

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



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**10:10 AM**  
**APRIL 12, 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.

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.

*A prayerful silence begins at 10:00AM as the bells ring the hour.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE WORD OF GOD

*(All stand as able.)*

## HYMN 209

*St. Botolph*

We walk by faith, and not by sight

## THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

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

## 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.

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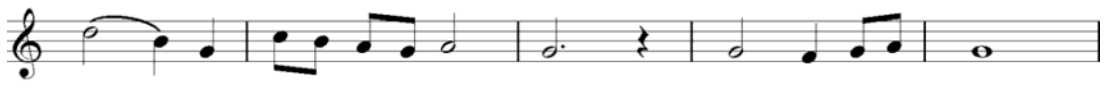
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



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



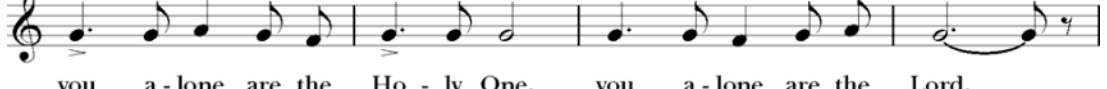
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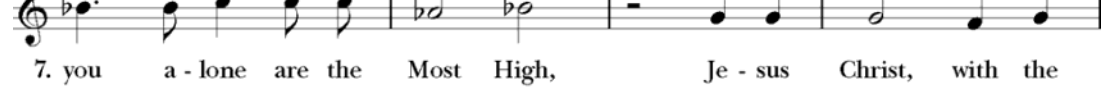
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ceive our prayer. 6. For



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 FOR THE DAY



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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

## Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

## PSALM 16

*Conserva me, Domine*

Tone VII.7

*The Psalm is sung by the choir.*

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## THE SECOND LESSON

## 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

*All stand to sing the hymn and receive the Gospel.*

## **HYMN 661**

*Georgetown*

They cast their nets in Galilee

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## THE HOMILY

Rev. Torrence Harman

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

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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.*

In joy and hope let us pray to our God.  
*A period of silence follows.*

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.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

#### Antiphon

The angel of the Lord came down from heaven and said to the women: "The One whom you seek has risen, as he said he would." Alleluia.

*All stand to sing the hymn.*


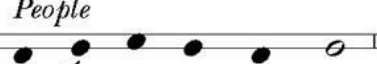
### HYMN 206



*O filii et filiae*


O sons and daughters, let us sing!


### 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 S 128**



The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: 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 people stand or kneel.)*

*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.**



A - men.

**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 Celebrant and People sing responsively,*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



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



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.

## 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

### Antiphon

Stretch forth your hand, and feel the place where the nails were, alleluia; and be not doubtful but believing. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All join to sing the hymn*

### HYMN 529

In Christ there is no East or West

*McKee*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

*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 BLESSING

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

*All stand to sing the hymn.*

### HYMN 607

O God of Every Nation

*Llangloffan*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

## LEADERS IN THIS LITURGY

The Reverend Rick Lawler, celebrant

The Reverend Torrence Harman, homilist

Mr. Marc Langlois, guest organist

Thomas McNeil, cantor

Hannah Reule, crucifer

Cecelia Grasinger and Torre Hinnant, chalice ministers

E.B. Springs, Renée Lyons, and Mike Austell, lectors



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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

## MIDWEEK SERVICES

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

## PARISH STAFF

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The Right Reverend J. Gary Gloster | Assisting Clergy  
Dr. James Bumgardner | Organist/Choirmaster  
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