

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

MORNING PRAYER

RITE II

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING SENTENCES

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

John 4:23

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 mercy of the Lord is everlasting: **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 mercy of the Lord is everlasting: **Come let us adore him.**

The People say the appointed portion of the Psalm responsively by whole verse, pausing at the asterisks.

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

At the end of the Psalms is said

**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.**

Thus says the LORD GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the LORD GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the LORD GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 18

BCP 93

A Song to the Lamb
Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say

to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 19

BCP 94

The Song of the Redeemed
Revelation 15:3-4

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**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. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
 R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
 V. Day by day we bless you;
 R. **We praise your name for ever.**
 V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
 R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**
 V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
 R. **For we put our trust in you.**
 V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
 R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

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. **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 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.**

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

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROUS SUPPORT OF ST. MARY OF THE HILLS!

Your financial contributions enable this mission and ministry of this parish to continue.

Gifts may be received online at <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/donate>
or via mail (P.O. Box 14, Blowing Rock, NC 28607).

PLEDGE ONLINE

Complete your 2021 Pledge Card online – [HERE](#).

More information about stewardship, including previous week's reflections, are available online at <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/stewardship>

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 all those affected by natural disaster, most especially those affected by hurricanes, fires, and floods.

For healing: Anna, Chantz, Ann Greene, Tom Veale, Kathy, Bill T., Tina, Blaine Smith, Bob Amos, Frank Thomas, Mills Poole, Pam Ayoub, Jim Ayoub, Eartha McKnight, Pat R., Gerry H., George Eden, Jo Barbre, Joe Dyer, McDonough family, Peter, Terry, Judy, Debra, Barbara Horton, Sherri

****(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: Sonny Howard, Ginny Peterson, Barbara Collier, Wendy, Kilton B., Nick, Buck Bellmore, Rob Best, Mabel Jones

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

11/29 Adam Lemnoui

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

11/24 Ray and Heather Cameron

Parish Prayer Cycle:

11/22 Bill and Emily Furr

11/23 Saralynn Gaillard Brown,

11/24 Doug and Mary Galke

11/25 Bill and Joellyn Gibbons

11/26 Jim and Joyce Gibson

11/27 Nathan and Suzzannah Gittner

11/28 Gary and Judy Gloster

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Stewardship Update – Over the past few weeks, many of you submitted pledge cards online or via mail. Thank you! As of November 18, we have received 94 pledges totaling \$375,141. Every single pledge is significant as every dollar given to this parish enables our mission and ministry to continue and expand. If you've not yet made your

pledge for 2021, we invite you to do so today. You may submit your pledge online – [HERE](#).

Fr. Andrew on Vacation – Fr. Andrew is on vacation this week, 11/22-11/28. If you have an urgent pastoral concern (serious illness/hospitalization/death in family/mental health crisis/arrest), please call 336.848.4052, leave a detailed message, and your call will be returned.

Rector's Forum – In the coming liturgical year, beginning next Sunday, we will primarily be reading from the Gospel according to Mark on Sundays in worship. Join us as this morning as we introduce Mark's Gospel with an overview, consideration of its distinctives, and a look at some unique passages. We meet via Zoom each Sunday morning, 9:00-9:30AM. Use the link – [HERE](#) – to connect (password: forum) All are welcome!

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.

A Choral Offering for Today –

MOTET—*O KING ALL GLORIOUS*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O King all glorious, amid thy saintly company, who ever shalt be praised,
who over passest utterance. Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us,
and we are called by thy Holy Name; leave us not, O our God,
that in the day of judgment it may please thee to place us in the number
of thy saints and blessed ones, O King most blessed.

– Compline Anthem from the *Sarum Gradual*

Listen: <https://youtu.be/yNoRRkXjaGc>

Elora Festival Singers

Noel Edison, director

Casting Bread – Give Thanks for 2020 Challenge - During the twenty days from November 1 – 20, the organization will focus on the things for which to be thankful in 2020. To maintain its ability to feed families, Casting Bread encourages you to accept the ‘Give Thanks for 2020 Challenge’:

1. Donate \$20.
2. Donate 20 cans of food.
3. Challenge 20 people to take the same challenge.

Visit www.increasefoodsecurity.org to make your donation, donate 20 cans of food, and download tools to help you invite 20 people to increase food security.

**CASTING
BREAD**



Responding to Natural Disaster – As hurricanes and fires continue to afflict many in our nation, please remember the work of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). ERD is an international relief and development agency and a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of the Episcopal Church. As an organization, ERD continues to work diligently in response to the needs of those affected by multiple natural disasters, including areas of the Gulf Coast Impacted by hurricanes and along the West Coast as communities confront the destruction of wildfires. Visit their website – [HERE](#) – to learn more and support our efforts

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