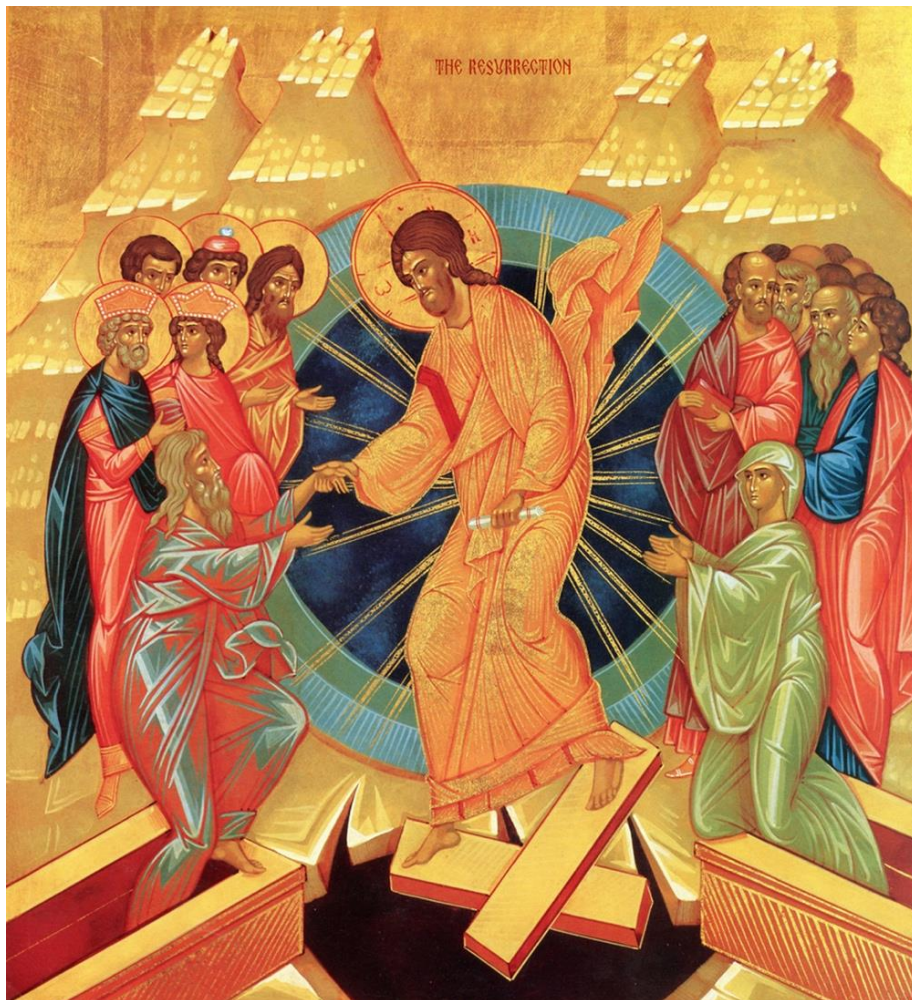


# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



**EASTER DAY**  
**MARCH 31, 2024**

**10:10AM**



**FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST  
OF EASTER DAY  
10:10 AM**

*The bells ring at 10:00AM to signal a period of prayerful silence to precede the service.*

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

HYMN 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

*Easter Hymn*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

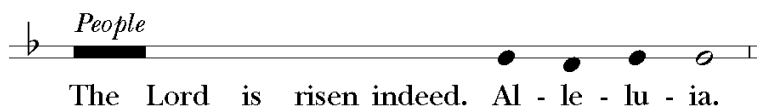
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*Celebrant*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

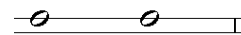
*People*



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

*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.**

*The congregation remains standing, as able, as the Choir sings the Hymn of Praise.*

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

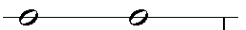
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT



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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 

**A - men.**

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

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
 for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Chant: Thalben-Ball

*The Psalm is sung by the choir.*

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

*Confetimini Domini*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
 his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
 "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
 and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
 in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
 the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
 the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
 and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
 but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
 I will enter them;  
 I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
 he who is righteous may enter."

- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10: 34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

## HYMN 188

Love's redeeming work is done

*Savannah*

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

## THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Easter Acclamations

Timothy Brown (b. 1946)

Christ conquers! Christ reigns! Christ rules over all!

## 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*from Common Worship*

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In joy and hope let us pray to our God.

That our risen Saviour may fill us and the whole Church with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection.

we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter.

we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**



That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love.  
we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter.  
we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world.  
we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them in their affliction.  
we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day.  
we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection.  
we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The people add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## 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.*

## WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

### CAROL

*This joyful Eastertide*

*Vruechten*, arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.  
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.  
*Had Christ...*

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

*Had Christ...*

Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1894)

### HYMN 200

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

*Gaudeamus pariter*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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*

S 128

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.**

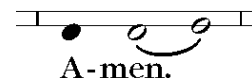
*The Celebrant continues*

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.

*People*



A-men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (Contemporary)

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.**

*The consecrated bread is broken; the Cantor and People then sing,*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Cantor*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor*

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

*All*

keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says an invitation to Communion.*

## MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized persons, regardless of Christian tradition, are welcome and invited to receive Communion. To receive the sacrament, stand or kneel to receive the bread in the palm of your outstretched hands. Receive the wine that follows either by drinking from the cup or by retaining the wafer to dip lightly into the cup. If you do not wish to receive Communion, your arms over your chest as a sign to the priest, who will offer a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available.*

*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 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

AGNUS DEI from *Missa Brevis*

G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

HYMN 193

That Easter day with joy was bright

*Puer nobis*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Celebrant and people say together,*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 210

The day of resurrection!

*Ellacombe*

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

*People*

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## **THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN:**

- In Memory of Charles Rogers by Billie Rogers
- In Memory of Brenda Stanly by Billie Rogers
- In Honor of Family & Friends by Doug & Mary Galke
- In Living Memory of Our Parents & Phylard Rutledge Miller by Bill & Jorgann Rogers
- In Memory of Michael Arizmendi by The Arizmendi Family
- In Memory of The Merrill Family by Will Merrill
- In Memory of Kirby Brown by Juliana Henderson
- In Memory of Cobb Russ Shirley by Cobb & Cindy Milner
- In Honor of Jane by Cobb & Cindy Milner
- In Memory of Gene & Sara Hallmark, Grover & Carrie Howell, and Jordan & Alex Hallmark by JoAnn Hallmark
- In Honor of Hunter & Spenser Hallmark by JoAnn Hallmark
- In Memory of Pete & Betty Schilson by Terry & Susan Schilson
- In Memory of Bill & Erma Smallwood by Terry & Susan Schilson
- In Memory of Randolph & Clementi Holder by The Holder-Turnbow Family
- In Memory of Eric & Walter Turnbow by the Holder Turn-bow Family
- In Memory of Nora Smiley Combs by Paul Smiley
- In Memory of Ted Bell by Lynne Bell
- In honor of Sherrill, Jenny, Liv, and Sam Hayes by Lynne Bell
- In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. John R. Dunn and John R. Dunn Jr. by Lindsey Herring & Dallas Swoveland
- In Memory of Maureen Jackson by Lindsey Herring & Dallas Swoveland
- In Memory of Robyn Arnold by Lindsey Herring & Dallas Swoveland
- In Memory of our Parents, Siblings, and Friends by Pete & Sally Page
- In Memory of Charles & Mary Grace Limas by Sue Corcoran
- In Honor of my Parents by Sue Corcoran
- In Memory of Francis and Dorothy Corcoran by James Corcoran
- In Memory of Randy Hege, Bobby Schroeder, Susan Schroeder, Chuck & Nancy Veneman by Amanda, Andrew, Eleanor and David Hege

## **GIFTS TO THE MUSIC PROGRAM:**

- In Honor of Easter Music & Choir by Dr. Sterling Hutcheson
- In Honor of Easter Music & Choir by Paul & Karen Smiley

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