

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



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FLOWER OFFERING

The flowers at the altar are placed to the glory of God
and in memory of Gideon Robert Jones by Martha Jones and family.

Gideon, a long-time seasonal member, died in March and was buried from this parish in a private service yesterday.

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/88002901790>

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.*

THE OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

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:

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **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:

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **Come let us adore him.**

The Cantors sing the appointed portion of the Psalm.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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

Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation

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

CANTICLE 12

BCP 88

*A Song of Creation
Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65*

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

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

BCP 97

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.**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **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.**

“The King of love my shepherd is”



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: St. Columba, Irish melody; harm. *Hymnal* 1982

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

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

For healing: Ann Greene, Tom Veale, Kathy, Bill T., Darlene Van Dyke, 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

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:

10/11 Spenser Hallmark
10/13 Sarafina Anderson, Dave Kline, N.J. Placentra
10/14 Sabine Miller, Mary Ellen Raulerson
10/15 Emily Furr
10/16 Isabelle Branstrom
10/17 Natalie Bovino

For those celebrating anniversaries this week:

10/14 Tim and Cathia Silver
10/15 Alex and Rachel Blackburn

Parish Prayer Cycle:

10/11 Joe and Diana Doswell
10/12 Joe and Virginia Dulaney
10/13 Dave and Julie Dutra
10/14 Joe and Patty Dyer
10/15 Chris and Ginger Ebaugh
10/16 Linda Elksnin
10/17 Tom and Robin Enterline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Stewardship In-Gathering – Next Sunday, 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](#).

End of Season Social – As many of our seasonal members depart for the year, join us for an early evening social via Zoom, on Sunday, October 11th, from 5:00PM until 6:00PM. This will be a fun opportunity to catch up with one another, share in conversation, and say farewell to those who are departing for the season. All are welcome! Log-in via Zoom – [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 continues a new 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.

A Choral Offering for Today –

MOTET—*DOMINUS REGIT ME*

Philippe Rogier (c.1561–1596)

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you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Listen: <https://youtu.be/VhdHqUj0Ne0>

Ensemble *Magnificat*
Phillip Cave, director

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