

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:10 AM
JULY 20, 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 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

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 - 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.

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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

PSALM 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

Chant: David Hurd (b. 1951)

The Psalm is sung by the Choir.

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
 - 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
 - 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
 - 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
 - 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
 - 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
 - 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.
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THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the

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

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.***

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

ANTIPHON

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel;
I have set God always before me:
For he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

ANTHEM—Purge me, O Lord Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)
Purge me, O Lord, from all my sin, and save thou me by faith from ill,
that I may rest and dwell with thee, upon thy holy blessed hill.
And that done, grant that with true heart I may without hypocrisy
affirm the truth, detract no man, but do all things with equity.
but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Prayer B)*

BCP 367

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, followed by the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant, followed by the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth staff is for the People. The lyrics are: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

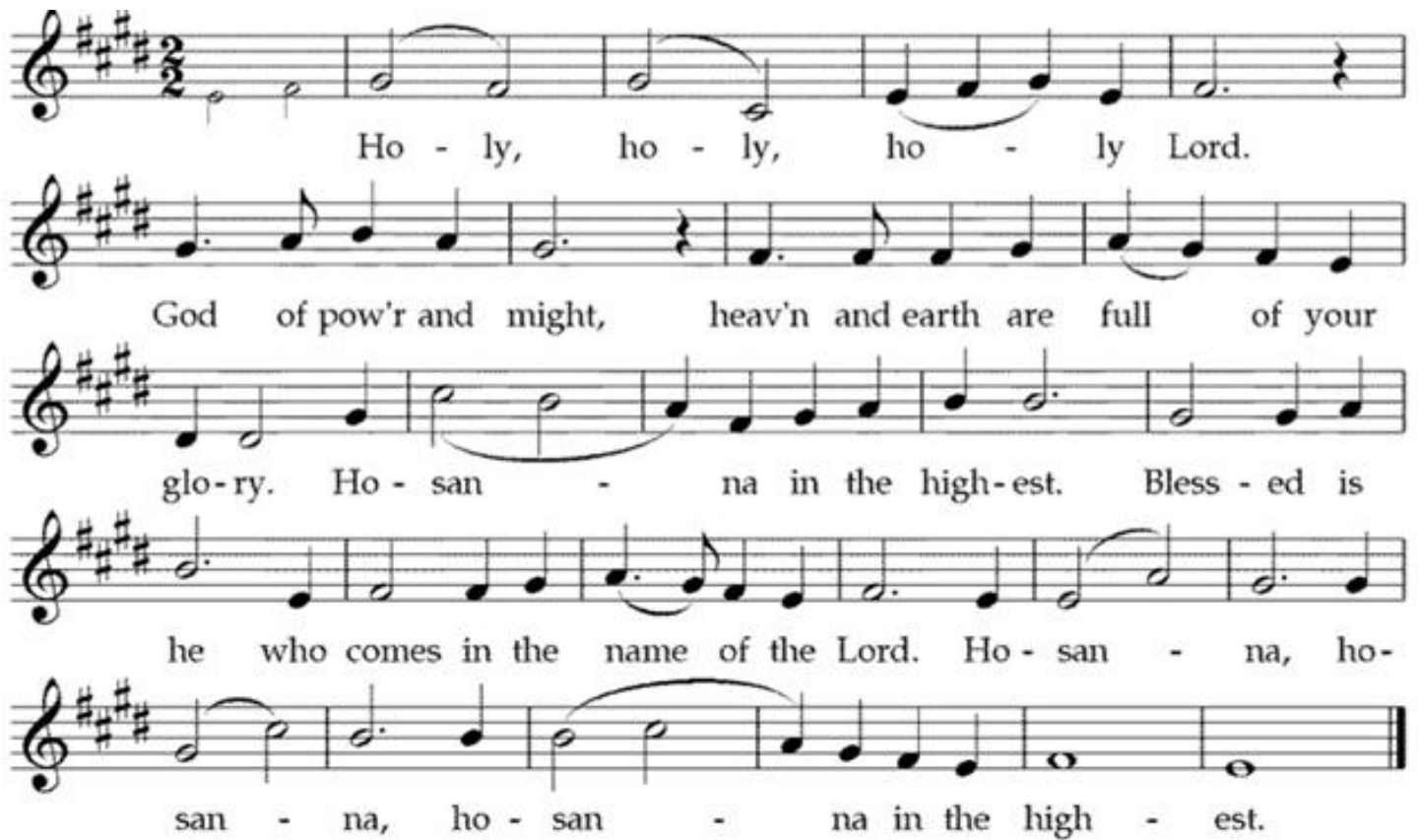
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues the prayer and concludes the preface, saying,

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:

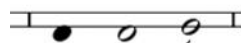
Celebrant and People

**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.

People



A - men.

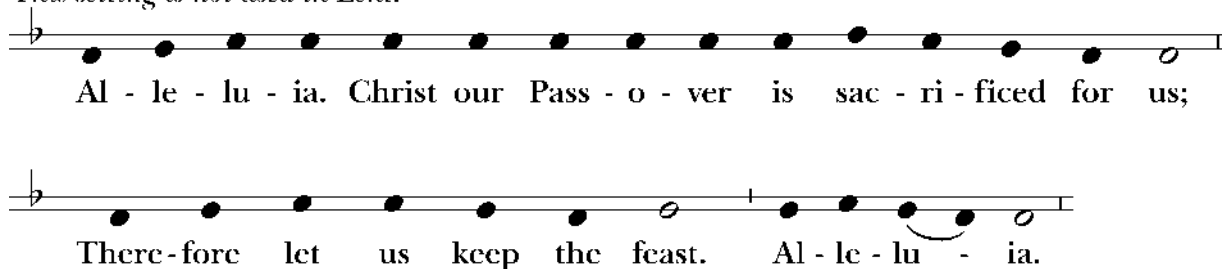
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

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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

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require:

Even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

AGNUS DEI

The musical score for the Agnus Dei is written on five staves. The first staff is for High Voices, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "Lamb of God, you take a-way the". The second staff is for Low Voices, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are "sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of". The third staff continues the Low Voices part with the lyrics "God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have". The fourth staff is for All Voices, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are "mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fifth staff continues the All Voices part with the lyrics "sins of the world: grant us peace." and ends with a double bar line.

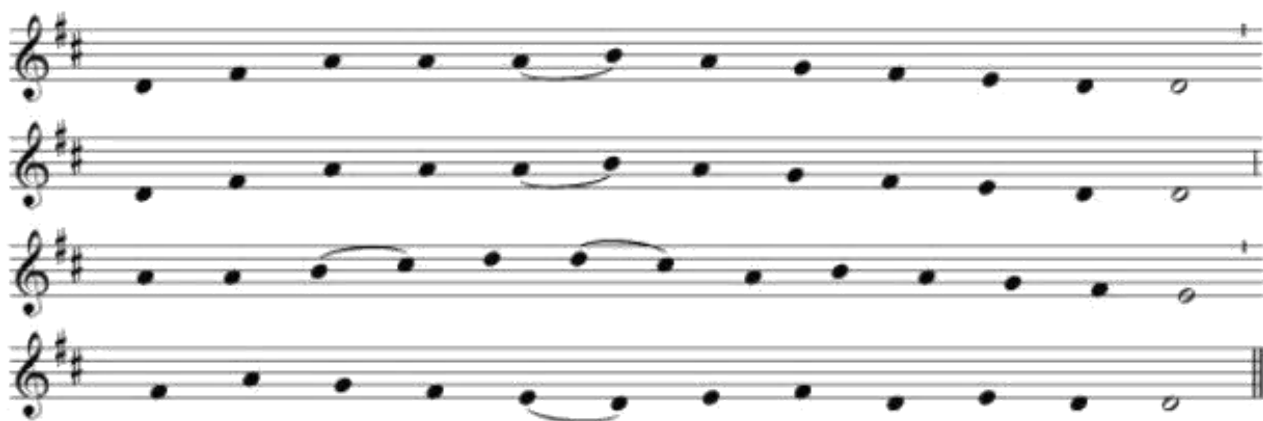
High Voices
(Organ) Lamb of God, you take a-way the

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.



Humbly I adore thee,
Verity unseen,
Who thy glory hidest
'neath these shadows mean;
Lo, to thee surrendered,
my whole heart is bowed,
Tranced as it beholds thee,
shrined within the cloud.

Taste, and touch, and vision,
to discern thee fail;
Faith, that comes by hearing,
pierces through the veil.
I believe whate'er
the Son of God hath told;
What the Truth hath spoken,
that for truth I hold.

O memorial wondrous
of the Lord's own death;
Living Bread, that givest
all thy creatures breath,
Grant my spirit ever
by thy life may live,
To my taste thy sweetness
never-failing give.

Jesus, whom now veiled,
I by faith descry,
What my soul doth thirst for,
do not, Lord, deny,
That thy face unveiled,
I at last may see,
With the blissful vision
blest, my God, of thee.

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 596 Judge eternal, throned in splendor *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*

THE DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

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