



**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA**

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

**10:10 AM**

**OCT. 27, 2024**



## 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

## THE WORD OF GOD

*(All stand as able.)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

*Paderborn*

### 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



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,  
with the Ho - ly Spir - it, 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



**A - men.**

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

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the  
nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the  
land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest  
parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those  
with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return  
here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead  
them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall  
not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

## PSALM 126

Tune: C.V. Stanford

*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

Hebrews 7:23–28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

*(All stand as able.)*

## **GOSPEL PROCESSION**

**HYMN 671**      Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

*New Britain*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 10:46-52

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

*(Please be seated for the homily.)*

## **THE HOMILY**

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

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*(All stand as able.)*

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

BCP 392, Form VI

*(All stand as able.)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable 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.*

## **WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

*ANTHEM—O sing joyfully*

Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

O sing joyfully unto God our strength;  
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the song, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute.  
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,  
even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.  
For this was made a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

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

## 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.

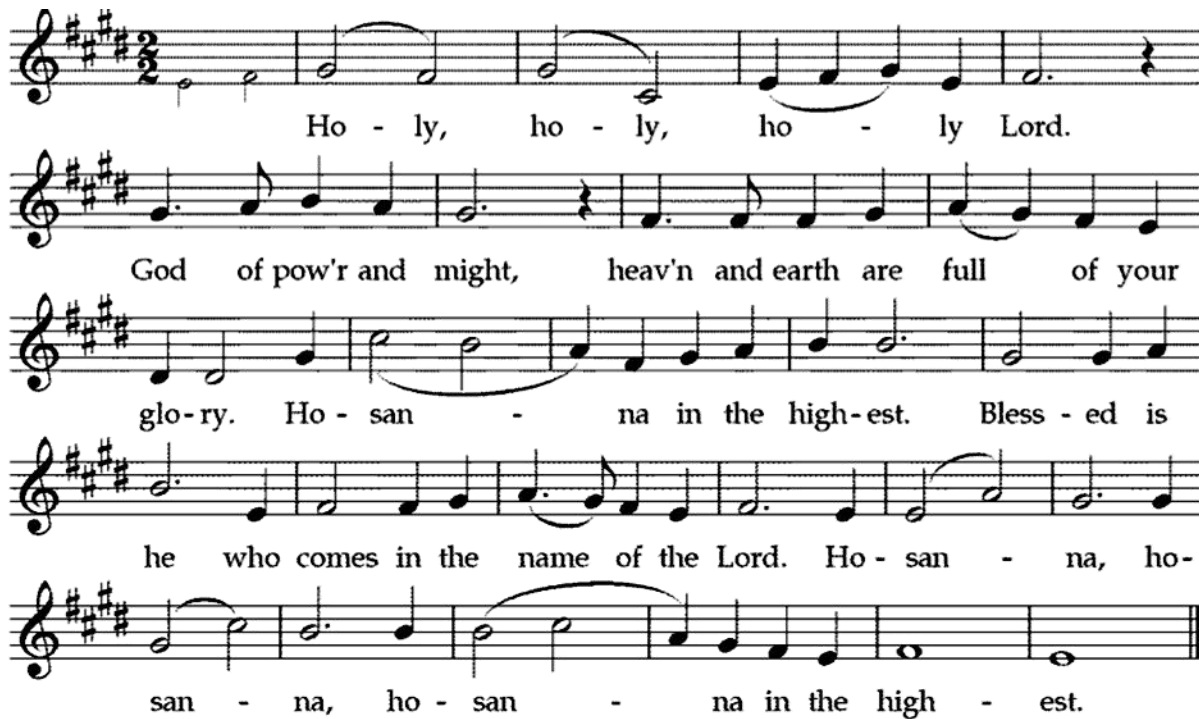
*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues the prayer and concludes the preface, saying,*

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.  
God of pow'r and might, heav'n 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, ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*(The people kneel or stand.)*

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

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.



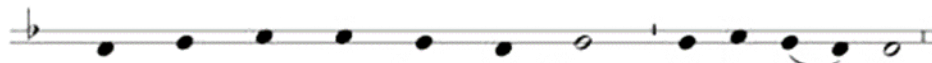
***FRACTION ANTHEM***

*After breaking the consecrated bread, the Celebrant says,*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*



# 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 join to sing.)*

### AGNUS DEI

The musical score for 'AGNUS DEI' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for the organ, with the instruction '(Organ)' below it. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the' are written below the first staff. The second staff is for high voices, with the instruction 'High Voices' above it. The lyrics 'sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of' are written below the second staff. The third staff is for low voices, with the instruction 'Low Voices' above it. The lyrics 'God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have' are written below the third staff. The fourth staff is for all voices, with the instruction 'All Voices' above it. The lyrics 'mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the' are written below the fourth staff. The fifth staff is for all voices, with the lyrics 'sins of the world: grant us peace.' written below it. A horizontal line is drawn below the fifth staff.

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

*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.

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## THE BLESSING

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

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 334** Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

## DISMISSAL

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The setting of the Mass Ordinary is *Mass in E* by Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960).

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege  
*Celebrant & Homilist*

Will Postlethwait  
*Crucifer*

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*Choirmaster/Organist*

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*Eucharistic Ministers*



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

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