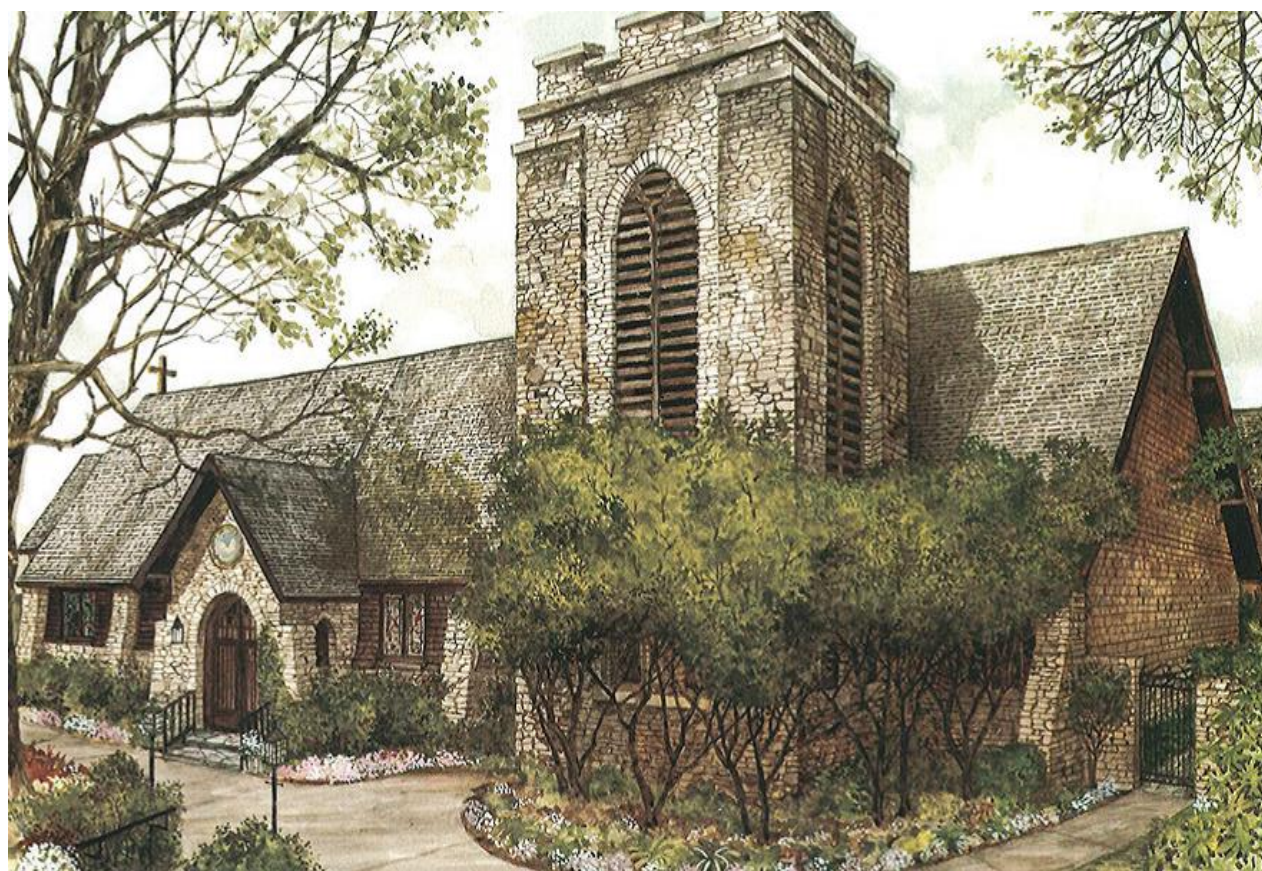


# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 21, 2020

## FLOWER OFFERING

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for the marriage of  
Rebecca Jean Purcell and Cody Matthew Ekas.

### *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)*

# MORNING PRAYER

## RITE II

*Log-in via Zoom here –*  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89075152150>

*or via YouTube here –*  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSIEr6UDGf9EyTrPRGs8\\_1A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSIEr6UDGf9EyTrPRGs8_1A)

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

### 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.

*Psalm 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:*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

THE JUBILATE

BCP 81

*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:*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

*The Cantor sings the appointed portion of the Psalm.*

- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- 11 I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.
- 18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.'
- 19 "Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.

*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

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,  
 and I cannot.  
 For I hear many whispering:  
 "Terror is all around!  
 Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
 All my close friends  
 are watching for me to stumble.  
 "Perhaps he can be enticed,  
 and we can prevail against him,  
 and take our revenge on him."  
 But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
 therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
 and they will not prevail.  
 They will be greatly shamed,  
 for they will not succeed.  
 Their eternal dishonor  
 will never be forgotten.  
 O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
 you see the heart and the mind;  
 let me see your retribution upon them,  
 for to you I have committed my cause.  
 Sing to the LORD;  
 praise the LORD!  
 For he has delivered the life of the needy  
 from the hands of evildoers.

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

## CANTICLE 9

BCP 86

*Isaiah 12: 2-6*

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***  
**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**  
**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***  
**and he will be my Savior.**  
**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \***  
**from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
  
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

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*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. 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.**

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; 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.**

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.*

*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 565

*Monk's Gate*

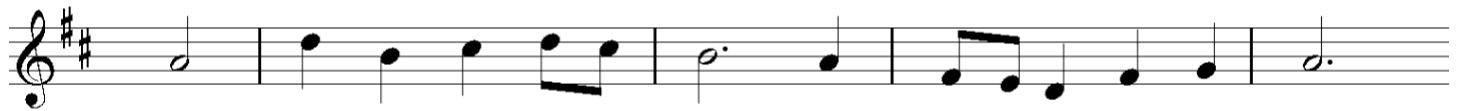
He who would valiant be



He who would val - iant be 'gainst all dis - as - ter,\_\_\_\_  
 Who so be - set him round with dis - mal sto - ries,\_\_\_\_  
 Since, Lord, thou dost de - fend us with thy Spi - rit,\_\_\_\_



let him in con - stan - cy fol - low the Mas - ter.\_\_\_\_  
 do but them - selves con - found, his strength the more is.\_\_\_\_  
 we know we at the end shall life in - her - it.\_\_\_\_



There's no dis - cour - age - ment shall make him once re - lent  
 No foes shall stay his might, though he with gi - ants fight;  
 Then fan - cies flee a - way; I'll fear not what men say,



his first a - vowed in - tent to be a pil - grim.  
 he will make good his right to be a pil - grim.  
 I'll la - bor night and day to be a pil - grim.

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## THE BLESSING

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

*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/89474640592>



## **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:** Jo Barbre, James S., Dan Gloster, Joe Dyer, Grace Howe Clapp, Lewis, Mark Klein, Dolores, Dotty Shoffner, Lauren, Carol, Paul, Jeanie H., Jo Ann M., Sharon, Mary, Bill, Joann, Whitney, Jamie, Dennis, Pat R., Paul R., Brenda, Mona, Peter, Rachel, Lisa, Hououchang Ahmadi, Carol Smallwood, Sarah Siegman

*\*\*\*(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:** Mike, Joeseeph O'Toole, Carol, Tony, Bobby

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

**Thanksgiving for the birth of:** Skyler Luis Miller, son of Matt Miller and Ashley McCurry  
and grandson of Mike and Gay Miller

**Thanksgiving for the marriage of:** Rebecca Jean Purcell and Cody Matthew Ekas

### **For those celebrating birthdays this week:**

06/21 Arden Monroe  
06/22 Annie Hellen Thomas  
06/24 Lula Rose Bovino, Katherine Wilson  
06/25 Meg Fary, Ruth Fitzgibbon, Nick Placentra  
06/26 Katherine Metzger, Tori Placentra  
06/27 Susan Little  
06/20 Nyssa Turnbow

### **Parish Prayer Cycle:**

06/21 Bill and Catherine Pearson  
06/22 Terry and Linda Pietsch  
06/23 Nick and Sara Placentra  
06/24 Shawn and Gigi Poole  
06/25 Ryan and Lindsay Postlethwait  
06/26 Barbara Prichard  
06/27 Peter and Valerie Purcell

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***On The Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity & Getting Old* by Parker J. Palmer – Six-Week Book Study Beginning in July:** – Fr. Sam will lead a weekly one-hour Zoom book study of this latest book by Parker Palmer, a Quaker elder. Through prose, poetry and song, Parker meditates on the meanings of life, past, present, and future, for those who want to age reflectively, seeking new insights and life-giving ways to engage the world. Other writers lending their endorsements include: Krista Tippet of On Being Studios; Richard Rohr of Contemplation and Action; and Brian McLaren, a current commentator on contemporary Christianity. Please email the church office (office@stmaryofthehills.org) if you are interested.

***Reading Between The Lines*** (formerly BibleWorkbench) is a lectionary based life-centered biblical resource designed for small group formation in church and home. We are planning to offer the class in a Zoom meeting on **Fridays - 9:30 – 10:30am** from **May 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>**. No need to commit forever! Just say 'yes' for one session at a time. This class is being offered to parishioners at St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville, FL and St. Mary of the Hills, Blowing Rock, NC. A limited number of spaces are available. If you are interested in learning more or signing up for the first class, contact Owene Courtney (owene\_courtney@yahoo.com).

### **Thank you for your continued generous support of St. Mary of the Hills!**

Even as we practice social distancing and refrain from gathering for the health and safety of one another, the mission and ministry of the Church is ongoing - Worship, Christian Formation, and Outreach to our community continue in this season. Your financial contributions enable this mission and ministry to continue. Gifts may be received online at <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/donate> or via mail (P.O. Box 14, Blowing Rock, NC 28607).

### **A Choral Offering for Today –**

MOTET—*DOMINE, SALVA NOS*

William Byrd (1543-1623)

O Lord, save us, for we perish: give the word, O God, and create calm.

Listen online: <https://youtu.be/e2h9PMh-xII>

Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge  
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