



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

APRIL 6, 2025

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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## 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.*

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*A prayerful silence precedes the service. All stand as the bells ring the hour.*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST 8 AM

### THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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### THE WORD OF GOD

*KYRIE ELEISON*

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### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

## 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.

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## PSALM 126

- 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.

## 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.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

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."

## THE HOMILY

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

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THE PEACE	
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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Grant us peace.**

### 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	BCP 366
THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL	

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