

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 19, 2020

MORNING PRAYER  
RITE II

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

### THE OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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 16

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

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
 I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
 my good above all other."
- 2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
 upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 **Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 **I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 **For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*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: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 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 BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **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:** Mills, 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 safe pregnancy and delivery for:** Mary Lois, Taylor, Austin, Ashley, Falconer, Melissa, Brooks, Kelly Porter

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

04/20 Michael Silverman, Butch Kerns

04/21 Cindy Milner

04/22 James Allen, Logan Shaut

04/23 John Fitzgibbon

04/24 Sabastien Branstrom

04/25 Kitty Lumpkin

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

04/21/79 Beau and Mary Wilson

### **Parish Prayer Cycle:**

04/19 Butch and Donna Kerns

04/20 Dick and Louann Kitchell

04/21 Dave and Nell Kline

04/22 Robert Kling and Tom Veale

04/23 Olivia Knight

04/24 John and Eri Latimer

04/25 Rick and Beth Lawler



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