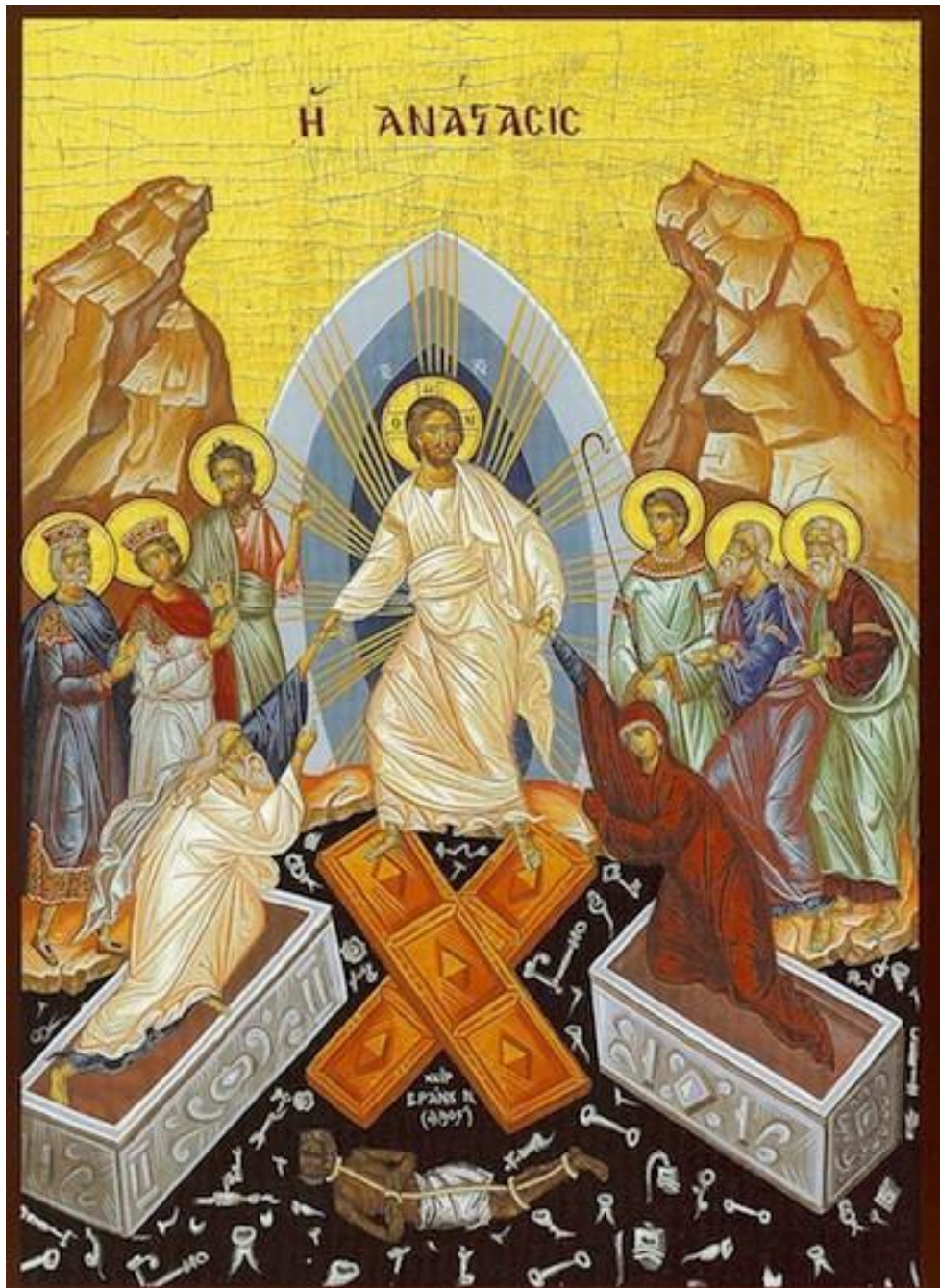


# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



EASTER DAY  
APRIL 12, 2020

MORNING PRAYER  
RITE II

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*The tower bells will be rung for five minutes, a proclamation of the Resurrection, beginning at 10:00AM.  
Morning Prayer will begin at approximately 10:10AM.*

### THE OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

*Colossians 3:1*

### 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. The Lord is risen indeed: **Come let us adore him. 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.**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

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

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, \***  
**"His mercy endures for ever."**
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory \***  
**in the tents of the righteous:**

- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 **I shall not die, but live, \***  
**and declare the works of the Lord.**
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; \***  
**I will enter them;**  
**I will offer thanks to the Lord.**
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \***  
**and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **This is the Lord's doing, \***  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*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 READING FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*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. 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, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 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 *TE DEUM LAUDAMUS*

**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 BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## THE. DISMISSAL

BCP 102

*The Officiant offers a blessing, and the people respond, **Amen.***

*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*

## **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:** Dan Gloster, Suzanne Miller, George Van Nuys, Joe Dyer, Grace Howe Clapp, Mark Klein, Delores, 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, Myra, Brenda, Melissa, Tom, Vicki

*\*\*\*(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 with other concerns:** Family of Bruce Richter

**For those who have died:** Jane Doswell Wade, Bruce Richter, Seth Lorber

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

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

04/12 Lindsay Postlethwait

04/13 Paul McGill

04/14 Alex Hallmark, Mary Miles Rogers, Steve White,  
Edward Rickenbaker

04/15 Eliana Hitechow

04/17 Sterling Hutcheson

04/18 Megan Sweeting

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

04/16 Andy and Claudia Heath

04/18 Chuck and Kathy Canady, Chris and Katherine Metzger

### **Parish Prayer Cycle:**

04/12 Susie Greene

04/13 Shirley Guyton

04/14 Alex and Jo Ann Hallmark

04/15 Helene Harper and Mike Tinka

04/16 Graeme and Maureen Justice

04/17 Stephen and Gae Kapral

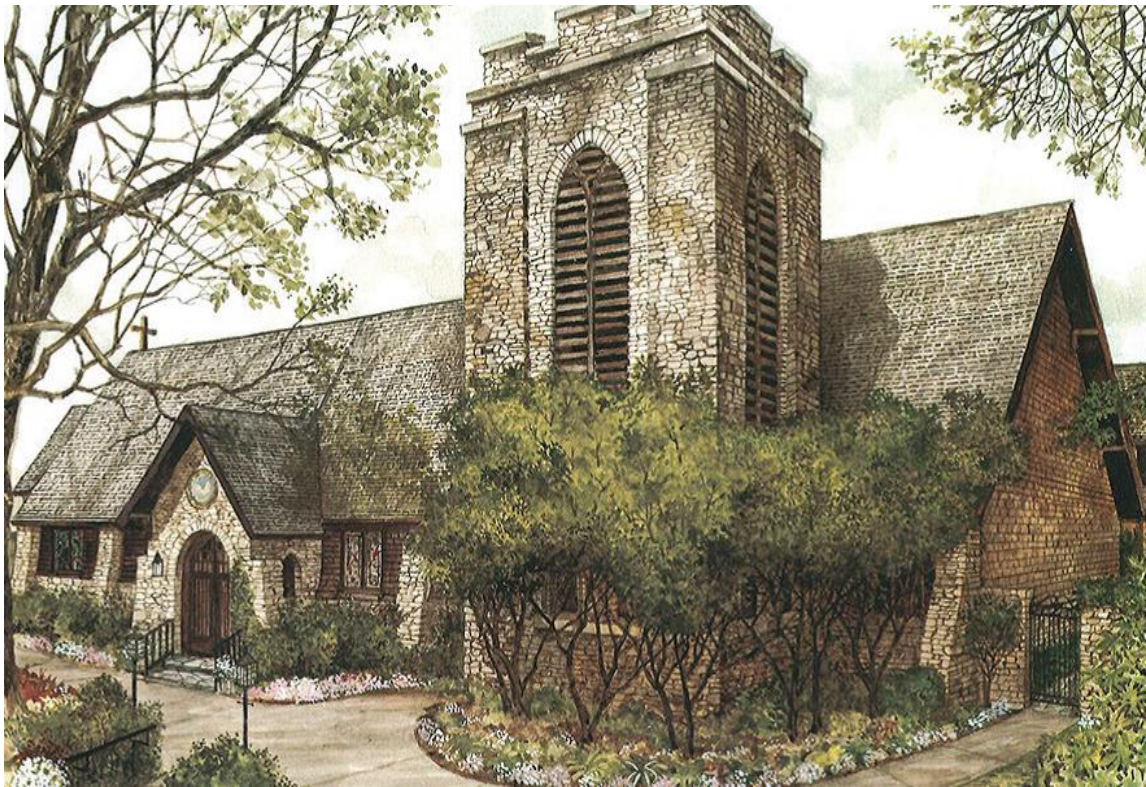
04/11 Lisa Kaufmann

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