

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 8AM SEPT. 29, 2024

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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BCP 356

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

PSALM 103:13-22

- 13 As a father cares for his children,*
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made;*
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass;*
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone,*
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those
who fear him,*
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 18 On those who keep his covenant*
and remember his commandments and do them.]
- 19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven,*
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,*
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts,*
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;*
bless the LORD, O my soul.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 12:7-12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the
power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been
thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before
our God.
But they have conquered him by the blood
of the Lamb

and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face
of death.
Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!”

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 387, Form III

THE PEACE

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*) BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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