



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

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**WELCOME!**

We are so glad that you are here to share in worship of the Triune 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.

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
10:10 AM**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

**THE WORD OF GOD**

HYMN 53

Once he came in blessing

*Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

*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. **Amen.**

TRISAGION—S 99

(1st petition sung by Sopranos and Altos; 2nd petition sung by Tenors and Basses; 3rd petition sung by All.)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

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

THE PSALM  
Tone IV.5

Psalm 122  
*Laetatus sum*

*The Psalm is sung by the Cantor and Choir.*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.  
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.  
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13: 11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

## HYMN 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

*Llangloffan*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24: 36-44

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*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

BCP 358

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

Form VI, BCP 392

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Josè; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers with a collect.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy,  
We confess that we have sinned against you,  
Opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
In ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
The evil we have done,  
And the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
Through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
That we may abide in your love  
And serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces the absolution, and the people respond, **Amen.***

## 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 AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

*ANTHEM—O pray for the peace of Jerusalem*

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem;  
they shall prosper that love thee.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP*, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* 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 proceeds*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS—S 127

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow - er and might, — hea - ven 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. —

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*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said; “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”



As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to the, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

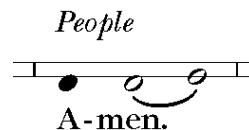
**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

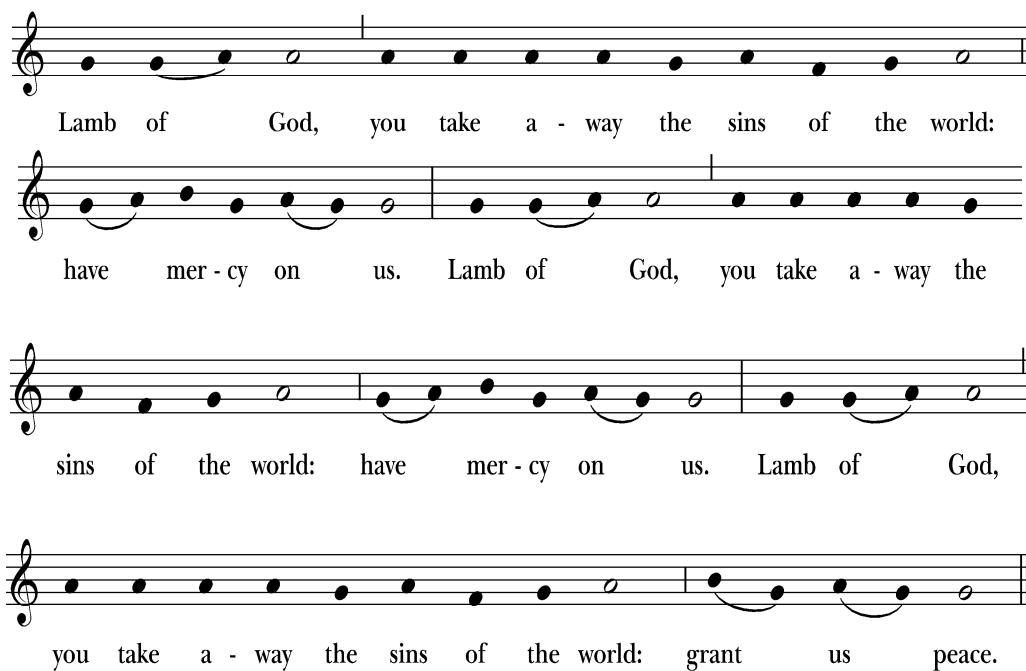


## THE LORD’S PRAYER (Contemporary)

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 160



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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## 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

*Communion will be served at the altar. 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. Intinction is not permitted. 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 offered, in celebration 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.**

HYMN 454

Jesus came, adored by angels

*Lowry*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Celebrant and people say together,*

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant proclaims the blessing, and the people respond, Amen.*

## HYMN 73

The King shall come when morning dawns

*St. Stephen*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

### **LEADERS IN THE LITURGY**

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege

*Celebrant and Preacher*

Dr. James Bumgardner

*Choirmaster/Organist and Director of Music*

Loy McGill

*Crucifer and Eucharistic Minister*

Thomas McNeil

*Cantor*

Ham Wilson, Lynn Searfoss, Nioucha Branstrom

*Lectors*

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Holy Eucharist	8:00AM
Christian Formation	9:00AM
Holy Eucharist	10:10AM

## MID-WEEK SERVICES

Monday – Friday	Morning Prayer	8:30AM
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist	12:00PM

## PARISH STAFF

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege	Rector
The Reverend Samuel V. Tallman	Assisting Clergy
The Right Reverend J. Gary Gloster	Assisting Clergy
Dr. James Bumgardner	Organist/Choirmaster
Lindsey Herring	Christian Formation Coordinator
Greta Wilson	Parish Administrator
Joe Raulerson	Financial Secretary
Bill Devereux	Facilities Manager

## THE VESTRY

2022	2023	2024
Doug Galke	Marjory Holder	Leslie Billingsley
Lisa Kaufmann	Faith Jones	Joe Doswell
Roy McCraw	Chip Monroe	Buddy Fore
Tim Silver, Sr. Warden	Patty Patella	Bob Finney, Jr. Warden

Amanda White, Treasurer  
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