

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:10 AM
JUNE 1, 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.

The Hymns and Service Music are sung by all.

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

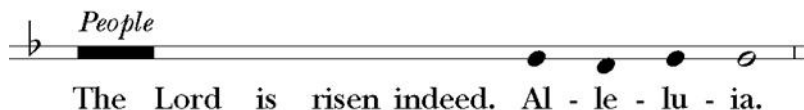
(All stand as able.)

HYMN 214

Hail the day that sees him rise

Llanfair

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

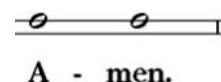


COLLECT FOR PURITY

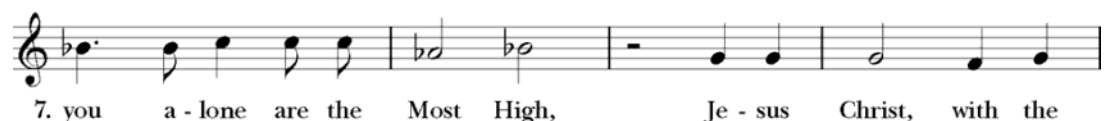
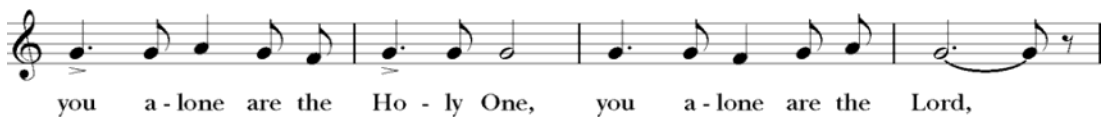
BCP 355

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.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S 278



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY



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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.



A - men.

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

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

PSALM 97

Dominus regnavit

Tune: James Bumgardner

The Psalm is sung by the choir.

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
 - 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
 - 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
 - 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
 - 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
 - 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
 - 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
 - 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.
 - 9 For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
 - 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
 - 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
 - 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.
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THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

<i>Lector</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

(All stand as able.)

HYMN 221

O Lord Most High, eternal King

Gonfalon Royal

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

<i>Gospeler</i>	The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

<i>Gospeler</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	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.

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.

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

ANTIPHON

Tone II

God is gone up with a merry noise:
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.

MOTET—I *will not leave you comfortless*

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again, Alleluia;
And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

All stand as able to sing the Hymn.

HYMN 217

A hymn of glory let us sing

Jam lucis orto sidere

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 written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant. The fourth staff is for the People.

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

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

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

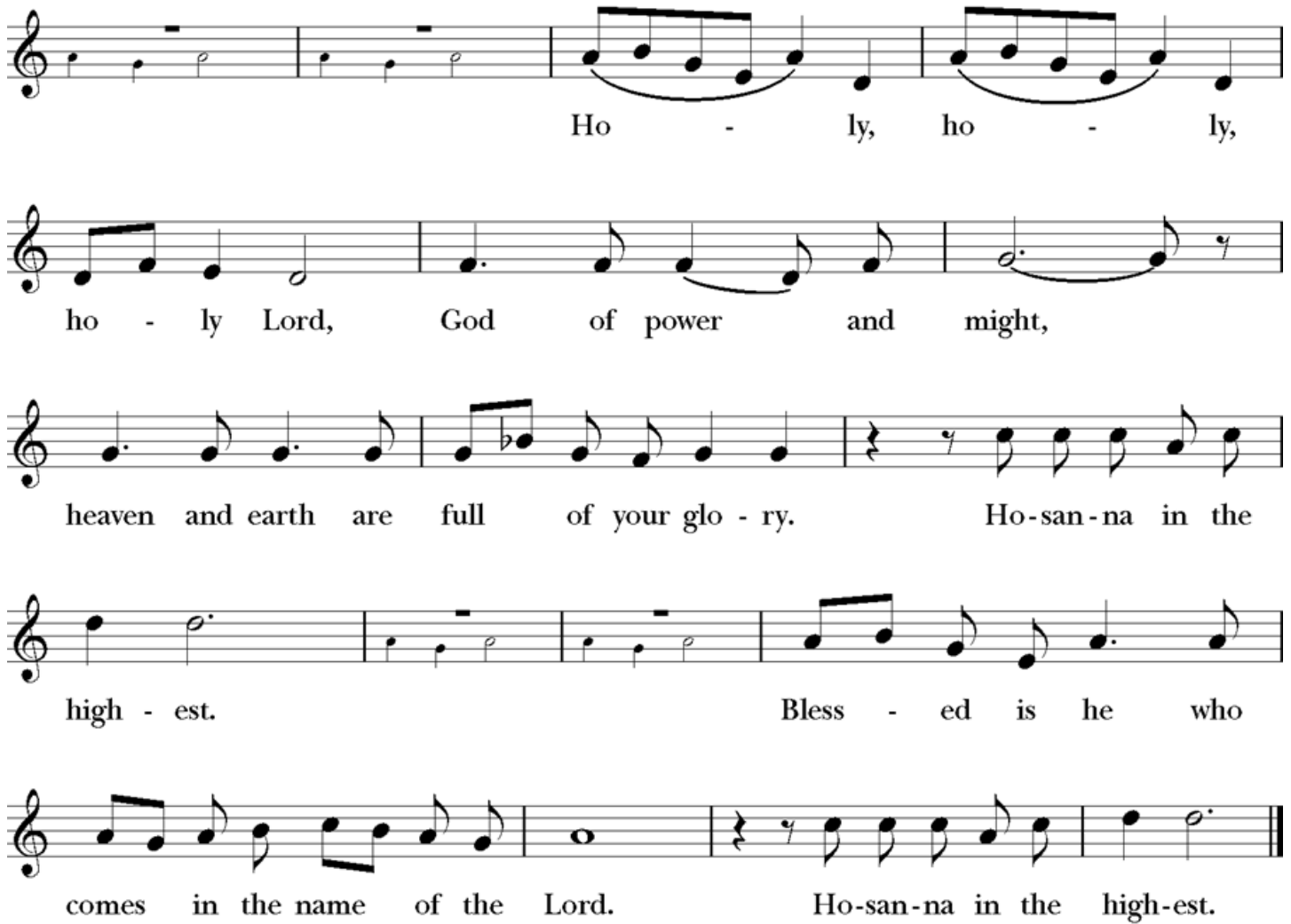
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues the prayer and concludes the preface, saying,

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.

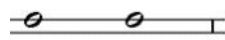
(The people stand or kneel.)

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,

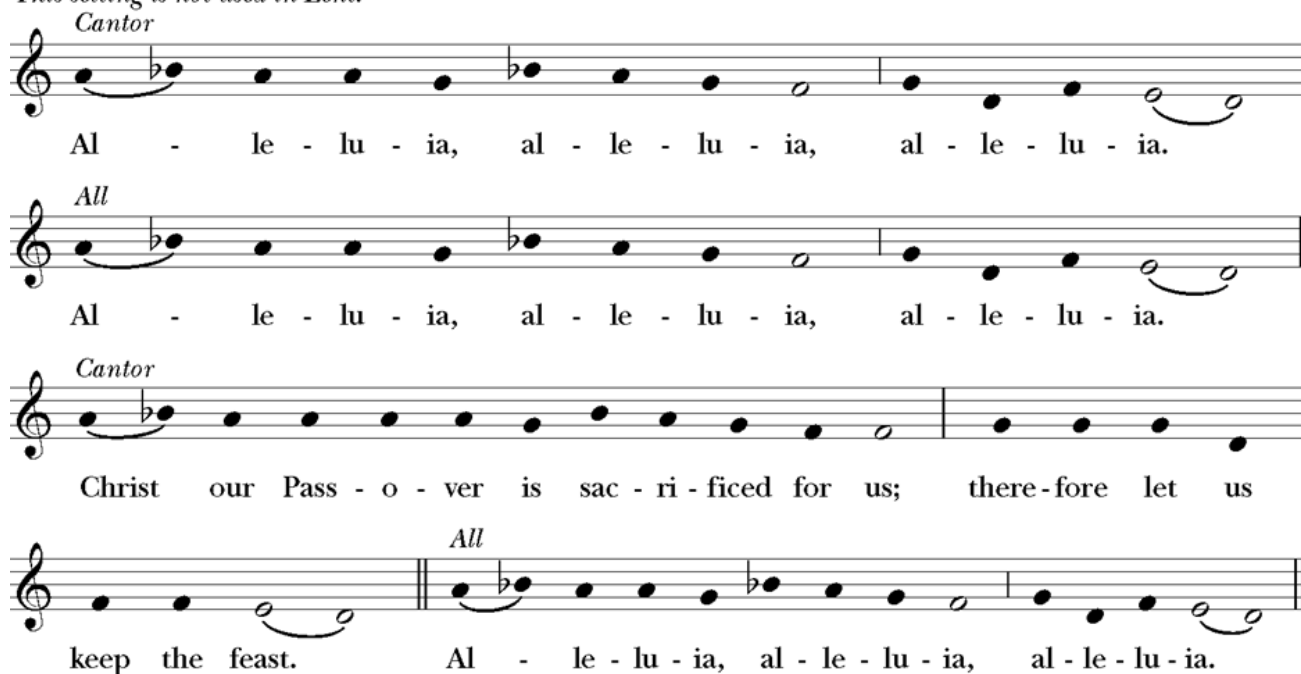
Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the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

(Choir sings the Antiphon All sing Agnus Dei and the Hymn.)

ANTIPHON

Tone I

Sing ye to the Lord, who ascended the heaven of heavens: to the sunrising, alleluia.

AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy



on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy



on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

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 460 (OMIT VS. 5)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant proclaims the dismissal, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

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