

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 13, 2021

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

8:00 AM

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS BCP 356

COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON* Ezekiel 17:22-24

THE PSALM* Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

THE SECOND LESSON* Second Corinthians 5:6-17

THE HOLY GOSPEL* Mark 4:26-34

THE SERMON The Reverend Andrew J. Hege

A few moments of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP 367

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Contemporary) BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

11:00 AM

A prayerful silence precedes the service.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Rendez a Dieu

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

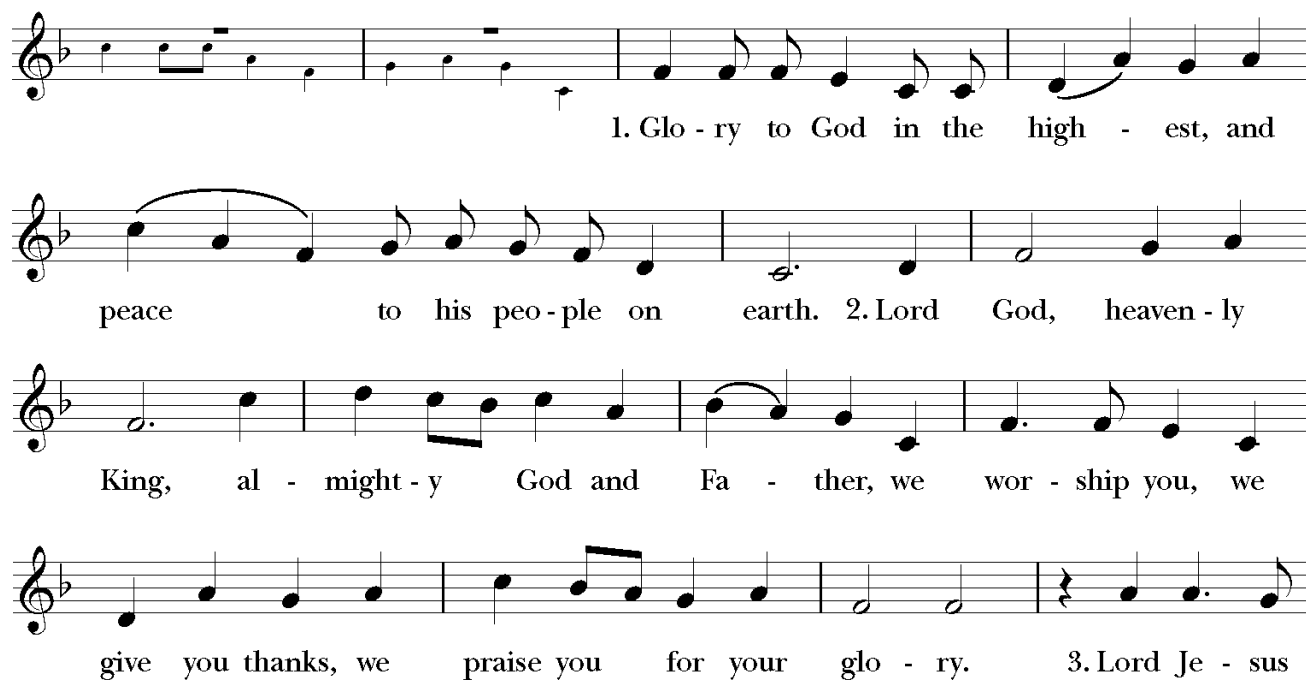
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity and the people respond, Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
 from the lofty top of a cedar;
 I will set it out.
 I will break off a tender one
 from the topmost of its young twigs;
 I myself will plant it
 on a high and lofty mountain.
 On the mountain height of Israel
 I will plant it,
 in order that it may produce boughs and
 bear fruit,
 and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
 in the shade of its branches will nest
 winged creatures of every kind.
 All the trees of the field shall know
 that I am the LORD.
 I bring low the high tree,
 I make high the low tree;
 I dry up the green tree
 and make the dry tree flourish.
 I the LORD have spoken;
 I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Chant: John Goss

The Psalm is sung by the choir.

Psalm 92: 1-4,11-14

Bonum est confiteri

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
 and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
 and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
 and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
 and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
 and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
 shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
 they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
 my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

THE SECOND LESSON

Second Corinthians 5: 6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

THE ALLELUIA & VERSE



O Lord my God, I take refuge in you;*
save and deliver me from all who pursue me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth

produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

<i>Gospeler</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege

A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI, BCP 392

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jose our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People exchange a sign of peace.

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

I sat down under his shadow

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

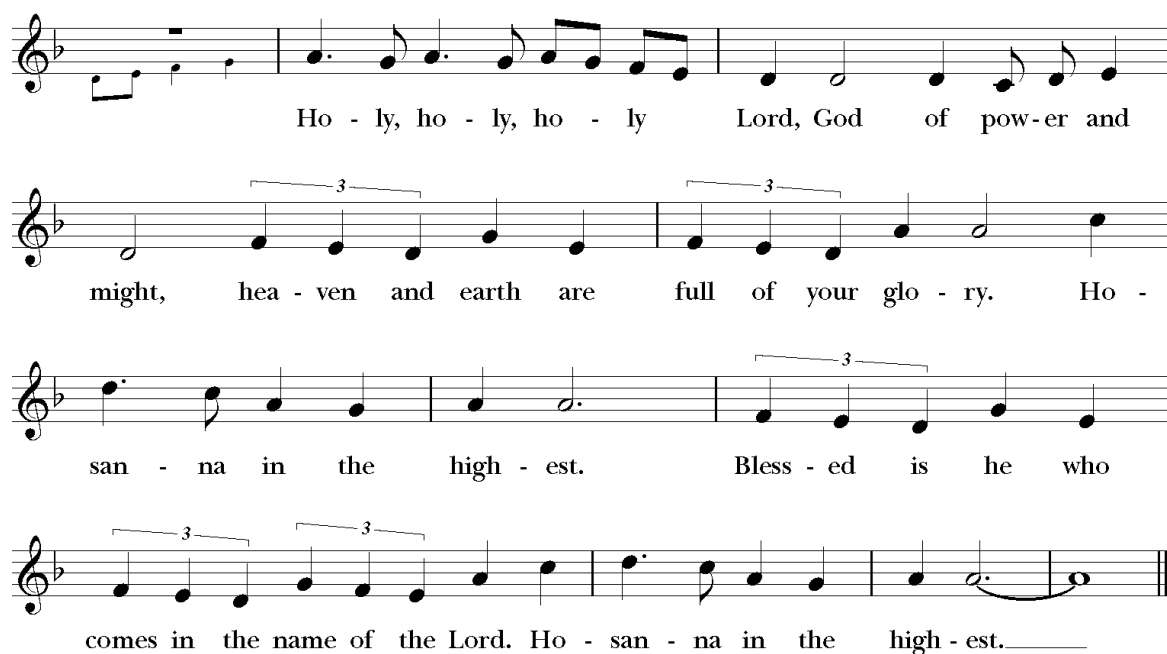
People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper preface is said or sung on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

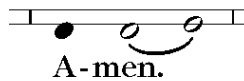
**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [] and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People



THE LORD'S PRAYER (Contemporary)

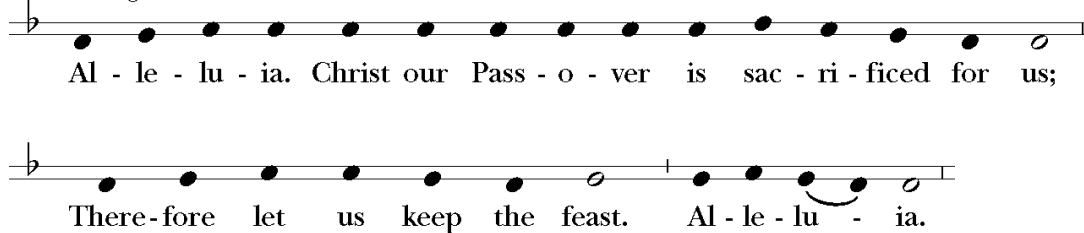
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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 for ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM – S152

After breaking the consecrated bread, the Celebrant sings,

This setting is not used in Lent.



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

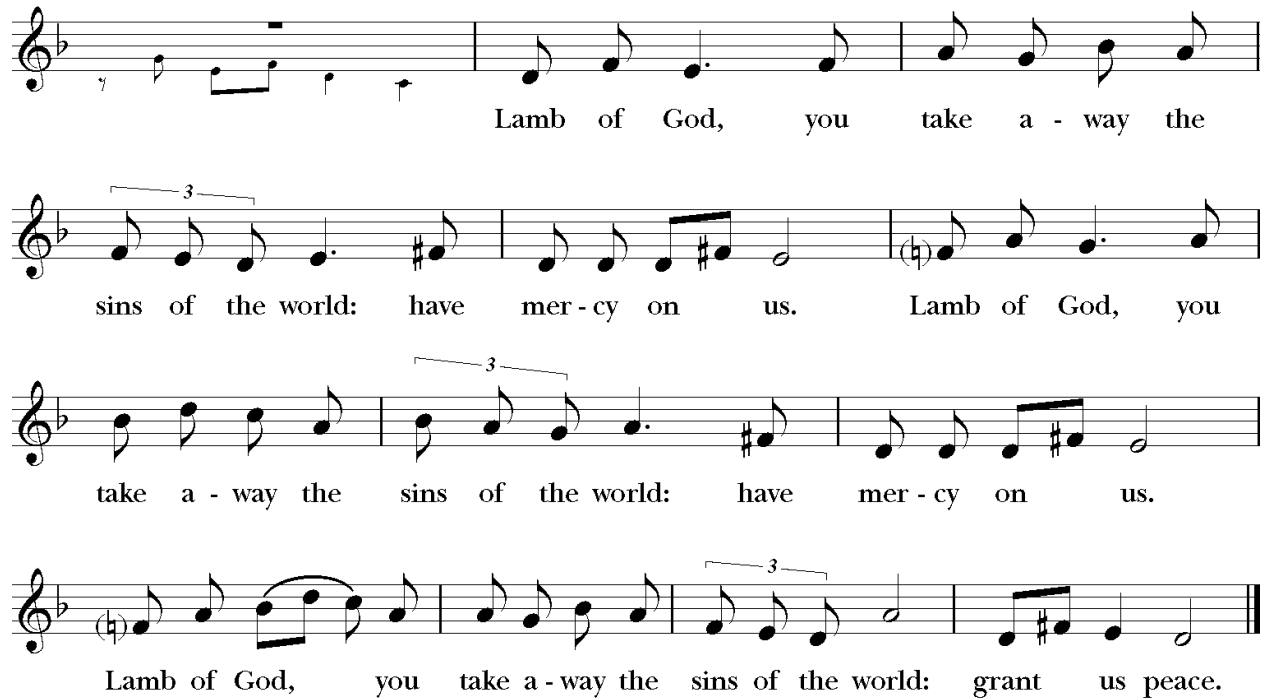
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For those unable to receive the sacrament this day, we offer this prayer:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being offered, in celebration of your resurrection, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

S163 – *AGNUS DEI*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN 621

Light's abode, celestial Salem

Rhuddlan

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Celebrant and people say together,

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant offers a blessing over the assembly, and the people respond, **Amen.***

HYMN 524

I love thy kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas (Williams)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Flower Offering

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of their 23rd wedding anniversary by Jane and AJ Barghothi.

Service Music

This morning's Service Music is from a setting by Robert Powell (born 1932).

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 our Vestry and staff, for all bishops and ministers, and for our common mission and ministry in this community.

For Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, those who hold elected office, and all those in positions of public trust.

For all medical personnel and all ministering to the needs of those affected by COVID-19.

For healing: Burt Mulford, Hendree, Sterling, John Rundell, Virginia, Jerry Starnes, John and Terry Smallwood, Mary Watts, David Harrell, Rhonda Ann, Paula, Ann, Wayne Thompson, Charles, Sara, Libba, Betty, Libby, Marion T., Susie, Gary, Greg Puhl, June Rose, Jeff Hedden

**** (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: Ira, Ethel, Cindy Butner, Graeme Justice, Happy, Jim Decker

For safe pregnancy and delivery for: Caroline

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

6/13 Sam Tallman

6/14 Kay McCloskey

6/15 Frank Fary, Doug Galke, Jim Gibson, Tricia Perry

6/16 Madeline Hensley, William Sudderth

6/17 Bill Stroh

6/18 Cobb Milner, III

6/19 Mike Miller, Elizabeth Sudderth, Harper Vaughn

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

6/14 Bunky and Teena Davant, Jim Bumgardner and Shane Burton

6/16 Bob and Kay McCloskey

Parish Prayer Cycle:

6/13 JoAnn Hallmark, Hunter, Spenser

6/14 Dean Hamric and Burt Mulford

6/15 Helene Harper and Mike Tinka

6/16 Kevin and Christina Hayes

6/17 Andy and Claudia Heath

6/18 Andrew and Amanda Hege, Eleanor and David

6/19 Bo Henderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share Your Input on Service Times - The pandemic season offered many opportunities to experiment with various components of our common life. Over the past year, we have tried gathering for worship at different times on Sunday morning. As we resume many of our pre-pandemic rhythms and routines, please share your preference for Sunday morning service times - <https://forms.gle/1ys69ej3hvJCNEZt6>.

Discipleship Group(s) - These groups follow a format designed by [The Restoration Project](#), guiding participants through the seven disciplines which need to be followed and regularly restored in order to walk the path of discipleship. If you are interested in joining a discipleship group or in putting one together, contact Owene Courtney at Owene_courtney@yahoo.com to learn more about this beautiful way of living as the Body of Christ, the Beloved Community on the journey of a disciple.

Establishing Sacred Ground in Beloved Community - Consider joining us to do this work in small groups in a program produced by the Episcopal Church called the *Sacred Ground Dialogue Series*. Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. This 10 part series will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 4 – 6 (time could vary), in the Barrett Room at St. Mary of the Hills. We will use the hybrid model so that we can offer the class in person and by zoom. If you are interested in joining this group please email Owene Courtney at owene_courtney@yahoo.com.

Tour of Homes 2021 - This year's Tour of Homes will once again be virtual! Four unique homes will be showcased in this year's video, available online in July. Visit www.stmaryofthehills.org/tour to learn more.

Morning Prayer— Morning Prayer is offered each weekday, Monday-Friday, at 8:30AM in the Church. Join us!

Altar Guild Volunteers – Altar guild members are looking for help preparing for and cleaning up after the 12 o'clock communion service on two Wednesdays each month. We are losing 2 members, one to a relocation and the other to retirement. If you can help summer, winter or full-time, please contact Sue Sweeting - sweetingsue75@yahoo.com or 828-406-9376. Thanks!

Flower Offering Opportunities – Is there an important person or a significant event happening in your life? Sponsoring the flowers placed at the altar each week is a great way to offer thanks for life's many gifts. Many dates are available for 2021. Please contact Greta Wilson, parish administrator, for more information and available dates.



St. Mary of the Hills on YouTube – Did you know that services are available for streaming and are also archived on YouTube? Visit our channel – [HERE](#) - and don't forget to subscribe.

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THE VESTRY

2021

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2022

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