

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020

MORNING PRAYER

RITE II

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

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

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.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
 therefore let us keep the feast,
 Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
 death no longer has dominion over him.
 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.
 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, *
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
 For since by a man came death, *
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
 For as in Adam all die, *
 so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

The Officiant and People read responsively by whole verse, pausing at the asterisks.

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
 let me never be put to shame; *
 deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 **Incline your ear to me; *
 make haste to deliver me.**
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
 for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
 for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
 for you are my tower of strength.**

- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 **My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

At the end of the Psalms is sung or 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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

CANTICLE 19

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

John 14: 1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 96

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.**

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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.**

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 thanksgiving.
These may be shared with one another in the chat box on Zoom.*

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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE GRACE

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20,21

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/89730652459>

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 all bishops and ministers, and for all God's people throughout the world.

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

For healing: James S., Dan Gloster, Suzanne Miller, George Van Nuys, Joe Dyer, Grace Howe Clapp, Mark Klein, Dolores, Kat's uncle, Dotty Shoffner, Douglas Pyles, Lauren, Carol, Paul, Jeanie H., Jo Ann M., Sharon, Mary, Bill, Joann, Whitney, Jamie, Dennis, Pat R., Paul R., Christopher, Brenda, Melissa, Tom, Vicki, Mona, The Thacker family, Peter

****(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: Myra Thacker, Emory Maiden,
Frank Goewey, Lewis Thompson

In thanksgiving for the birth of: Milo Henry Sawyer

For safe pregnancy and delivery for: Mary Lois, Taylor, Austin, Ashley,
Falconer, Melissa, Brooks, Kelly Porter

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

05/10 Andy Sicard

05/15 Greg Rhoads

05/16 Brynn Cleveland, Jeff McBride, Leslie Temple

For those celebrating anniversaries this week:

05/13 Bill and Donna Devereux

Parish Prayer Cycle:

05/10 Matthew and Sara Hitechew, Eliana and Elliot

05/11 Marjory Holder and Larry Turnbow

05/12 Alice Holt

05/13 Richard and Betty Howe

05/14 Sterling Hutcheson

05/15 Van and Margaret Joffrion

05/16 Ed Johnson and Ann Meade

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