



# 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.*

## ADVENT IV

### HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

| 8AM | DEC. 22, 2024

### THE WORD OF GOD

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY**

BCP 355

***TRISAGION***

BCP 356

**THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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## THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

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## PSALM 80:1-7

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

## THE HOMILY

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

<b>THE NICENE CREED</b>	BCP 358
<b>THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>	BCP 385, Form II
<b>THE CONFESSION OF SIN &amp; ABSOLUTION</b>	BCP 360
<b>THE PEACE</b>	
<b>WELCOME &amp; PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	

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## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

<b>THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A</b>	BCP 361
<b>THE LORD'S PRAYER</b> ( <i>Contemporary</i> )	BCP 364
<b>FRACTION ANTHEM</b>	
<b>MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	

*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.*

<b>THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER</b>	BCP 366
<b>THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL</b>	

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