

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE FEAST OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN  
AUGUST 16, 2020

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
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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)*

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# MORNING PRAYER

## RITE II

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

### HYMN 231

*King's Lynn*

By all your saints still striving



- 1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
2 *(Insert the stanza appropriate to the day)*  
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son



your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.  
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown  
till all the ran-somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.  
a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

2. We sing with joy of Mary  
whose heart with awe was stirred  
when, youthful and unready,  
she heard the angel's word;  
yet she her voice upraises,  
God's glory to proclaim,  
as once for our salvation  
your mother she became.

## THE OPENING SENTENCES

O give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

*Psalm 105:1*

## 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 Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: **Come let us adore him.**

THE JUBILATE

BCP 81

*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 Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: **Come let us adore him.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 34: 109, *Benedicam Dominum*

*The Cantors sing the appointed portion of the Psalm.*

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.

- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

*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

Galatians 4: 4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*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 1: 46-55

Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

*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.**

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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.*

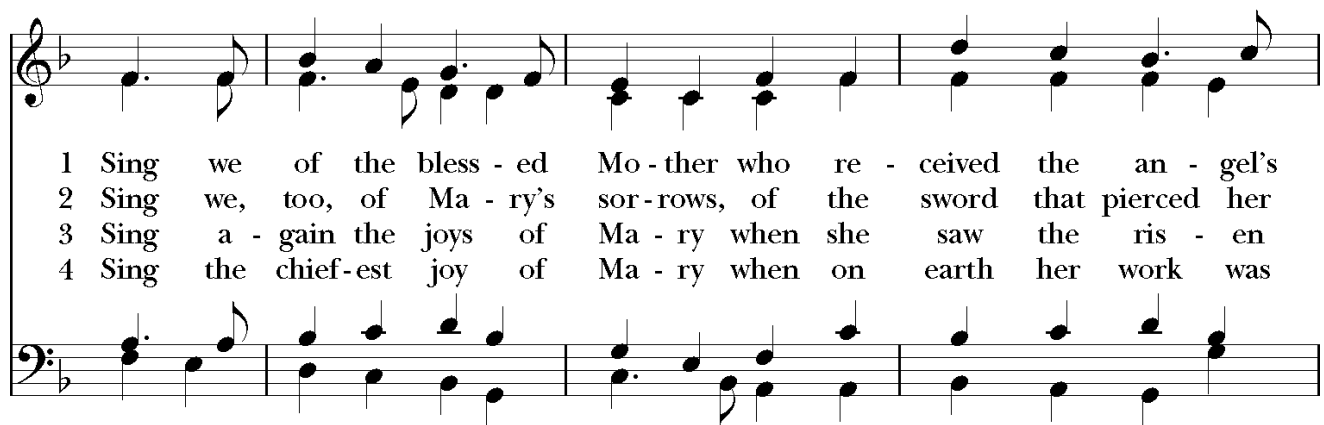
*The Officiant concludes the prayers with this collect,*

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.**

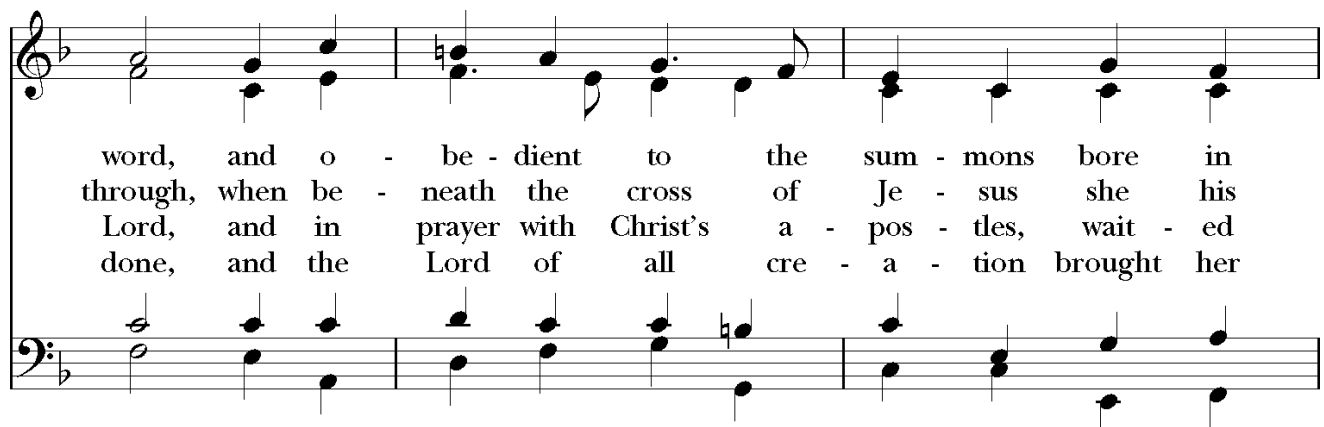
## HYMN 278

*Rustington*

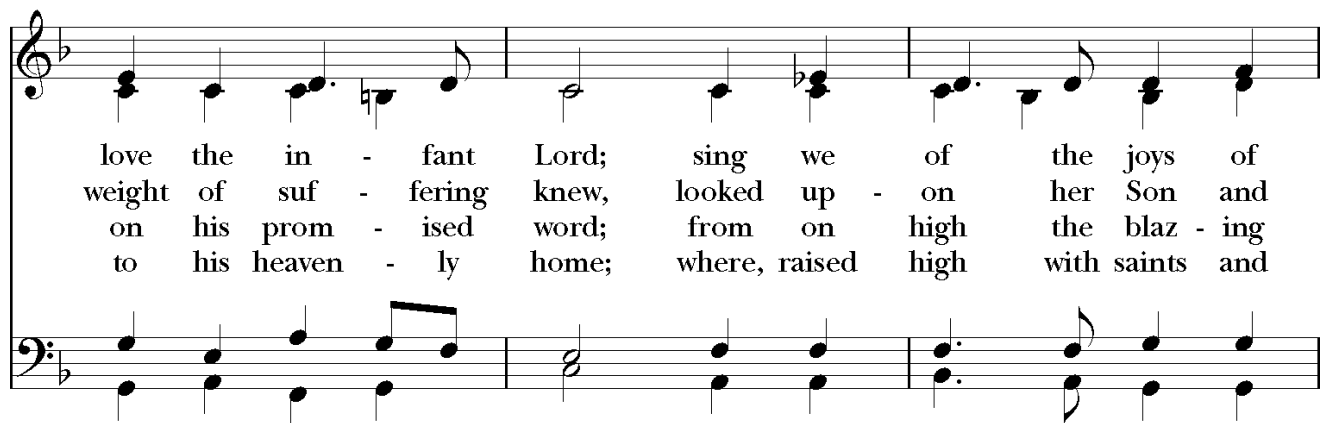
Sing we of the blessed Mother



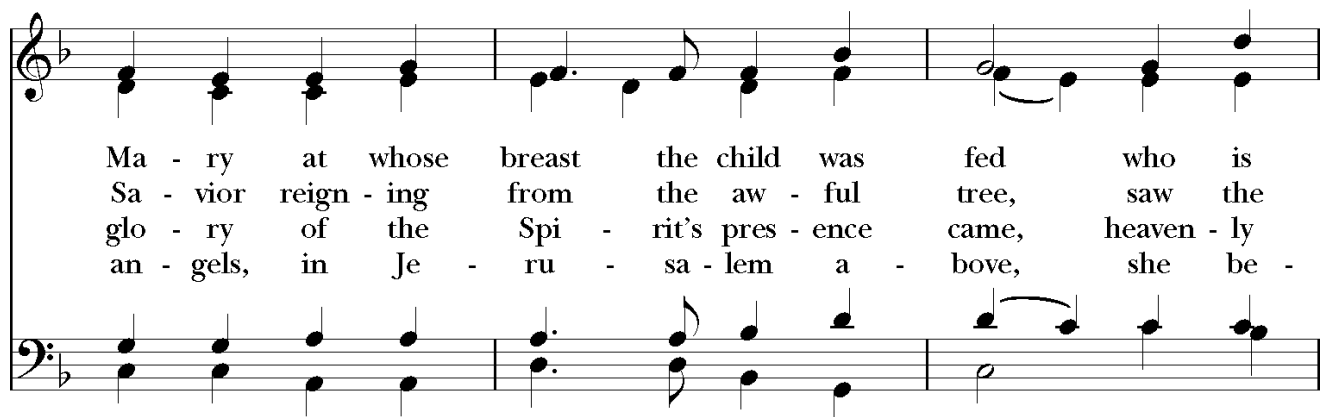
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 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her  
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en  
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was



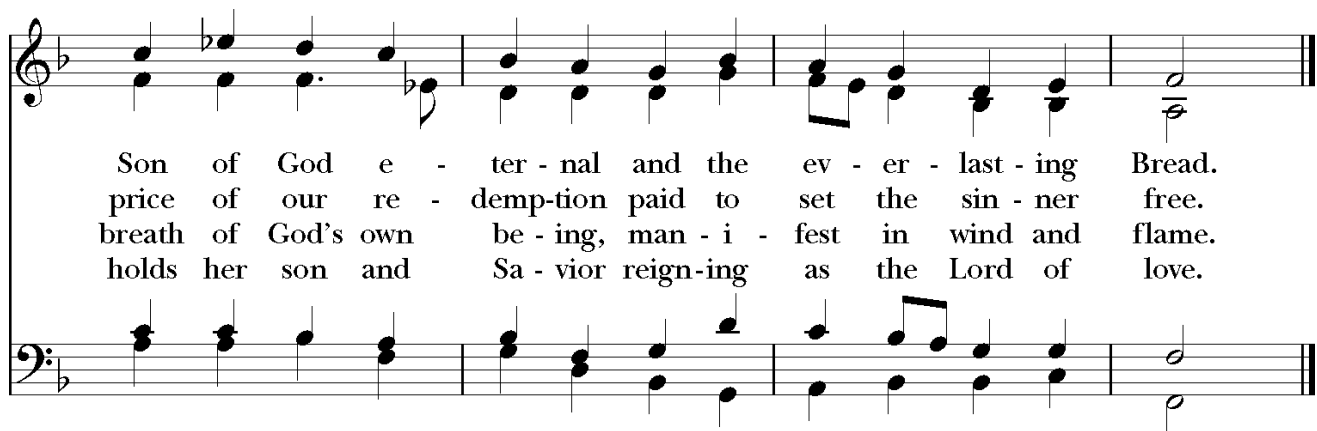
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## THE BLESSING

*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

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## COFFEE MINUTE

After worship, join us at 10:45AM for an online Coffee Minute on Zoom to connect with one another for conversation.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83014353085>

## **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 Donald, our President, Roy, our Governor, those who hold elected office, and all in positions of public trust.

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

**For healing:** Ann Greene, Bob Amos, Frank Thomas, John Rundell, Mills Poole, Pam Ayoub, Jo Barbre, Henry, Marquis, James S., Dan Gloster, Joe Dyer, Melinda, Jimmy, Mark Klein, Dolores, Dotty Shoffner, Lauren, Carol, Paul, Jeanie H., Jo Ann M., Sharon, Mary, Bill, Joann, Whitney, Jamie, Pat R., Paul R., Brenda, Peter, Rachel, Terry, Judy, Katy, Bertha, Debra, Saedra, Liz, Barbara Horton

*\*\*\* (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:** Maureen, Dennis

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

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:**

08/16 Dale Sandusky, Cynthia Tessien

08/19 Dick Craver, JoAnn Hallmark, Jane Milner, Ham Wilson

08/20 Christine Galke Thacker

08/21 Kate Cone, Claudia Heath

**For those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

08/18 Roy and Nedra McCraw

08/20 John and Ruth Fitzgibbons

**Parish Prayer Cycle:**

08/16 Larry Watson

08/17 Angela Weaver, Chris King, Jade, Kirra, Sophia, Bella

08/18 James West

08/19 Steve and Amanda White, Jack, Benjamin

08/20 Sue Wilders

08/21 Ray and Betsy Williams

08/22 Beau Wilson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](#).

**Tour of Homes – Virtual Tour** – Our Tour of Homes team has been hard at work in recent weeks. Click [HERE](#) to check out the newly released virtual tour for 2020 (use the password – tour2020 – to access the secure site).

**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.

**Save the Date – Parish Annual Meeting – August 30th** – The Annual Meeting of St. Mary of the Hills will be held on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00AM via Zoom. During this meeting, we'll hear updates from the Treasurer, the Wardens, and the Rector, in addition to electing four new Vestry members to serve 2021-2023.

**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.

**Rector's Forum** – The Rector's Forum is taking a short, two-week sabbatical during the final two weeks of August. We will return on Sunday, September 6, at 9:00AM via Zoom. During the month of September, we will be studying the Book of Philippians. All are welcome!

**'Lawn Hours' with Fr. Andrew** - 'Lawn Hours' in the Close will be held from 2:30PM until 4:30PM on Thursday afternoons (weather permitting) to connect and share in conversation. As always, if you'd like to make an appointment to meet more confidentially for pastoral conversation, contact Fr. Andrew directly ([rector@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:rector@stmaryofthehills.org)).

**Becoming Beloved Community** - In a recent sermon, Fr. Sam called us to the work of building up Beloved Community, here locally and beyond. Bishop McLoughlin recently released a video about the Diocese of Western North Carolina's ongoing work in this area and how you can be a part of it. It is available – [HERE](#).



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