



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

THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN
AUGUST 16, 2026
3:00PM

SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

All Stand at the Entrance of the Choir and Altar Party.

THE INTROIT

Bogoroditse Devo

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Rejoice, virgin mother of God,
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
for you have borne the Savior of our souls.

THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM SCRIPTURE

THE INVITATORY

*Sung by the Officiant and Choir.
All are seated as the Choir sings the Psalm.*

THE PSALM

Psalm 149, *Cantate Domino*
Chant: Benjamin Hutto (1947-2015)

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:1-14

THE MAGNIFICAT

The people stand for the singing of the canticle and are then seated for the second reading from scripture.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 19:23-27

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

The People stand for the singing of the Canticle and remain standing to sing the Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Intoned by the Officiant, then sung by all.

I believe in God, **the Father almighty,**
 maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The people stand or kneel through the collects as the Officiant and Choir sing the prayers.

THE KYRIE & LORD'S PRAYER

THE SUFFRAGES

THE COLLECTS

The people are seated as the choir sings the anthem.

THE ANTHEM

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?"

THE ANGELUS

All standing, the Officiant and People say together the Angelus and then sing the Office Hymn.

V. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,

R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

R. Be it unto me according to thy word.

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us.

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OFFICE HYMN, 269

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

Den des Vaters Sinn geboren

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

The Officiant offers the prayer and the people respond, Amen.

THE FINAL RESPONSES

Sung by Cantor and Choir; the People remain standing as the Altar Party departs, and then sit quietly for the Voluntary.

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LEADERS IN THIS LITURGY

The Reverend Andrew Hege
Presiding

James Bumgardner
Choirmaster

John Jordan
Guest Organist

Kate Haycraft and Grayson Milhollin
Soloists

TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

Preces and Responses: Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986), Edington
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), in G
Final Responses: E. W. Naylor (1867-1934)

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