



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

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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## HOLY EUCHARIST 10:10AM

*A prayerful silence precedes the service, beginning at 10:00AM with the ringing of the bells.*

*The parish nursery is available for children up to age five and is in the hallway beyond the Parish Hall. Elementary school age children are invited to join in the procession to 'Children in Worship' during the Gloria in excelsis and return at the Peace.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe den Herren*

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 365

*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 sings the Collect and the people respond,*

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

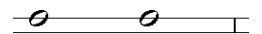
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
 re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - 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.

# COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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.*

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
 and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
 saying, "When will the new moon be over  
 so that we may sell grain;  
 and the sabbath,  
 so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
 We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
 and practice deceit with false balances,  
 buying the poor for silver  
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
 and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

## THE PSALTER

Tone III.4

*The Psalm is sung by the choir.*

## Psalm 113

*Laudate, pueri*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
 Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \*  
 praise the Name of the LORD.
- 2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \*  
 from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
 let the Name of the LORD be praised.
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations, \*  
 and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high \*  
 but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
 and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
 with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
 to be a joyful mother of children.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;  
 there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
 Christ Jesus, himself human,  
 who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

HYMN 538

God of mercy, God of grace

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

*A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily. All then stand for the Creed.*

THE NICENE CREED

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

from *Common Worship*

*The Leader and People pray responsively,*

Let us pray for the Church and the world, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel...

*Silence*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For the peace and unity of all peoples and for the leaders of the nations...

*Silence*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For our places of work, education and leisure...

*Silence*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For a blessing on our homes; for our families and friends and all whom we love...

*Silence*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For the sick and suffering and all who minister to their needs ...

*Silence*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed...

*Silence*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect and the People respond, **Amen.***

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

*The Celebrant bids the Confession. Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. 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.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTIPHON

Tone II

The Angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them:  
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.

*The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

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.

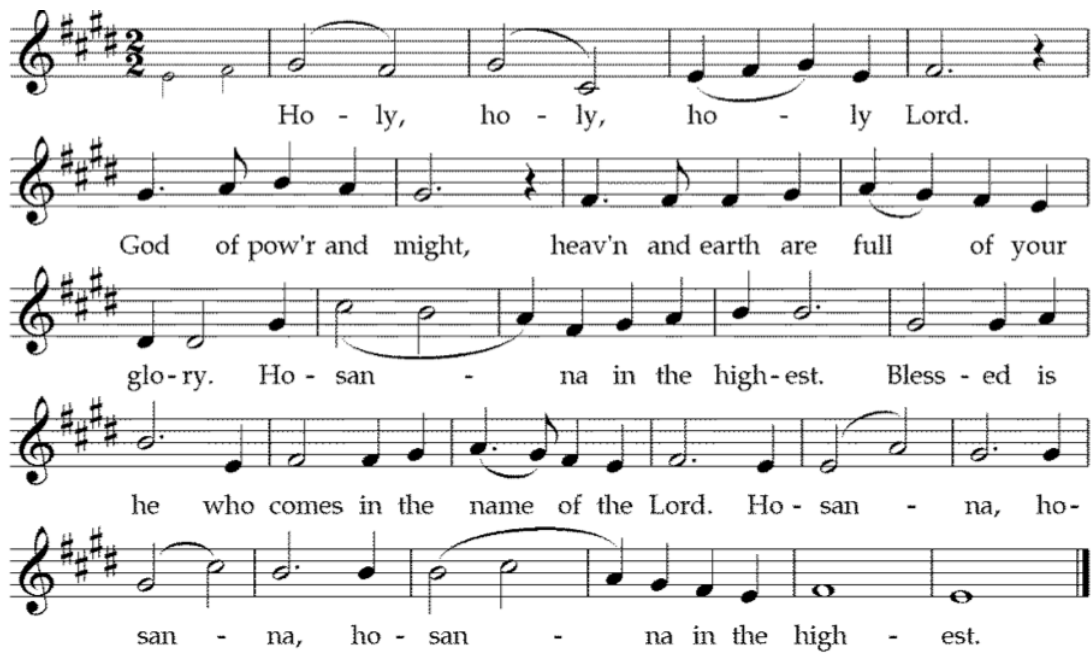
*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:



*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,*

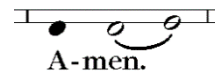
Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

*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,*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

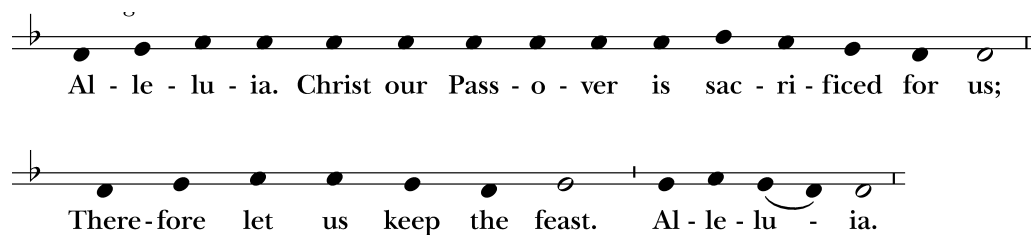
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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**



*After breaking the consecrated bread, the Celebrant sings and the People respond,*



## MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you have not been baptized, we would love to talk to you about baptism. 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. We kindly ask that you not intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. If for any reason, you don't want to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest to signify this to the priest who will offer a blessing.*

## ANTIPHON

Tone I

The Bread that I will give is my flesh:  
Which I will give for the life of the world.

## AGNUS DEI

HYMN 676  
There is a balm in Gilead

*Balm in Gilead*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

*The 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.**

THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant offers a blessing over the assembly, and the people respond, **Amen.***

HYMN 559  
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

*Dulce carmen*

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

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

The setting of the Ordinary of the Mass (*Gloria, Sanctus/Benedictus, Agnus Dei*)  
is from *Mass in E* by Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960).

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

The Rev'd Andrew J. Hege  
*Celebrant*

The Rev'd Samuel V. Tallman  
*Preacher*

Michelle Curry  
*Verger*

Liz Epstein  
*Guest Organist*

Thomas McNeil  
*Cantor*

Cecilia Grasinger, Cynthia Tessien  
*Eucharistic Ministers*

Renee Lyons  
*Crucifer*

Roy McCraw, John Jordan, Mike Austell  
*Lectors*

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Sunday Worship Schedule

Holy Eucharist	8:00AM
Holy Eucharist (w/choir)	10:10AM

## Worship during the Week

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

Holy Days, as announced

## Parish Staff

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege	Rector
The Reverend Samuel V. Tallman	Priest Associate
The Right Reverend J. Gary Gloster	Assisting Clergy
Dr. James Bumgardner	Organist/Choirmaster
Michael Marshall	Director of Administration & Finance
Bill Devereux	Director of Facilities & Hospitality

## Parish Vestry

Mike Austell, Sr. Warden	Lynn Searfoss	Bob Amos
Michelle Curry	Jim Snow	Mike Matthews, Jr. Warden
Burt Mulford	Jill Storelli	Bob Rhoads
Sue Sweeting		Luba Skibo

Amanda White, Treasurer

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