



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

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

**10:10AM  
AUGUST 17, 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.

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.

# HOLY EUCHARIST

**10:10 AM**

*A prayerful silence begins at 10 am as the bells ring the hour.*

# ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 475

God himself is with us

*Tysk*

## 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

*The congregation remains standing, as able, as the Choir sings the Hymn of Praise.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Et in terra pax  
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te; benedicimus te;  
adoramus te; glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dextram Patris,  
Miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.*

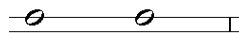
Glory be to God in the highest.  
And in earth peace  
to men of good will.  
We praise Thee; we bless Thee;  
we worship Thee; we glorify Thee.  
We give thanks to Thee  
for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, Heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Who takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Who sittest at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy,  
thou only art the Lord,  
thou only art the most high, Jesus Christ.  
With the Holy Ghost  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



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

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.



A - men.

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

## 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 Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Tune: Thomas Norris

*The Psalm is sung by the choir.*

Psalm 34:1-9

*Benedicam Dominum*

- <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.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

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.

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

## HYMN 278

Sing we of the Blessed Mother

*Rustington*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:46-55

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

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.”

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

*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 proclaim the greatness of the Lord and rejoice together in the God who saves us.

*Silence*

Lord, you do great things for us:  
**holy is your name.**

You have mercy on those who fear you in every generation.

We pray for your Church, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, José, our Bishop, and for our common mission and ministry in the Body of Christ.

*Silence*

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

You show the strength of your arm and cast down the mighty from their thrones.

We pray for the nations of the world and their leaders, remembering most especially Donald, our President, and Josh, our Governor.

*Silence*

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

You lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things.

We pray for all those in any kind of need, the sick, the suffering, and those who care for them especially those we now name.

*Silence*

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

You come to the aid of your servants and remember your promises with mercy.

We remember all who have died in the faith of Christ, especially those we now name.

*Silence*

Bring us with them to share the joy of heaven with Mary and all the saints.

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

God most holy, so guide us in the way of humility and obedience like Mary,

that our lives may be a constant hymn of praise to you from whom all good things come.

*Silence*

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

*A period of silence follows. The celebrant offers a concluding collect and the people respond, Amen.*

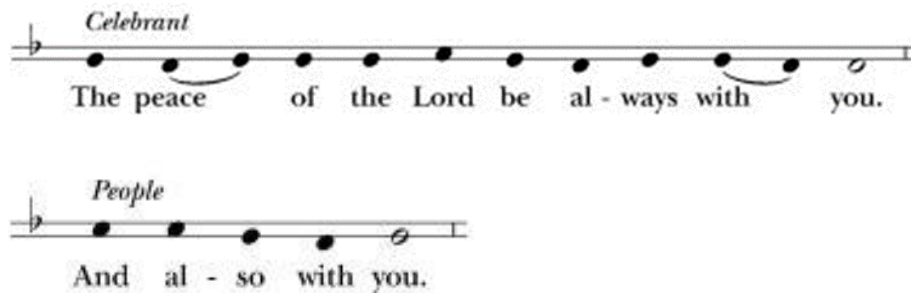


*The Celebrant bids the Confession. Silence may be kept.*

**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



*The Ministers and People exchange a sign of peace.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

### ANTIPHON

Mode 8

Mary has been taken up into heaven:

The angels rejoice, praising the Lord together and blessing him,  
alleluia.

### MOTET—*Ave Maria*

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

### HYMN 231

By all your saints still striving

*King's Lynn*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

*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 AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

*The congregation remains standing, as able, as the Choir sings,*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Osanna in excelsis.*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Osanna in excelsis.*

Blessed is He that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*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;**

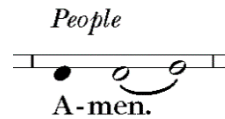
*The Celebrant continues*

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.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

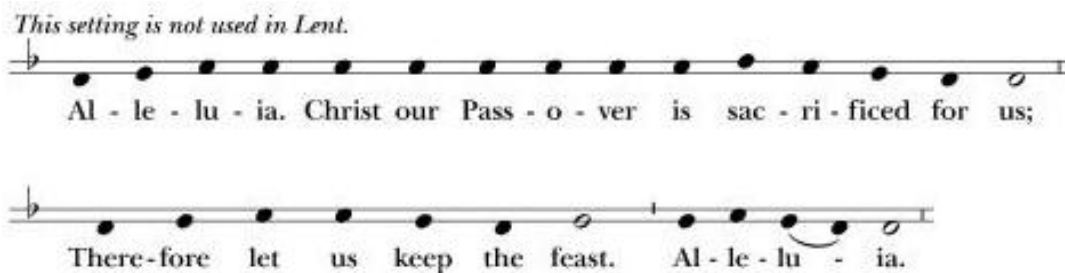
BCP 364

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.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

S 152



*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

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere Nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace.

### ANTIPHON

Mode 6

All generations shall call me blessed:

For he that is mighty has accomplished great things on my behalf.

### MOTET—*Sicut lilium*

Antoine Brumel (c.1460-c.1515)

As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.

V. The king's daughter enters all resplendent; her garments are of gold cloth.

*All join to sing.*

HYMN 258

Virgin born, we bow before thee

*Psalm 86*

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 437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

*Birmingham*

THE DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The setting of the Mass Ordinary: Mass IX, *Missa marialis* (plainsong)

## LEADERS IN THE LITURGY

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

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