
for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved.
We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing.
We give thanks for human love and friendship
and for all that enriches our daily lives.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died;
for those whom we love but see no longer,
now held in your loving care.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all those for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of Almighty God.

The people add their own petitions.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect and the people respond, **Amen.***

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

The Celebrant bids the Confession. Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces the absolution and the people respond, **Amen.***

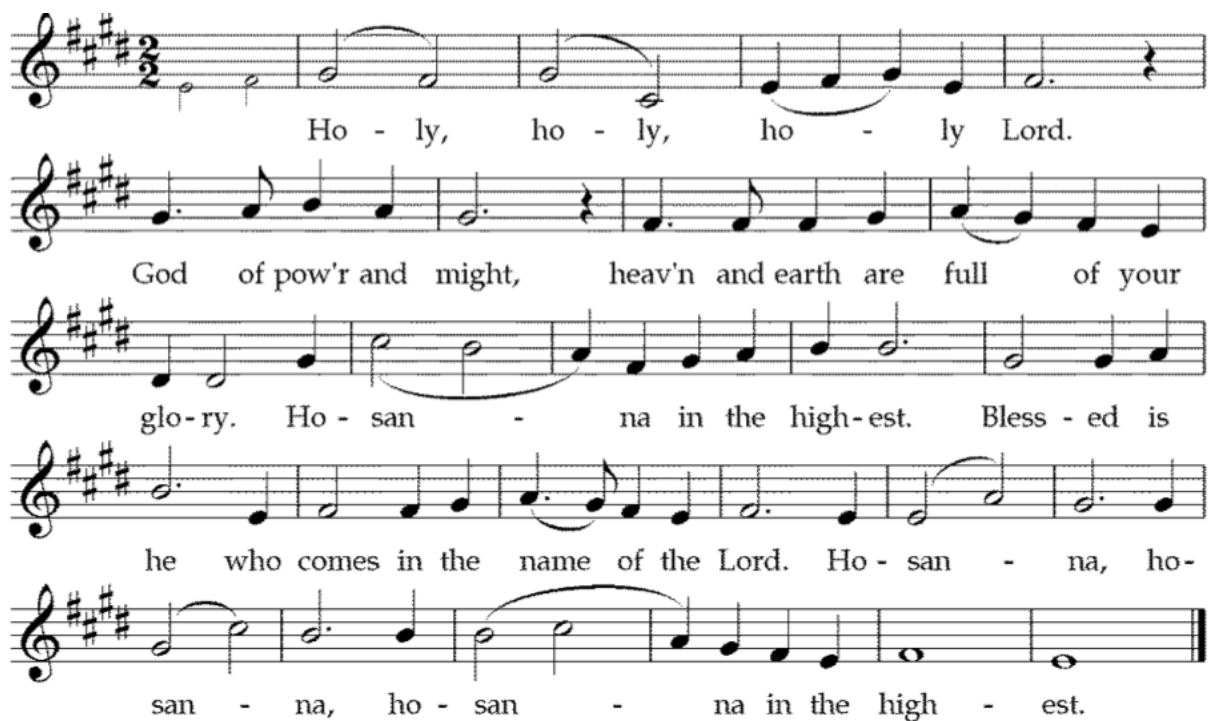
THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People exchange a sign of peace.

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT



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. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant 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 [_____ 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 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.

People
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A-men.

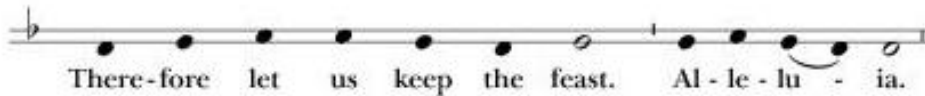
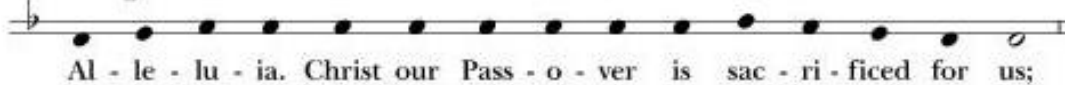
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

BCP 364

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

This setting is not used in Lent.



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition. To receive the sacrament, extend your hands so that the priest may place the bread in the palm of your outstretched hands. Gluten free wafers are available. For those who desire to receive the wine that follows, guide the chalice toward your lips to drink from the cup. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the priest.

For those unable to receive the sacrament this day, we offer this prayer:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, in thanksgiving for the promised gift of your resurrection, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

The musical score for the Agnus Dei is presented in five staves. The first staff is for the organ, with the key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "(Organ) Lamb of God, you take a-way the". The second staff is for low voices, with a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of". The third staff continues the low voices, with a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have". The fourth staff is for all voices, with a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fifth staff continues the all voices, with a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "sins of the world: grant us peace."

All sing the hymn.

HYMN 620

Jerusalem, my happy home

Land of Rest

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Celebrant and people say together,

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant announces God's blessing and the people respond, **Amen.***

HYMN 524

I love thy kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas (Williams)

THE DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant proclaims the dismissal, and the people respond, **Thanks be to God.***

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The musical setting of the Mass Ordinary is *Mass in E* by Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960).

LEADERS IN THE LITURGY

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege
Celebrant and Priest

The Reverend Samuel V. Tallman
Assisting Priest

Jim Bumgardner
Choirmaster and Organist

Renee Lyons
Crucifer

Helene Harper, Lindsey Herring
Eucharistic Ministers

Lindsey Herring, Marjory Holder, Nioucha Branstrom
Lectors

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Holy Eucharist	8:00AM
Christian Formation	9:00AM
Holy Eucharist	10:10AM

MID-WEEK SERVICES

Monday – Friday	Morning Prayer	8:30AM
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist	12:00PM

PARISH STAFF

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege	Rector
The Reverend Samuel V. Tallman	Assisting Clergy
The Right Reverend J. Gary Gloster	Assisting Clergy
Dr. James Bumgardner	Organist/Choirmaster
Lindsey Herring	Director of Formation & Communications
Michael Marshall	Director of Administration & Finance
Bill Devereux	Facilities Manager
Michelle Curry	Verger

THE VESTRY

2024

Leslie Billingsley
Joe Doswell
Buddy Fore

2025

Mike Austell, Sr. Warden
Michelle Curry
Burt Mulford
Sue Sweeting

2026

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