

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 10, 2021**

# MORNING PRAYER

## RITE II

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### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*A prayerful silence precedes the service.  
The tower bells ring the hour.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN 139

When Jesus went to Jordan's stream

*Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*



1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o -  
2 The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de -  
3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -



bey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came  
scend - ing; the Tri - une God is thus made known  
di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,



a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -  
in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he  
and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed



lov - èd Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."  
raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or  
world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,

And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or  
to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him  
but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the

wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.  
nev - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.  
Spi - rit that we may life in - he - rit.

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## THE OPENING SENTENCES

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

*Malachi 1:11*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 79

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia.**

*All say the Antiphon:*

The Lord has shown forth his glory: **Come let us adore him.**

## THE JUBILATE

*Psalm 100*

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

**Know 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.**

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

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

*All repeat the Antiphon:*

The Lord has shown forth his glory: **Come let us adore him.**

## THE PSALTER

*The Cantors sing the appointed Psalm.*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*At the end of the Psalm is sung*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1: 1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

*Isaiah 60: 1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, \***  
**and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**  
**For behold, darkness covers the land; \***  
**deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**  
**But over you the Lord will rise, \***  
**and his glory will appear upon you.**  
**Nations will stream to your light, \***  
**and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**  
**Your gates will always be open; \***  
**by day or night they will never be shut.**  
**They will call you, The City of the Lord, \***  
**The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**  
**Violence will no more be heard in your land, \***  
**ruin or destruction within your borders.**  
**You will call your walls, Salvation, \***  
**and all your portals, Praise.**  
**The sun will no more be your light by day; \***  
**by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.**  
**The Lord will be your everlasting light, \***  
**and your God will be your glory.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 1: 4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

*Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege

*A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily.*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon us, therefore, on this day recalling the baptism of our Lord in the River Jordan, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**



*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

BCP 97

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us 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 forever. Amen.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*The people add their own petitions and thanksgivings.*

*These may be shared with one another in the comment box on Zoom or YouTube.*

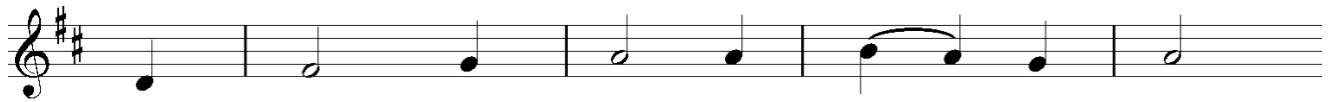
*The Officiant concludes the prayers with this collect,*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

HYMN 120

The sinless one to Jordan came

*Solemnis haec festivitas*



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,  
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,  
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun  
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,  
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,  
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!  
 5 go forth with you a world to win:  
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed  
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes  
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power  
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.  
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.  
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.  
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.  
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

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THE BLESSING

*The Officiant pronounces God's blessing, and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP 102

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## **COFFEE MINUTE**

Are you missing the opportunity to connect with St. Mary's friends during Coffee Minute? We are too! After worship, join us for an online Coffee Minute on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84753510585>

*Password: coffee*

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### *Credits and References*

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*\*\*Biblical references are from the Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version (1989)*

## Please Pray for the Following in Your Daily Prayers

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, Andrew our rector, Sam and Gary our assisting clergy, for our Vestry and staff, for all bishops and ministers, and for all God's people throughout the world.

For Donald, our President, Joseph, our President-Elect, Roy, our Governor, those who hold elected office, and all those in positions of public trust.

For all medical personnel and all ministering to the needs of those affected by COVID-19.

**For healing:** June Rose, Skip Rose, Edwards family, Terry, Mary Ellen Raulerson, Cole Silverman, Rob, Alice Holt, Bria McKnight, Richard Miller, Erby Miller, Anna, Pam Ayoub

*\*\*\*(Please note that the names on this list will remain for four weeks, unless the office is notified that the person(s) needs to remain on the list for a longer period of time.)\*\*\**

**For those who have died:** Coba, Bryan, Barbara Horton, Jim Ayoub, Georgia Day, Tom Dillard

**For safe pregnancy and delivery for:** Anna, Kristen, Amanda, Claire, Kimmi, Falconer

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:**

1/10 Jim Brooks, Joe Dyer, Chris Metzger, Buzzy Miller

1/13 Betty Howe, Beau Wilson

1/16 Bunky Davant

**For those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

1/15 Richard and Mallory Goewey

**Parish Prayer Cycle:**

1/10 Chip Monroe, Emma Kate, Lee and Arden

1/11 Pat and Marty Moore

1/12 Richard and Mary Lou Moore

1/13 Susie Morgan

1/14 David and Maureen Moses

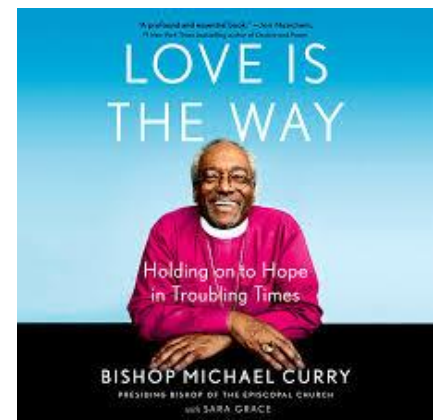
1/15 Dean Hamric and Burt Mulford

1/16 Chip and Garland Myers

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rector's Forum** – Why was Jesus baptized? Why are we baptized? Join us this morning in the Rector's Forum as we consider Jesus' baptism, recorded in scripture, and our own baptisms. All are welcome to join in the conversation. We gather at 9:00AM via Zoom each Sunday morning. Click – [HERE](#) – to join (password: forum).

**'Love is the Way' Book Study**– In the weeks following the Epiphany, join Fr. Andrew in reading and discussing Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's newest book, "Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times." This group will meet on Thursdays, January 14<sup>th</sup>-February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00PM-1:00PM, via Zoom. Please e-mail Fr. Andrew ([rector@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:rector@stmaryofthehills.org)) if you are interested in joining a discussion group, even if the time does not work for your schedule – additional opportunities may be made available. The book is available from a variety of booksellers.



**Fraudulent E-Mail Warning** – Last week, a number of parishioners received an e-mail, claiming to be from Fr. Andrew, requesting a favor and immediate response. Such e-mails are fraudulent and should be deleted without reply. Unfortunately, this type of scheme is common, actively targeting clergy and congregations. Please know that Fr. Andrew will only use his official parish e-mail address ([rector@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:rector@stmaryofthehills.org)) to be in contact with you and that gift cards or any other direct payment will never be solicited via e-mail.



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