



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

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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 137

O wondrous type! O vision fair

Wareham

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND 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 sings the Collect and the people respond,

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

A - men.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

- 1 The LORD is King;
 let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
 let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
 he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
 he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
 you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
 and fall down before his footstool; *
 he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
 and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
 they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
 you were a God who forgave them,
 yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
 and worship him upon his holy hill; *
 for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND LESSON

Second Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 129

Christ upon the mountain peak

Mowsley

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

THE HOMILY

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 intercessor invites the assembly to join in praying for the Church and the world.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord, saying, 'Lord, hear our prayer.'

Silence

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth,
Silence

let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will,
Silence

let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace,

Silence

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious freedom of the children of God,

Silence

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory,

Silence

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, and all who have entrusted themselves to our prayers, to the mercy and protection of God.

The people add their own petitions, silently or aloud. 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

Benedictus es Domine

RECITATIVE AND ARIA—*Draw near...Lord God of Abraham (Elijah)*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Draw near, all ye people, come to me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
This day let it be known that Thou art God, and that I am Thy servant!
Lord God of Abraham!
Oh shew to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word.
Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
Oh hear me and answer me, and shew this people that Thou art Lord God.
And let their hearts again be turned!

Grayson Milholin, soloist

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven 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 in the high - est. _____

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

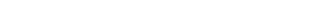
Celebrant and People

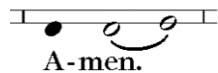
We remember his death.

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. 



THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 instinct (dip) the bead 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

Manducaverunt

AGNUS DEI

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.

HYMN 122

Alleluia, song of gladness

Urbs beata Jerusalem

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 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

THE DISMISSAL

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 by Robert Powell (1932-2025).

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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

Lynn Searfoss, Clerk	Bob Amos	Richard Murphy
Jim Snow	Mike Matthews, Jr. Warden	Peter Purcell, Sr. Warden
Jill Storelli	Bob Rhoads	Dale Marie Sandusky
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