

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:10 AM
June 14, 2026

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.

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 OF THE DAY



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

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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

Exodus 19:2-8a

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

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

PSALM 100

Jubilate Deo

Tune: Francis Jackson

The Psalm is sung by the Choir.

¹Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;*
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

²Know this: the Lord himself is God;*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

³Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

⁴For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5: 1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

(All stand to sing as able.)

HYMN 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9: 35-10:8

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your

belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Samuel Tallman

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.**

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

THE OFFERTORY

ANTIPHON *Dextera Domini*

ANTHEM *Jubilate Deo*

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God:
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

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,

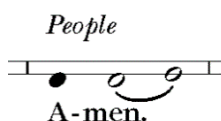
Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

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 (*Contemporary*)

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.**

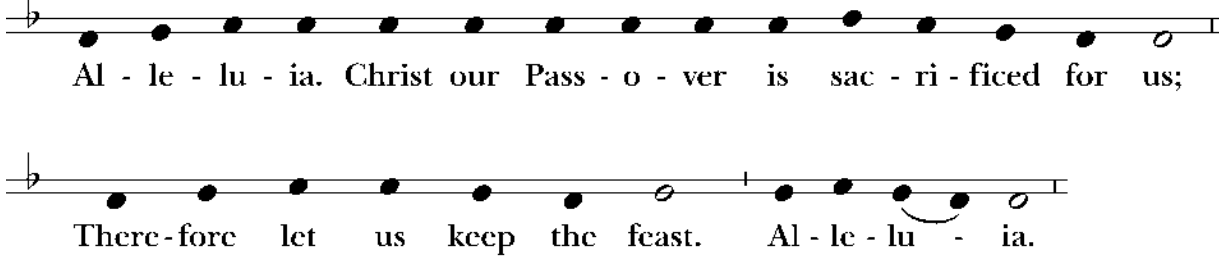
For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

After breaking the consecrated bread, the Cantor and People sing,

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 *Venite post me*

AGNUS DEI

The musical score for the Agnus Dei is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for High Voices, starting with an organ introduction. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the". The second staff is for Low Voices, with lyrics: "sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of". The third staff continues the Low Voices part with lyrics: "God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have". The fourth staff is for All Voices, with lyrics: "mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fifth staff concludes the piece with lyrics: "sins of the world: grant us peace."

HYMN 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

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.

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).

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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Homilist

James Bumgardner
Choirmaster/Organist

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