



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

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**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN (TRANSFERRED)**

**WELCOME!**

We are so glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God. BCP page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Please silence all electronic devices.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

THE PSALM

Psalm 34: 1-14

*Parishioners read bold text, responsively at each half verse.*

- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
**his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**
- <sup>2</sup> I will glory in the LORD; \*  
**let the humble hear and rejoice.**
- <sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
**let us exalt his Name together.**
- <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
**and delivered me out of all my terror.**
- <sup>5</sup> Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
**and let not your faces be ashamed.**
- <sup>6</sup> I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
**and saved me from all my troubles.**
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
**and he will deliver them.**
- <sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
**happy are they who trust in him!**
- <sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
**for those who fear him lack nothing.**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:46-55

Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
 and holy is his name.  
 His mercy is for those who fear him  
 from generation to generation.  
 He has shown strength with his arm;  
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
 and lifted up the lowly;  
 he has filled the hungry with good things,  
 and sent the rich away empty.  
 He has helped his servant Israel,  
 in remembrance of his mercy,  
 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

## THE HOMILY

The Rt. Rev. Brian L. Cole

*A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily.*

## THE NICENE CREED

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

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## THE CONFESSION OF SIN &amp; ABSOLUTION

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## THE PEACE

## WELCOME &amp; PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

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FRACTION ANTHEM

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*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.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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