



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

**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
(TRANSFERRED)**

**10:10AM
AUGUST 16, 2026**

WELCOME!

We are happy 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.

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.

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:10 AM

A prayerful silence begins at 10 am as the bells ring the hour.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 475

God himself is with us

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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 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.

A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

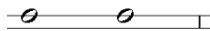
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



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

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



A - men.

The people are seated for the reading of the lessons from sacred scripture.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

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

THE PSALM

Tune: Thomas Norris

Psalm 34:1-9

Benedicam Dominum

The Psalm is sung by the choir.

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- ² I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- ⁵ Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- ⁶ I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

⁸ Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
⁹ Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

HYMN 278

Sing we of the Blessed Mother

Rustington

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:46-55

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

Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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

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 Leader and People pray responsively

Let us proclaim the greatness of the Lord and rejoice together in the God who saves us.

Silence

Lord, you do great things for us:

holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you in every generation.

We pray for your Church, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for our diocese as we seek our next bishop, and for our common mission and ministry in the Body of Christ.

Silence

Lord, you do great things for us:

holy is your name.

You show the strength of your arm and cast down the mighty from their thrones.

We pray for the nations of the world and their leaders, remembering most especially Donald, our President, and Josh, our Governor.

Silence

Lord, you do great things for us:

holy is your name.

You lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things.

We pray for all those in any kind of need, the sick, the suffering, and those who care for them especially those we now name.

Silence

Lord, you do great things for us:

holy is your name.

You come to the aid of your servants and remember your promises with mercy.

We remember all who have died in the faith of Christ, especially those we now name.

Silence

Bring us with them to share the joy of heaven with Mary and all the saints.

Lord, you do great things for us:

holy is your name.

God most holy, so guide us in the way of humility and obedience like Mary, that our lives may be a constant hymn of praise to you from whom all good things come.

Silence

Lord, you do great things for us:

holy is your name.

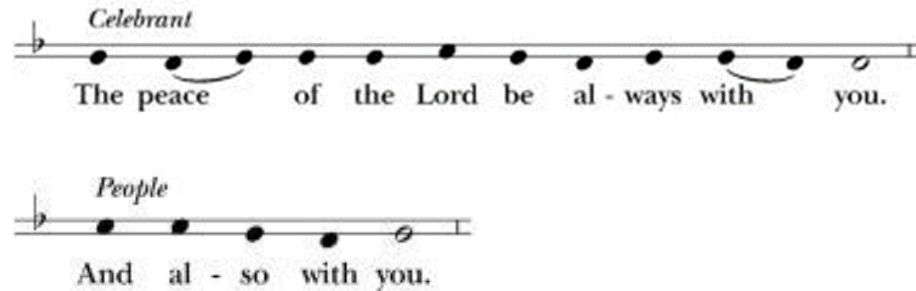
*A period of silence follows. The celebrant offers a concluding collect and the people respond, **Amen.***

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



The Ministers and People exchange a sign of peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

ANTIPON

Assumpta est Maria

Mary has been taken up into heaven:
The angels rejoice, praising the Lord together and blessing him, alleluia.

MOTET—*Like as the hart*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

HYMN 231

By all your saints still striving
(*All sing verses 1 & 3; the Choir sings verse 2*)

King's Lynn

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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 continues the prayer and concludes the preface, saying,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

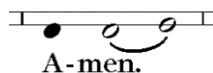
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.



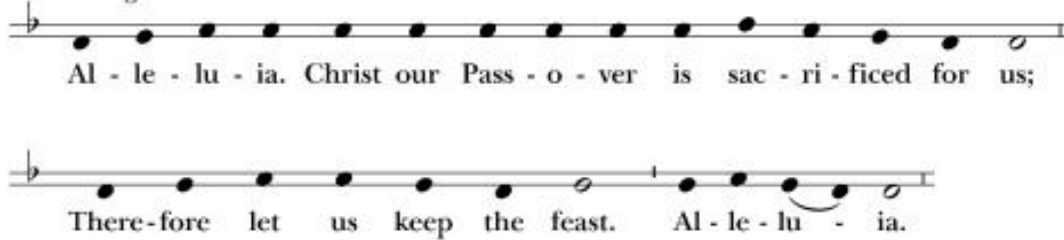
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

S 152

This setting is not used in Lent.



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant says an invitation to the Holy Table.

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition. 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.

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 celebrated, in thanksgiving for the promised gift 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.**

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

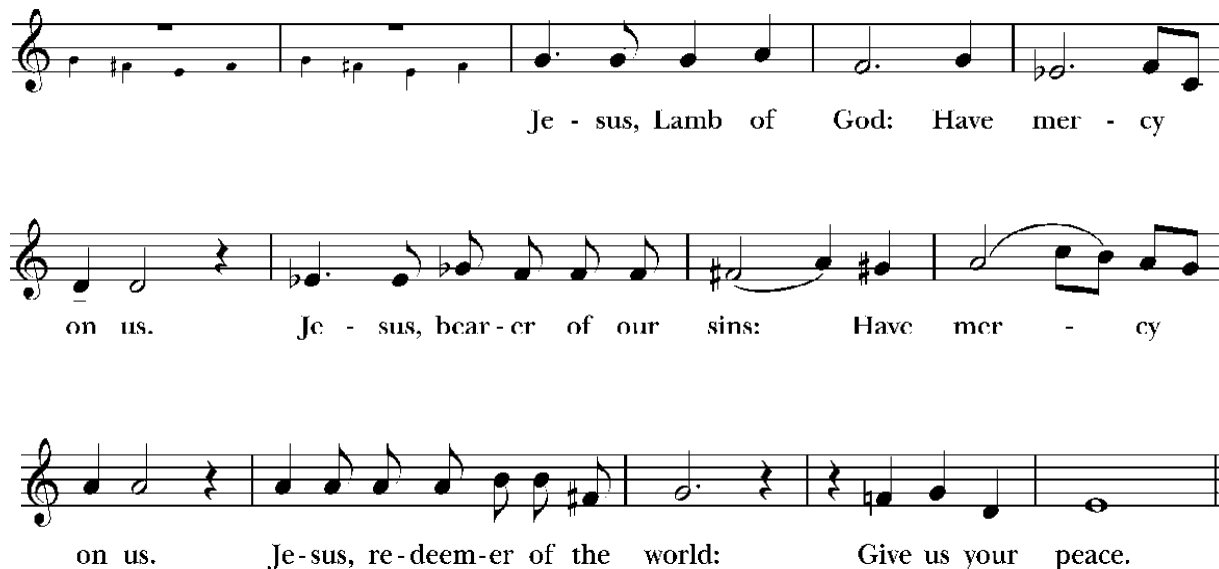
ANTIPHON

Beatum me dicent

All generations shall call me blessed:
For he that is mighty has accomplished great things on my behalf.

All sing.

AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy

on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy

on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

HYMN 258

Virgin born, we bow before thee

Psalm 86

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 announces God's blessing and the people respond, **Amen.***

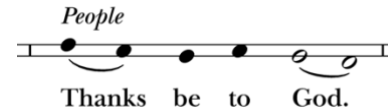
HYMN 437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Birmingham

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant proclaims the dismissal, and the people respond,



ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The setting of the Mass Ordinary is by William Matthias (1934-1992).

This Sunday's Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Cinda Courtney Brown, sister of Bill Courtney, and Gwen Adams Courtney, mother of Bill Courtney, by Owene and Bill Courtney.

LEADERS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege
Celebrant & Homilist

James Bumgardner
Choirmaster & Organist

Nyla Galloway
Cantor

Andy Sicard
Vergers

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SUNDAYS

Holy Eucharist: 8 am | Christian Formation: 9 am | Holy Eucharist: 10:10 am

DURING THE WEEK

Monday – Friday Morning Prayer: 8:30 am | Wednesday Holy Eucharist: Noon

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