

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**10:10 AM**

**APRIL 6, 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.

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

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

### WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

HYMN 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

*In Babilone*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION & SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP 351

*Celebrant*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*

His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

# CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

BCP 352

*(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 Officiant pronounces the absolution and the people respond, Amen.*

*The people stand.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### *KYRIE ELEISON* S 91

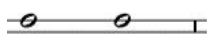
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## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY



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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



**A - men.**

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

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
    the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

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

## PSALM 126

*Tonus Peregrinus*

*In convertendo*

*The Psalm is sung by the choir.*

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
  - 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
  - 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
  - 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
  - 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
  - 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
  - 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
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## THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

*(All stand as able.)*

**HYMN 382**

King of glory, King of peace

*General Seminary*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 12:1-8

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*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.

*The intercessor says,*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

*Silence*

*The intercessor says,*

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for José our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**



For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

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

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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

### ANTIPHON

Tone II

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart:  
O do well unto thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word:  
quicken thou me, according to thy word, O Lord.

**MOTET**—*Remember not, Lord, our offences* Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Remember not, Lord, our offences, Nor the offences of our forefathers;  
Neither take thou vengeance of our sins, But spare us, good Lord.  
Spare thy people, whom thou has redeem'd With thy most precious blood,  
And be not angry with us for ever.  
Spare us, good Lord.

*(All stand as able.)*

## 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, with the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and slurs. There are also some decorative flourishes above certain notes.

*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 114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
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.**

*The Celebrant continues, invoking the Spirit's present work, concluding the prayer and inviting the people to join in the doxology of the prayer, saying,*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

**A - men.**

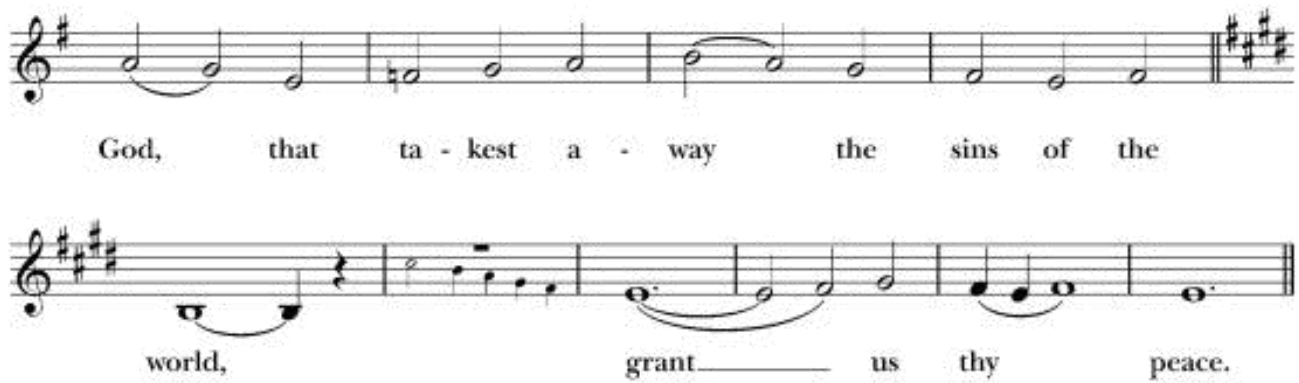
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

AGNUS DEI S 158

The first petition is sung by lower voices, the second by higher voices and the third by all voices.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of



## 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.**

## ANTIPHON

Tone I

This is my Body, which is given for you;  
this cup is the new Testament in my Blood, saith the Lord:  
this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

## HYMN 313

Let thy Blood in mercy poured

*Jesus, meine Zuversicht*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever Amen.

## THE BLESSING

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

## HYMN 610

Lord, whose love through humble service

*Blaenhafren*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The Ordinary of the Mass is set by Healey Willan (1880-1968).

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege  
*Celebrant & Homilist*

James Bumgardner  
*Choirmaster/Organist*

Kathryn Santiago  
*Cantor*

Leslie Billingsley  
*Crucifer*

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

## PARISH STAFF

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The Right Reverend J. Gary Gloster | Assisting Clergy  
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