

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 24, 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!

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:24

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.

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.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36

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

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
 let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
 as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
 God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
 let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
 exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
 YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**

- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 **God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 **The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 **Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 **He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 **How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!**

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 FIRST LESSON

Acts 1: 6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 13

BCP 90

*A Song of Praise
Song of Three Young Men, 29-34*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

THE SECOND LESSON

John 17: 1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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.**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 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

May the risen Christ who has passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high, 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

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

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/88450293454>

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: Jo Barbre, James S., Dan Gloster, Suzanne Miller, Joe Dyer, Grace Howe Clapp, Mark Klein, Dolores, Dotty Shoffner, Douglas Pyles, Lauren, Carol, Paul, Jeanie H., Jo Ann M., Sharon, Mary, Bill, Joann, Whitney, Jamie, Dennis, Pat R., Paul R., Christopher, Brenda, Mona, Peter, Rachel, Lisa

****(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: George Van Nuys, Emory Maiden,
Frank Goewey, Lewis Thompson

For safe pregnancy and delivery for: Mary Lois, Taylor, Austin, Ashley,
Falconer, Melissa, Brooks,
Kelly Porter

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

05/24 Lucy Austell, Andy Heath, Paige Rice
05/25 Kitty Lumpkin
05/26 Gary Dinstuhl
05/27 Louise Cone, Claudia Heath, Sam McDonald
05/29 Donna Devereux, Jan Mixer

For those celebrating anniversaries this week:

05/24 Dave and Barbara Ballesty
05/27 Paul and Jackie Delmonico
05/29 Dick and Louann Kitchell

Parish Prayer Cycle:

05/24 Ann Meade and Ed Johnson
05/25 Will Merrill and Andy Sicard
05/26 Chris and Katherine Metzger
05/27 Maurice and Felicity Meunier
05/28 Bob and Sabine Miller
05/29 Buzzy and Suzanne Miller
05/30 Mike and Gay Miller

News & Notices

New Christian Formation Opportunity - *Reading Between The Lines* (formerly BibleWorkbench) is a lectionary based life-centered biblical resource designed for small group formation in church and home. We are planning to offer the class in a Zoom meeting on **Fridays - 9:30 – 10:30am** from **May 22nd – July 17th**. No need to commit forever! Just say 'yes' for one session at a time. This class is being offered to parishioners at St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville, FL and St. Mary of the Hills, Blowing Rock, NC. A limited number of spaces are available. If you are interested in learning more or signing up for the first class, contact Owene Courtney (owene_courtney@yahoo.com).

Outreach Update - The Outreach Committee and many members of St. Mary's have been busy reaching out to people in our community. Five Bread of Life teams continue to provide meals once a month and arrange for them to be served at the Hospitality House. So far this year, more than \$19,000.00 has been distributed to organizations assisting those experiencing need in our community.

Calling All Makers of Face Masks – Have you been making face masks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We would love to hear from you as we seek to build a team of face mask makers at St. Mary's. E-mail Fr. Andrew (rector@stmaryofthehills.org).

Credits and References

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