

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



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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 –*  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87153271404>

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### 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

*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 Cantors sing the appointed portion of the Psalm.*

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

*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 15: 15-21

O Lord, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,  
O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,

says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

*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 16: 21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*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.*

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.**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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.**

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 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.**

Take up your cross



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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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

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Join us for our Annual Meeting, following Morning Prayer,  
at 11:00 AM via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81488380823?pwd=N3lkNCs5OEhKRWZtZmk5QkpFdFJZZz09>

## **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, Blaine Smith, Bob Amos, Frank Thomas, 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, 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, Austin, Falconer, Kelly Porter

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:**

08/31 Virginia Dulaney

09/01 Jim Ayoub, Lee Rocamora

09/02 Diana Doswell

09/04 Tina Barrett

09/05 Toby Cone

**For those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

09/02 Doug and Mary Galke, Pete and Sally Page, John and Marla MacKenzie

**Parish Prayer Cycle:**

08/30 Charlie and Amy Anderson, Abbie, Sarahfina

08/31 Ron and Radie Armstrong

09/01 Mike and Lucy Austell

09/02 Jim and Pam Ayoub

09/03 John and Ann Bagg

09/04 Chuck and Kyle Ball

09/05 George and Bobby Ball

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parish Annual Meeting – TODAY** – The Annual Meeting of St. Mary of the Hills will be held TODAY, 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 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 -

ANTHEM—*GREAT AND MARVELOUS ARE THY WORKS* Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty;

Just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name?

For thou only art holy: For all nations shall come and worship before thee;

For thy judgments are made manifest.

Listen: <https://youtu.be/IpHAxm4z7J8>

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Jeremy Summerly, director

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## THE VESTRY

**2020**  
Crawford Cleveland  
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**2021**  
Sterling Hutcheson  
Gigi Poole  
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**2022**  
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