



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

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.*

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
| 8AM | JAN. 12, 2025**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS BCP 356

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will
be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not
be burned,
and the flame shall not consume
you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for
you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the
east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of
the earth--
everyone who is called by my
name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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