

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**10:10 AM**  
**JUNE 29, 2025**



## 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.

The Hymns and Service Music are sung by all.

*A prayerful silence begins at 10 am as the bells ring the hour.*

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

### WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE WORD OF GOD

*(All stand as able.)*

### HYMN 525

The Church’s one foundation

*Leoni Aurelia*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & 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-cr. 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.

## 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 FOR THE DAY



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

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



A - men.

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

## THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

## PSALM 16

*Conserva me, Domine*

Chant: Edward Bairstow

*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.

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## THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1,13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to

each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

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*(All stand as able.)*

## **HYMN 550**

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

*Restoration*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 9:51-62

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

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

## **THE HOMILY**

*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.

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

from *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 ...

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.***

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## 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.*

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

#### ANTIPHON

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul:  
O save me for thy mercies' sake.

#### MOTET—*A Grace*

William Matthias (1934-1992)

O We give thanks, O Lord, for these and all your benefits:  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer B*)

BCP 367

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant. The fourth staff is for the People.

*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*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.  
God of pow'r and might, heav'n 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, ho -  
san - na, 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,*

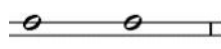
Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

*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.



A - men.

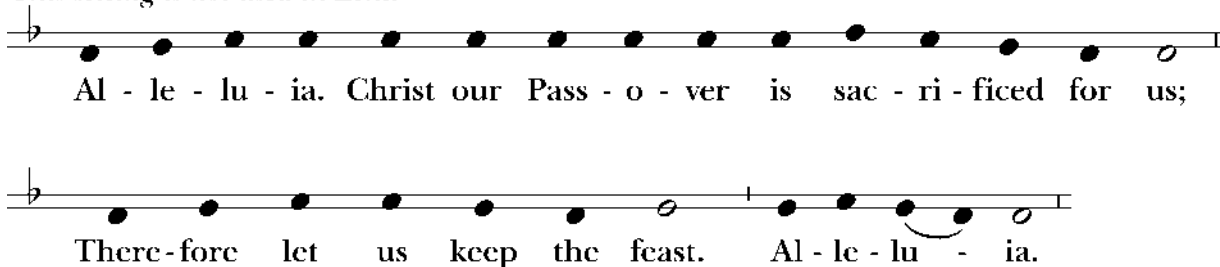
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and then sings the Versicle and Response with the People.*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

## 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

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me:  
Yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

#### AGNUS DEI

The musical score for the Agnus Dei is written in G major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for High Voices, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. The second staff is for Low Voices, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. The third staff is for All Voices, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. The fourth staff is for All Voices, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. The fifth staff is for All Voices, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. The lyrics are: (Organ) 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.

*High Voices*  
(Organ) Lamb of God, you take a-way the

*Low Voices*  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have

*All Voices*  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins of the world: grant us peace.

## HYMN 565

He who would valiant be

*Monk's Gate*

## 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 559

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

*Dulce Carmen*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The setting of the Mass Ordinary is *Mass in E* by Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960).

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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

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