

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
JANUARY 31, 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 438

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Woodlands



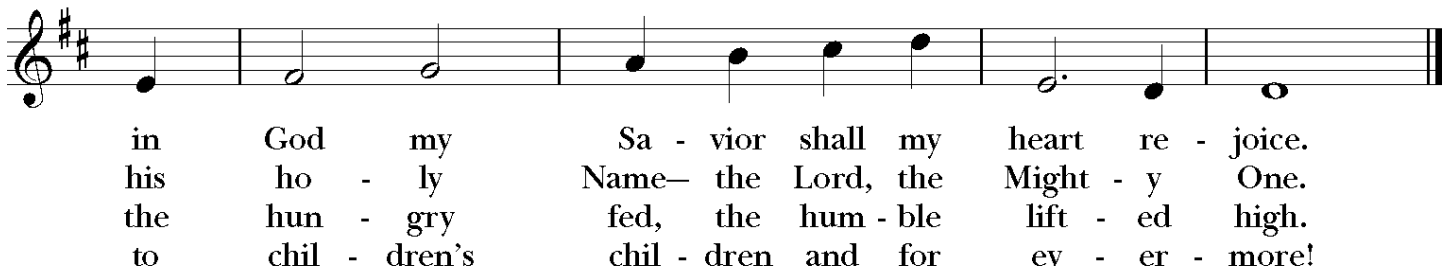
1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



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THE OPENING SENTENCES

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalms 43:3

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.**

¹ Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

³ His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵ He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; *

holy and awesome is his Name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding;

his praise endures for ever.

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable.

But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

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

CANTICLE 10

BCP 86

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
 call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
 and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
 and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
 nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
 so are my ways higher than your ways,
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
 and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
 seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
 it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
 and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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: 21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He

commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

CANTICLE 16

BCP 92

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.

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

**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.**

**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.**

THE PRAYERS

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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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,

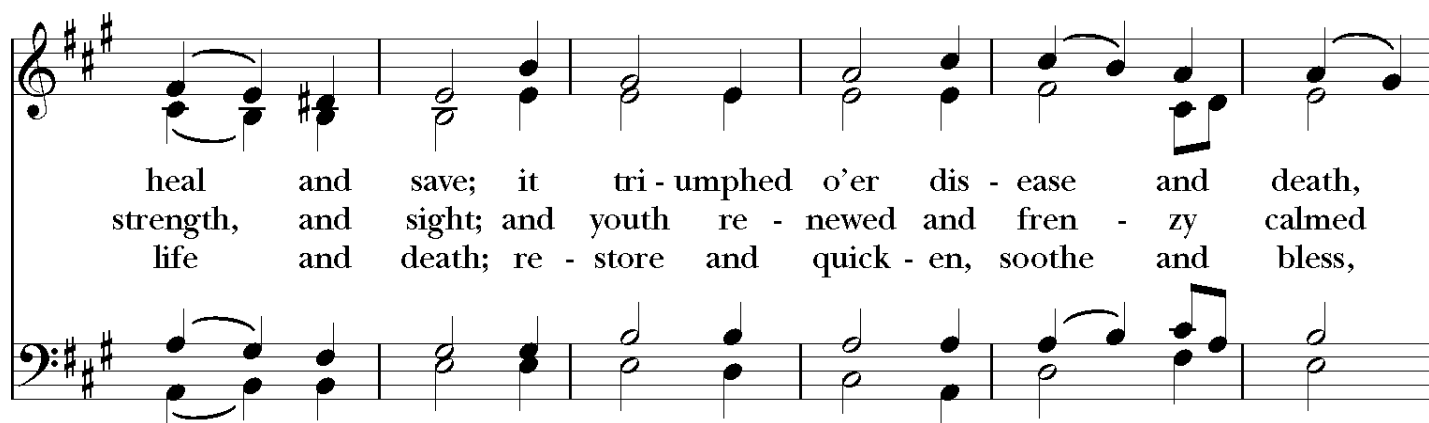
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may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

HYMN 567

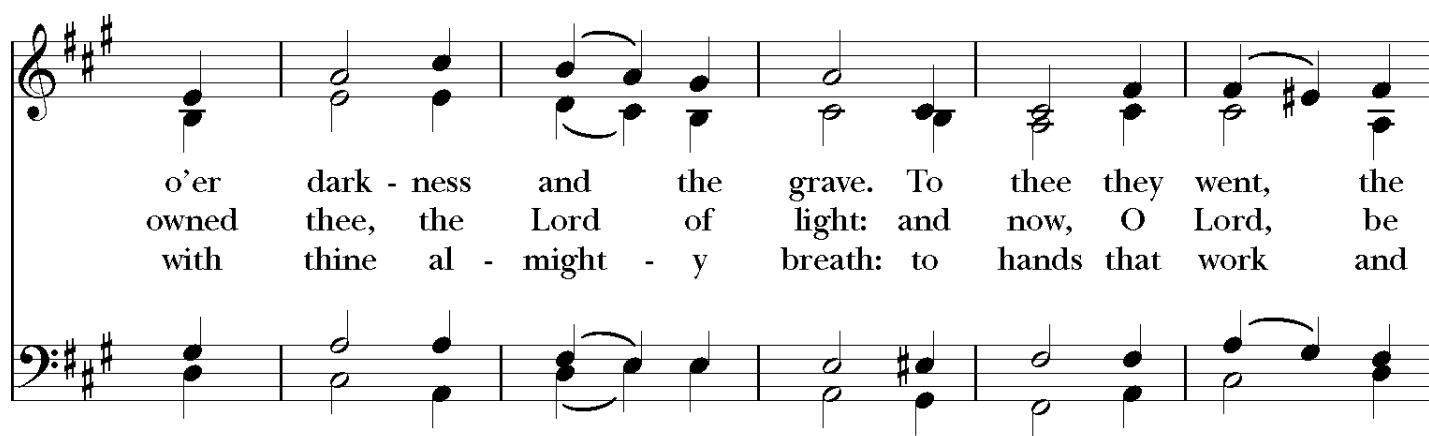
Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

St. Matthew


1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of



heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,



o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and



blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

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

**Liturgical references are from the Book of Common Prayer (1979), The Hymnal 1982, and the Book of Occasional Services (2018)*

***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 Joseph, our President, 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: Lisa Kaufmann, Patty Dyer, Claudia Clark, Bill Elder, Jr., Betty, June Rose, Skip Rose, Edwards family, Terry, Mary Ellen Raulerson, Anna, Oliver and Elizabeth

**** (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: Susan Helsabeck, Blaine Smith, Rhodes, Bill C., Coba, Bryan

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

1/31 James Douglas Galke
2/01 Gigi Poole
2/03 Tom Barrett, Louann Kitchell
2/05 Ralph Norman, Pat Moore
2/06 Laurie Orgass, Albert Yount, John Thacker

Parish Prayer Cycle:

1/31 Barbara Prichard
2/01 Peter and Valerie Purcell
2/02 Pinkney and Jo Rankin
2/03 Tom and Kay Rankin
2/04 Joe and Mary Ellen Raulerson
2/05 Lennon and Megan Redford
2/06 Greg Rhoads and Lynn Searfoss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Forum – The stories of scripture and the world around us are both filled with prophets. How do we discern the difference between a true prophet and false prophet? Join us this week as we discuss Deuteronomy 18: 15-20. All are welcome to join in the conversation. We gather at 9:00AM via Zoom each Sunday morning – Click [HERE](#) to join the meeting (password: forum).

Sung Compline – TONIGHT at 6:30PM – Join us online for a service of Compline, sung by members of our choir, on Sunday evening, January 31st, via Zoom. Compline is the final prayer office of the day in the monastic tradition, a quiet and gentle series of prayers and scripture readings for nighttime. Join via Zoom – [HERE](#). A bulletin is available on our website.



Evening Prayer for the Feast of the Presentation – Tuesday, February 2nd at 5:30PM – Join us for Evening Prayer, livestreamed from St. Mary's on the Feast of the Presentation, also known as 'Candlemas.' On this day, forty days following Christmas, we recall Jesus' presentation in the Temple. The service will begin at 5:30PM, via Zoom – [HERE](#) - and our parish YouTube channel.

A Simple Gesture



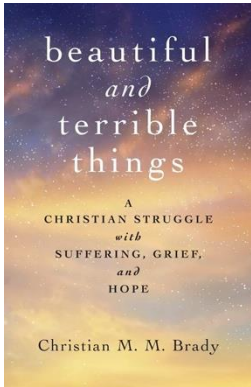
A Simple Gesture – Hosted by the Hunger and Health Coalition, A Simple Gesture is a bi-monthly, door-to-door food collection program that helps to provide a steady supply of food for those experiencing greatest need in our community. The next pick-up day in our area is

Saturday, February 6th. To learn more and to sign-up, visit A Simple Gesture: High Country's website – [HERE](#).



St. Mary of the Hills on YouTube – Did you know that all services are available for streaming and are also archived on YouTube? Visit our channel – [HERE](#) - and don't forget to subscribe.





Lenten Reading 2021 – This year, during the season of Lent, Fr. Andrew will be offering reflections and leading discussion on the book, *Beautiful and Terrible Things: A Christian Struggle with Suffering, Grief and Hope*. Written by the Reverend Christian Brady, Ph.D., an Episcopal priest and biblical scholar whose research has focused on the Old Testament book of Lamentations, the book is a personal, biblical, and theological struggle with the reality of suffering, pain, and loss. A limited number of books are available from the parish office for \$10. The book is also available online from a variety of booksellers.

Flower Offering Opportunities – Is there an important person or a significant event happening in your life? Is there an upcoming birthday or anniversary you would like to honor? Sponsoring the flowers placed at the altar each week is a great way to offer thanks for life's many gifts. Many dates are available for 2021. Please contact Greta Wilson in the parish office for more information and available dates.

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