



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

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 23, 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST 10:10AM

A prayerful silence precedes the service, beginning at 10:00AM with the ringing of the bells.

The parish nursery is available for children up to age five and is in the hallway beyond the Parish Hall. Elementary school age children are invited to join in the procession to 'Children in Worship' during the Gloria in excelsis and return at the Peace.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 616

Hail to Lord's anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 365

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 sings the Collect and the people respond,

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 -

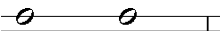
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
 re - ceive 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY



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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Tone V.1

The Psalm is sung by the choir.

Psalm 46

Deus noster refugium

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

In Babilone

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

Gospeler
People

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Gospeler
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev'd Canon Augusta A. Anderson

*A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily.
All then stand for the Creed.*

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 ...

Silence

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

ANTIPHON

Postula a me

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance
And the utmost parts of the earth as your possession.

ARIA—*Come unto him* (from Messiah)

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest.
Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart,
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Caroline Hendren, soprano

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

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.

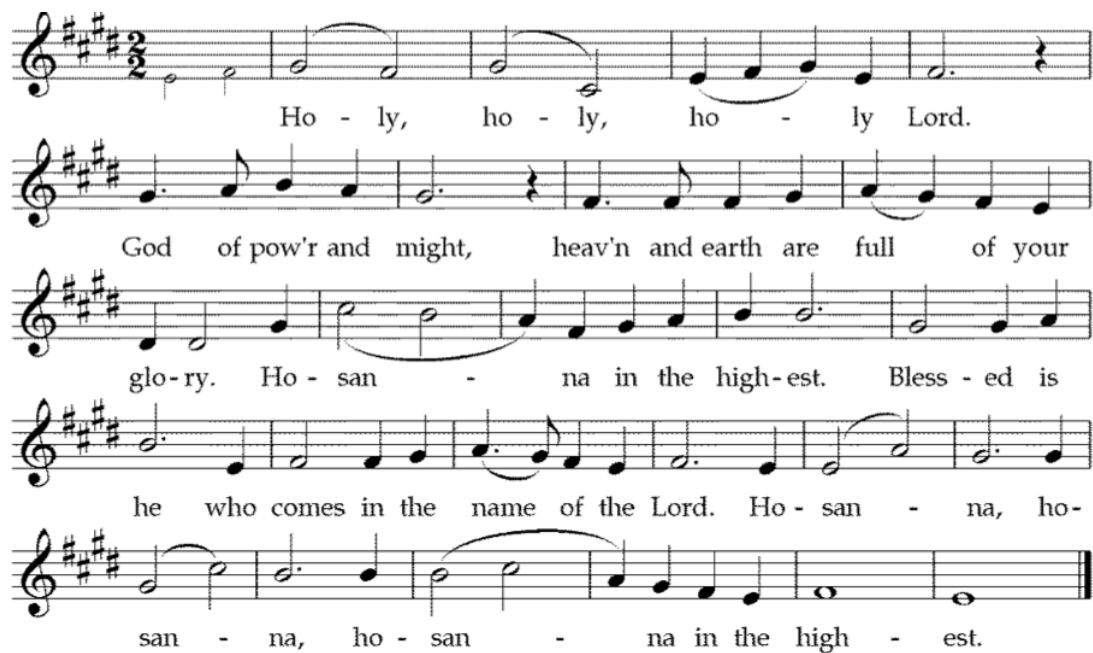
People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:



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,

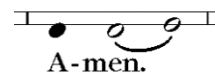
Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

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,

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



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**

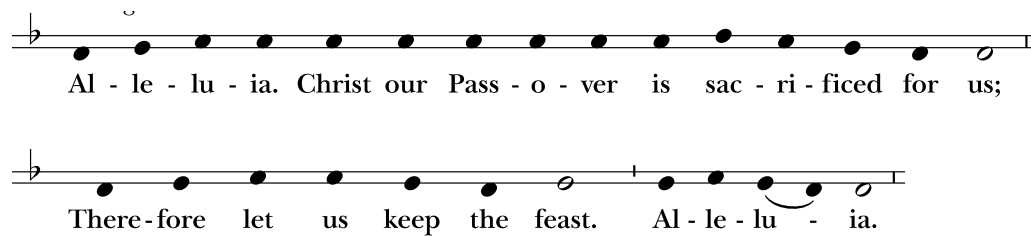
**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

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After breaking the consecrated bread, the Celebrant sings and the People respond,



MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you have not been baptized, we would love to talk to you about baptism. 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. We kindly ask that you not intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. If for any reason, you don't want to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest to signify this to the priest who will offer a blessing.

ANTIPHON

Sedebit Dominus

The Lord will sit on his royal throne for ever;
the Lord will bless his people in peace.

AGNUS DEI

The musical score for the Agnus Dei is written on five staves. The first staff is for High Voices, the second for Low Voices, and the third for Organ. The fourth and fifth staves are for All Voices. The music is in G major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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." The organ part is indicated by "(Organ)" below the first staff.

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 382

King of glory, King of peace

General Seminary

THE 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 offers a blessing over the assembly, and the people respond, **Amen.***

HYMN 544
Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Duke Street

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

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

The setting of the Ordinary of the Mass (*Gloria, Sanctus/Benedictus, Agnus Dei*)
is from *Mass in E* by Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960).

LEADING IN WORSHIP

The Rev'd Andrew J. Hege
Celebrant

The Rev'd Canon Augusta A. Anderson
Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina
Preacher

Michelle Curry
Verger

Liz Epstein
Guest Organist

John Lynch
Cantor

Amanda White
Crucifer

Chip Monroe
Eucharistic Minister

Amanda White, Nioucha Branstrom, Marjory Holder
Lectors

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Worship Schedule

Holy Eucharist	8:00AM
Holy Eucharist (w/choir)	10:10AM

Worship during the Week

Morning Prayer	Monday-Friday	8:30AM
Holy Eucharist	Wednesday	12:00PM

Holy Days, as announced

Parish Staff

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege	Rector
The Reverend Samuel V. Tallman	Priest Associate
The Right Reverend J. Gary Gloster	Assisting Clergy
Dr. James Bumgardner	Organist/Choirmaster
Michael Marshall	Director of Administration & Finance
Bill Devereux	Director of Facilities & Hospitality

Parish Vestry

Mike Austell, Sr. Warden	Lynn Searfoss	Bob Amos
Michelle Curry	Jim Snow	Mike Matthews, Jr. Warden
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