

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**10:10 AM**  
**JULY 5, 2026**

## 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.

Children in Worship is offered for elementary age children during the service. Children are invited to follow the cross in procession during the *Gloria in excelsis* and will return at the Peace.

Please silence all electronic devices.

“BCP” page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer* found in the pew rack in front of you. Hymn numbers refer to the blue *Hymnal, 1982* also found in the pew rack. Note that ‘S’ numbers refer to service music and are located at the beginning of the hymnal.

The Hymns and Service Music are sung by all.



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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

## PSALM 145: 8-15

*Exaltabo te, Deus*

Tone IV.5

*The Psalm is sung by the Choir.*

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.  
10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.  
11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;  
12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.  
15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

*(All stand to sing as able.)*

**HYMN 482**

Lord of all hopefulness

*Slane*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

## THE HOMILY

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege

*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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*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

### THE OFFERTORY

ANTIPHON

I will bless the Lord who hath given me counsel

HYMN 404

We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord

*Old 124th*



*Supper, and inviting the people to join in saying,*

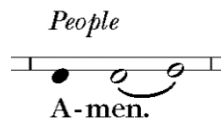
Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

*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,*

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 *(Contemporary)*

BCP 364

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**

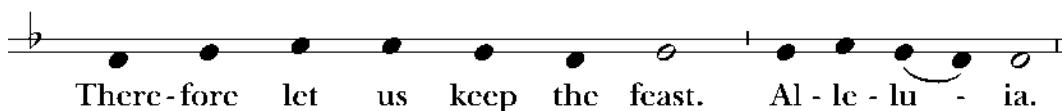
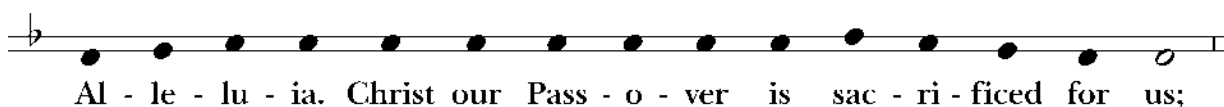
**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*After breaking the consecrated bread, the Cantor and People sing,*



## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## 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

*(The Choir sings the Antiphon. All sing Agnus Dei and the Hymn.)*

### ANTIPHON

One thing have I desired of the Lord

AGNUS DEI

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff is labeled '(Organ)' and 'High Voices'. The second and third staves are labeled 'Low Voices'. The fourth and fifth staves are labeled 'All Voices'. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.'

HYMN 457

Thou art the Way

St. James

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

**HYMN 657**

Love divine, all loves excelling

*Hyfrydol*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Celebrant proclaims the dismissal, and the people respond,*

**Thanks be to God.**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Milner by her family.**

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

## LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege  
*Celebrant & Homilist*

Marc Longlois  
*Guest Organist*

Kate Haycraft  
*Cantor*

Lesley Billingsley  
*Crucifer*

Lynn Searfoss  
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Monday-Thursday: 9 am to 4 pm | Friday: 9 am-noon

## 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

## PARISH STAFF

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege | Rector

The Reverend Samuel V. Tallman | Assisting Clergy

Dr. James Bumgardner | Director of Music & Choirmaster/Organist

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