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

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MORNING PRAYER

RITE II

Log-in via Zoom here –
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88900947372>

or via YouTube here –
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSIEr6UDGf9EyTrPRGs8_1A

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

HYMN 235

Ach Gott, vom Himmelreiche

Come sing, ye choirs exultant



1 Come sing, ye choirs ex - ult - ant, those mes - sen - gers of God,
2 In one har - mo - nious wit - ness the chos - en four com - bine,
3 Four - square on this foun - da - tion the Church of Christ re - mains,



through whom the liv - ing Gos - pels came sound-ing all a - broad!
while each his own com - mis - sion ful - fills in ev - ery line;
a house to stand un - shak - en by floods or winds or rains.



Whose voice pro-claimed sal - va - tion that poured up-on the night,
as, in the pro - phet's vi - sion from out the am-ber flame
How blest this ha - bi - ta - tion of gos - pel li - be - rty,



and drove a - way the sha - dows, and filled the world with light.
in mys - tic form and im - age four liv - ing crea - tures came.
where with a ho - ly peo - ple God dwells in U - ni - ty.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:4

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.***

THE INVITATORY

BCP 80

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 is glorious in his saints: **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 95: 1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

All repeat the Antiphon:

The Lord is glorious in his saints: **Come let us adore him.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 147: 1-13, *Laudate Dominum*

The Cantors sing the appointed portion of the Psalm.

- 1 Hallelujah!**
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; ***
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted ***
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars ***
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; ***
there is no limit to his wisdom.

- 6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

At the end of the Psalms 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

Sirach 38:1-4,6-10,12-14

Honor physicians for their services,
for the Lord created them;
for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
and they are rewarded by the king.

The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,
and in the presence of the great they are admired.

The Lord created medicines out of the earth,
and the sensible will not despise them.

And he gave skill to human beings
that he might be glorified in his marvelous works.

By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.

God's works will never be finished;
and from him health spreads over all the earth.

My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.
Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,
and cleanse your heart from all sin.
Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;
do not let him leave you, for you need him.
There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,
for they too pray to the Lord
that he grant them success in diagnosis
and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

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 SECOND LESSON

Luke 4: 14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 21

BCP 95

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.

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 God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Free intercessions may be offered.

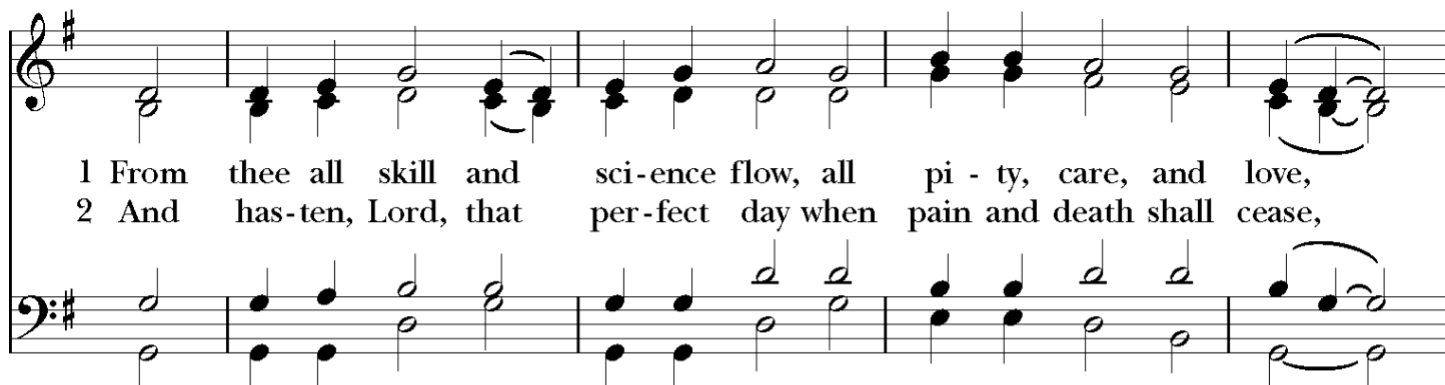
The people add their own petitions and thanksgivings.

These may be shared with one another in the chat 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.**


From thee all skill and science flow



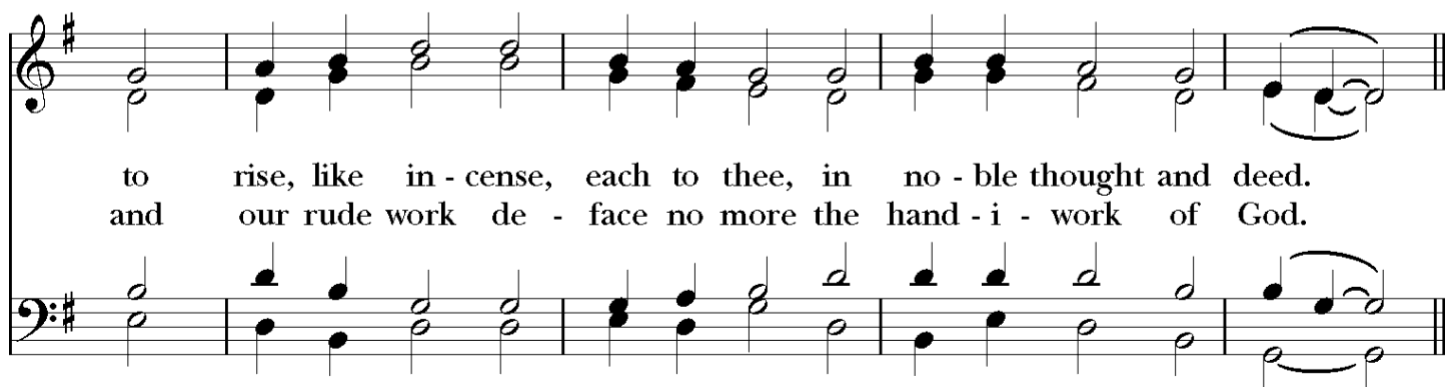
1 From thee all skill and sci-ence flow, all pi - ty, care, and love,
2 And has-ten, Lord, that per-fect day when pain and death shall cease,



all calm and cour-age, faith and hope: O pour them from a - bove!
and thy just rule shall fill the earth with health and light and peace;



Im - part them, Lord, to each and all, as each and all shall need,
when ev - er - blue the sky shall gleam, and ev - er-green the sod,



to rise, like in - cense, each to thee, in no - ble thought and deed.
and our rude work de - face no more the hand - i - work of God.

Words: Charles Kingsley (1819-1875), alt.

Music: *The Church's Desolation*, traditional melody; harm. J. T. White (19th cent.); adapt. C. H. Cayce (19th-20th cent.)

A BLESSING OVER ALL MEDICAL WORKERS

*The Officiant offers a blessing for all who work in the medical field, and the people respond, **Amen***

THE BLESSING OF THE CONGREGATION

*The Officiant pronounces God's blessing over the congregation, 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 at 10:45AM for an online Coffee Minute on Zoom.

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

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, Roy, our Governor, those who hold elected office, those who offer themselves for election, and all in positions of public trust.

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

For healing: 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, the Banks family, 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: Buck Bellmore, Rob Best, Ed Springs, John MacKenzie, Erwin, Melissa, Glendora McKnight, Mariah, Scott, Andy, Bill

Thanksgiving for the births of: Ella Kate Porter, grandchild of Kathy and Chuck Canady, on October 5th, and Helen Marie Wells, grandchild of Lisa Kaufmann, born in September.

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

10/18 Valerie Purcell

10/20 Allison Postlethwait

10/21 Peter Purcell

10/22 John Shepard

10/23 Helen Fabry, Leah Leska

For those celebrating anniversaries this week:

10/23 Sam and Rhonda Ann MacDonald

Parish Prayer Cycle:

10/18 Nioucha Branstrom, Isabelle and Sabastien

10/19 Jim Brooks

10/20 Bob and Alva Browning

10/21 Niki Bryan

10/22 Jim and Gale Buchanan

10/23 Jim Bumgardner and Shane Burton

10/24 Ray and Heather Cameron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reflecting on Stewardship Together – Click [HERE](#) to read this week's reflection from Roy McCraw. Previous reflections are archived on our website.

Stewardship In-Gathering – Today, October 18, is our annual Stewardship In-Gathering. Over the past several weeks, we have been reflecting on the ways in which St. Mary of the Hills continues to be a firm foundation, rooted in the love of the risen Christ, amidst all life's seasons and circumstances.



In the week ahead, we invite you to consider the sacred gifts of your own life and how you might return a portion of those gifts to the mission and ministry of this parish. Pledge cards have been mailed to each household in our parish and may be returned via mail or you may submit your pledge online – [HERE](#).

Communion in the Close – Services of Holy Eucharist are being offered each week, on Wednesday evening and Friday at noon, in the Close at St. Mary's. To maintain social distancing, the congregation at each service is limited to eight households/twenty individuals and facial masks are required for attendance. See the schedule (updated regularly) and register online – [HERE](#).

Rector's Forum – The Rector's Forum is completing a series studying the Letter to the Philippians. Each Sunday, we gather from 9:00 until 9:40 via Zoom – [HERE](#). All are welcome!

***Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman: Six-Week Book Study** – It's not too late to join Fr. Sam's Monday afternoon book study via Zoom. Howard Thurman was perhaps the most significant Black theologian of the 20th century. Our book discussion will hopefully guide us into the Beloved Community that Dr. King envisioned. Using contemporary videos on racial reconciliation, we will engage contemporary issues of racial reconciliation through the lens of Howard Thurman's theology. This group meets on Monday afternoons, 3:30PM until 4:45PM. Please call or email the church office if you are interested (office@stmaryofthehills.org). The sessions will be recorded for later viewing.

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.

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.

Who Needs a Change – Diaper Bank – The Outreach Committee invites parishioners to consider supporting the Diaper Bank at the Children's Council of Watauga County. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this effort has experienced a significant increase in need. Diapers may be dropped off or shipped directly to the Hunger and Health Coalition -141 Health Center Drive, Suite C, Boone NC, 28607.

What's Happening at Valle Crucis Conference Center - Just wanted to share a little bit about what's going on at the Valle Crucis Conference Center. We are so grateful for the amazing support from y'all in the last six months. I gotta tell ya - it's not just the financial contributions (though, Lord knows, those have helped tremendously, and keep 'em coming!) it's your presence here. Our mission is one of hospitality, and we have truly felt the absence of in-person warm hearts and kind smiles here in person so much since the COVID pandemic hit. What's going on here now? We are offering some pretty great options this autumn - safely distanced and with extra sanitation, of course.

- Margaret Love
Director

Check out the VCCC Website – [HERE](#)- to learn more.

A Choral Offering for Today –

MOTET—*EXSULTATE DEO*

Giovanni da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

Sing joyfully to God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob!

Take the song, bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol.

Blow the trumpet in the new moon, at the time appointed for our feast day.

Listen: <https://youtu.be/XJ1uRZb3dwo>

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