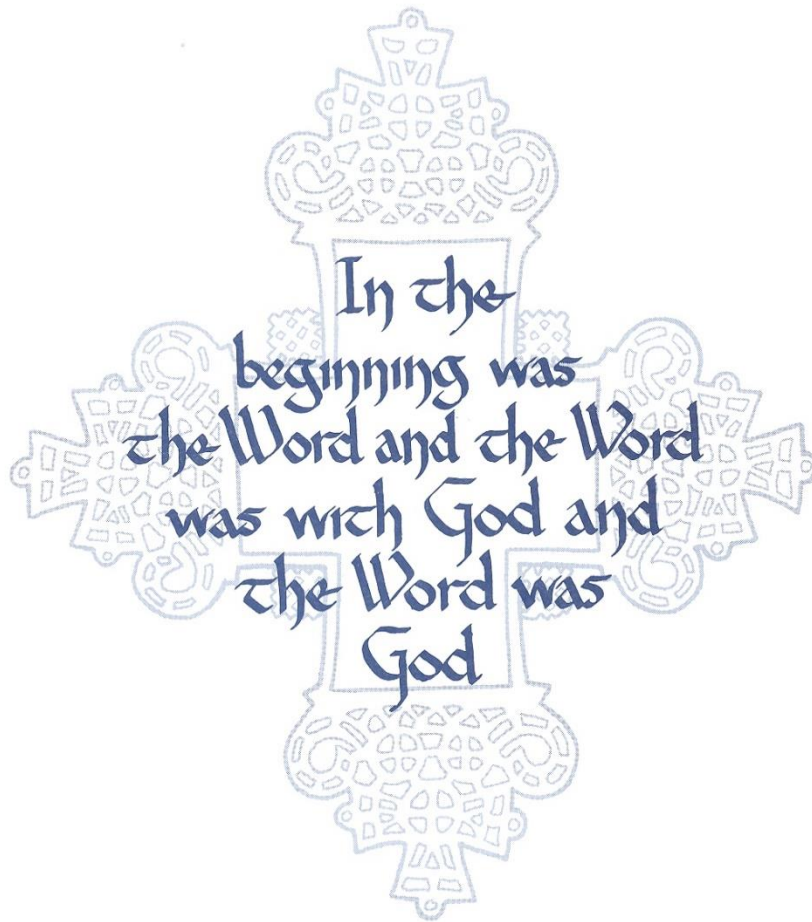


# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



CHRISTMAS DAY  
DECEMBER 25, 2021

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## 11:00 AM

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

### THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 83 (*omit vs. 4 & 5*)

*Adeste Fideles*

O come, all ye faithful

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity and the people respond, Amen.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – S 278

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

How beautiful upon the mountains  
 are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
 who brings good news,  
 who announces salvation,  
 who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
 together they sing for joy;  
 for in plain sight they see  
 the return of the Lord to Zion.  
 Break forth together into singing,  
 you ruins of Jerusalem;  
 for the Lord has comforted his people,  
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
 The Lord has bared his holy arm  
 before the eyes of all the nations;  
 and all the ends of the earth shall see  
 the salvation of our God.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
**for he has done marvelous things.**
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
**has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
**shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
**the lands and those who dwell therein.**

- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
**and the peoples with equity.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1: 1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

HYMN 99

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Go tell it on the mountain

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1: 1-14

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

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

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

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence follows. The people may add their own petitions.  
The Celebrant concludes the prayers with a collect.*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*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

HYMN 107

Good Christian friends, rejoice

*In dulci jubilo*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*Celebrant* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*People* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Celebrant* **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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:



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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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. **AMEN.**

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 – S 154

David Hurd

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the priest.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

**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 IN PROCESSION 100

Joy to the world!

*Antioch*

THE DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

The Christmas flowers and greenery are given to the glory of God and:

In loving memory of John and Harriet Bagg and Bill and Catherine Norfleet by John and Ann Bagg

In thanksgiving for our family by Mary and Doug Galke

In loving memory of Andy Greene by Beth Greene

In loving memory of and in celebration for family and friends by Susie and Ann Greene

In loving memory of Jordan, Alex, Sara, Gene, Grover and Carrie by Jo Ann Hallmark

In loving memory of George and Novella Frazier, Albert and Trilby Gerth, H. B. and Joanne Hege, and Robert and Rita Schroeder by Andrew, Amanda, Eleanor, and David Hege

In honor of my mother, Kirby Brown, by Juliana Henderson

In loving memory of Randolph and Clementi Holder and Eric and Walter Turnbow by the Holder-Turnbow family

In thanksgiving for the birthday of Megan Redford and in thanks for Alex and Bre Lawler and Lennon and Megan Redford and in loving memory of Tom, Jack and May by Rick and Beth Lawler

In loving memory of William Daniel McGill, Violet Holler McGill and C.B. Barbre, Jr. and in honor of Jo Singletary Barbre and Barbre and Alex Hoar by Loy and Paul McGill

In thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren who bring love, peace and joy to my life by Jane Milner

In loving memory of Mable and Roy Raulerson and Win and Richard Rheutan and in honor of Kit, Maggie, Warner and Hayes Raulerson and Patrick Raulerson by Mary Ellen and Joe Raulerson

In loving memory of our daughter, Jennifer Rundell Leach, and our brother, Charles Bishop, by Luella and John Rundell

In loving memory of my mother, Maria Skibo, by Luba Skibo

In loving memory of Elizabeth Postlethwait by the Postlethwait and Stroh families

In loving memory of Spencer Sweeting Klingeman and in honor of Megan and Dex by Sue Sweeting

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