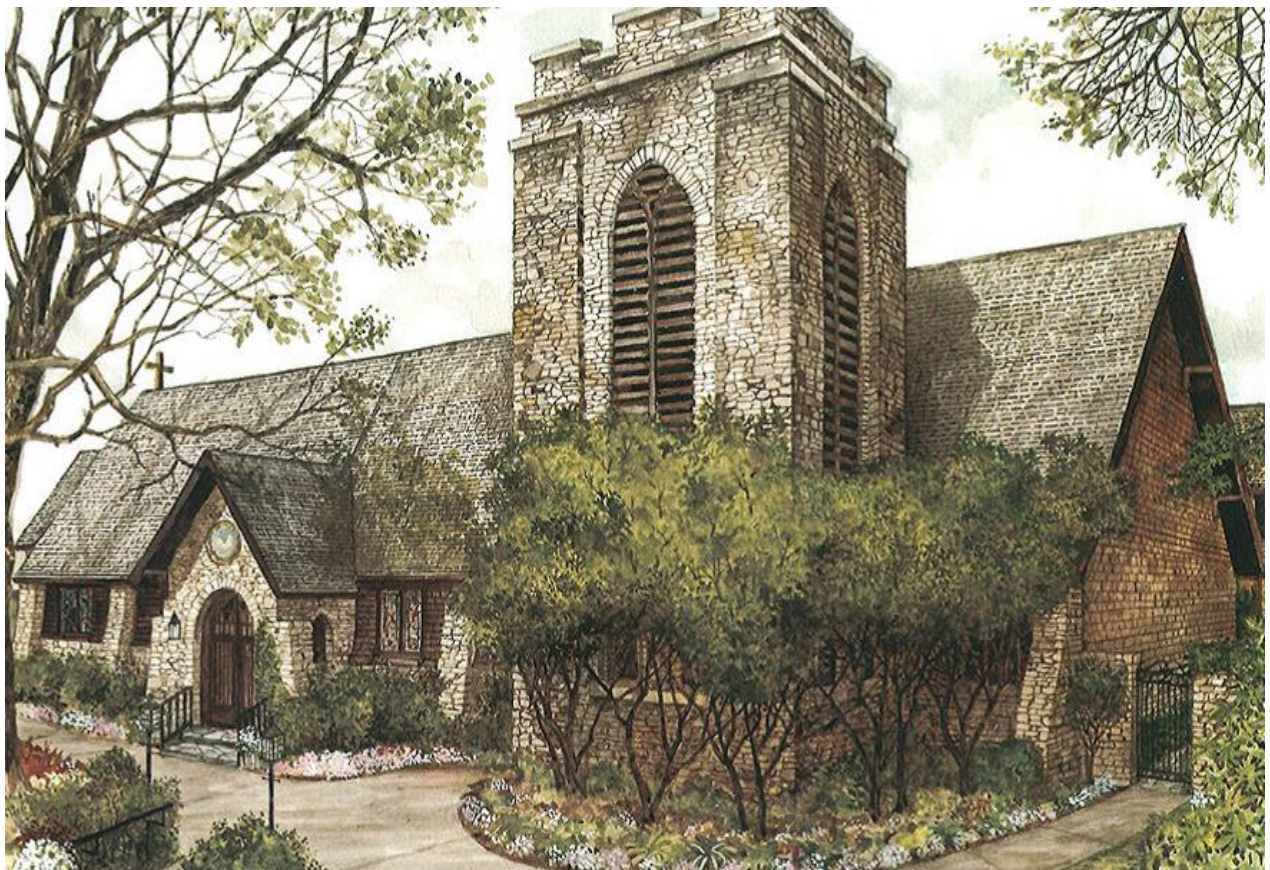


ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 9, 2020

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/87004782759>

or via YouTube here –
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSIEr6UDGf9EyTrPRG.s8_1A

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

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 Cantor sings the appointed portion of the Psalm.

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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

First Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left,

and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of 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 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.**

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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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.**

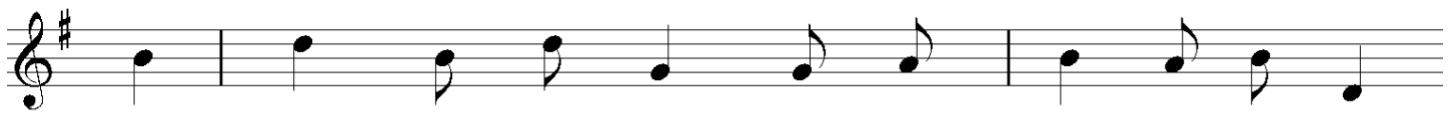
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Optional Interlude



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/85289276211>

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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, 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

****(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:

08/09 Betsy Williams

08/10 Holly Carter, Olivia Rickenbaker

08/11 Crawford Cleveland, Jack White

08/12 Gale Buchanan, Alex Lawler, William Pearson, Katy Thompson

08/13 Dan Donahue

08/15 Heather Cameron, Pat Fountain

For those celebrating anniversaries this week:

08/09 Jimmy and Ellen Godwin

08/11 Bill and Joellyn Gibbons

08/12 George and Barbara Ball, Dave and Nell Kline

Parish Prayer Cycle:

08/09 John and Patti Turner

08/10 Wayne and Lee Harper Vason

08/11 Ann Vaughn

08/12 Robert Kling and Tom Veale

08/13 Reese and Brenda Walter, Jr.

08/14 Bill and Alma Ward

08/15 Anna Ward

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion in the Close – Earlier this week, we offered our first outdoor gathering for worship, including Eucharist, in the Close. In the weeks ahead, a regular rhythm of these services will be established, in addition to our regular Sunday morning and Wednesday noon online gatherings for worship. 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).

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 - Join us each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM via Zoom for a conversation on the appointed scripture passages and their intersection with our daily lives. The Zoom log-in link is included in the 'Weekly Epistle', in the Sunday morning 'Join us for Worship' e-mail, and on our parish website. 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).

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](#).

Save the Date – Parish Annual Meeting – August 30th – The Annual Meeting of St. Mary of the Hills will be held on 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.

A Choral Offering for Today -

ANTHEM—*O LORD, INCREASE MY FAITH*

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

O Lord, increase my faith.
Strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith;
Endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience
In all my adversity.
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

Listen: <https://youtu.be/uj1JcKEABwA>
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Boris Ord, director

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