

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



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**10:10 AM**  
**MAY 11, 2025**



# 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.

Please silence all electronic devices.

“BCP” page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer* found in the pew rack in front of you. Hymn numbers refer to the blue *Hymnal, 1982* also found in the pew rack. Note that ‘S’ numbers refer to service music and are located at the beginning of the hymnal.

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE WORD OF GOD

*(All stand as able.)*

**HYMN 205 (OMIT VERSE 2)**

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

*Gelobt sei Gott*

## THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

*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* S 278




1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you




take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



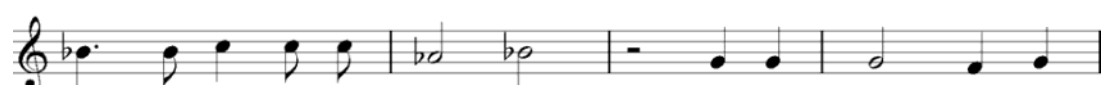
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



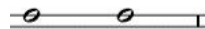
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY



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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.



A - men.

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

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

## PSALM 23

*Dominus regit me*

Tone Hylton Stewart

*The Psalm is sung by the choir.*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
  - 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
  - 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
  - 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
  - 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
  - 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
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## THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

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

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*(All stand as able.)*

**HYMN 478**           Jesus, our mighty Lord, our strength in sadness

*Monk's Gate*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 10:22-30

*Gospeler*           The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Gospeler*           The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## **THE HOMILY**

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

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.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

from *Common Worship*

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In joy and hope let us pray to our God.

*A period of silence follows.*

That our risen Saviour may fill us and the whole Church with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection.

we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**



That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter.

we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love.

we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter.

we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world.

we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them in their affliction.

we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day.

we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection.

we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The people add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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## **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.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

O be joyful in God all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of his Name:  
O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God,  
and I will tell you what things he hath done for my soul, alleluia.

MOTET—*Surrexit pastor bonus*

Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

The good shepherd has arisen, who laid down his life for his sheep,  
and for his flock deigned to die, alleluia.

*(All stand as able when Elements are presented at the Altar by the ushers.)*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Prayer A)*

BCP 361

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are distributed between the Celebrant and the People as follows:

**Staff 1:** Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so with you.

**Staff 2:** Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

**Staff 3:** Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Staff 4:** People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues the prayer and concludes the preface, saying,*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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* S 128



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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 in the high-est.

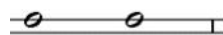
*(The people stand or kneel.)*

*The Celebrant continues the prayer, recalling God's activity in our salvation history, the institution of the Lord's Supper, and inviting the people to join in saying,*

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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



**A - men.**

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

*After breaking the consecrated bread, the Cantor and People sing,*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Cantor*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor*

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

*All*

keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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 *(All sing the Hymn.)*

ANTIPHON

Tone I

When the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, is come; he will reprove the world of sin:  
and of righteousness, and of judgment, alleluia, alleluia.

**HYMN 663**

The Lord my God my shepherd is

*Crimond*

*The Celebrant and people say together,*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

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

**HYMN 208**

The strife is o'er, the battle done

*Victory*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Celebrant proclaims the dismissal, and the people respond,*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

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The setting of the Mass Ordinary is by William Mathias (1934-1992).

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# TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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Monday – Friday Morning Prayer: 8:30 am | Wednesday Holy Eucharist: Noon

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