

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 23, 2020

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**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

Log-in via Zoom here –
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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

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 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

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 for ever. Amen.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

CANTICLE 10

BCP 86

Isaiah 55:6-11

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

**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 16: 13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 Samuel V. Tallman

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.

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.**

BCP 98

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.**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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.**

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.*

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.**

God is love, and where true love is

Descant (after stanzas 2 and 3)

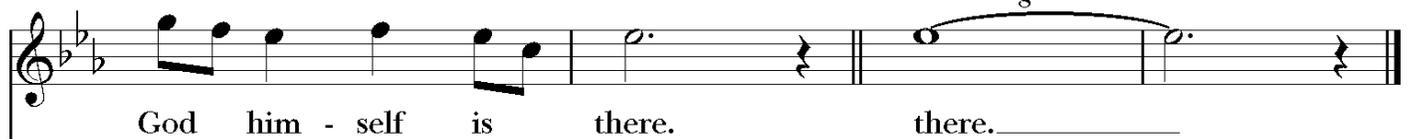


Refrain



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Final Ending



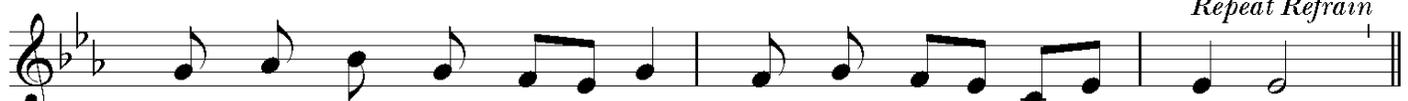
1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Repeat Refrain

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

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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/81310697779>

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, Susie Morgan, Bob Amos, Frank Thomas, John Rundell, Mills Poole, Pam Ayoub, Jo Barbre, Henry, Marquis, James S., 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

****(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, Austin, Falconer, Kelly Porter

Thanksgiving for the birth of: John Ramsey Moore, Jr., the great-grandson of Jane Milner and great-nephew of Cobb and Cindy Milner

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

08/23 Jennifer Riebel, Susan Schilson

08/24 Kay Donahue, Tom Veale

08/25 Patty Dyer

08/26 John Anders Rundell

08/27 Terry Pietsch

08/28 Lennon Redford

08/29 Ben Galke, Richard Moore

Parish Prayer Cycle:

08/23 Greta Wilson, Ham Wilson, Rucker

08/24 Molly Wilson

08/25 Miller Winecoff

08/26 Barbara Yale-Read

08/27 Albert Yount

08/28 Chris Albertson and Joe Coyne

08/29 Bob Amos and Sallie Corrigan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Andrew on Vacation – Fr. Andrew is on vacation this week, and will return on Sunday, August 30. If you need to reach a clergyperson, please contact the parish office. Note that ‘Lawn Hours’ will not be held this week.

Parish Annual Meeting – August 30th – The Annual Meeting of St. Mary of the Hills will be held next Sunday, August 30th, 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. The Annual Report and information about Vestry nominees is available online – [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 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!

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.

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.

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](#).

A Choral Offering for Today -

MOTET—*TU ES PETRUS a 6*

G. P. da Palestrina (c. 1525-1694)

You are Peter, And upon this Rock I will build My Church:
and the gates of hell shall not overcome it.

And I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind upon earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you release upon earth shall be released in heaven,
and I will give you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.

Listen: <https://youtu.be/BQhPw8EtP5c>

New York Polyphony

MOTET—*I BEHELD HER, BEAUTIFUL AS A DOVE*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

I beheld her, beautiful as a dove, rising above the waterbrooks;
and her raiment was filled with perfume beyond all price.

Even as the springtime was she girded with rosebuds and lilies of the valley.

Who is this that cometh up from the desert like a wreath of sweet smoke
arising from frankincense and myrrh?

Even as the springtime was she girded with rosebuds and lilies of the valley

Listen: <https://youtu.be/L4DN8iQC6aM>

The Choir of Jesus College, Cambridge

Mark Williams, director

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2021

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