

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NOONDAY

January 13, 2021 at 12:00 PM

*Join the service via Zoom here –*  
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*A prayerful silence precedes the service.*

### THE OPENING SENTENCE

BCP 103

*Officiant*     O God, make speed to save us.  
*People*        O Lord, make haste to help us.

*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 forever. Amen.**

*Except in Lent, add*        **Alleluia.**

### THE PSALTER

Psalm 105: 1-8

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

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

**3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

**4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.**

**5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**

**6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

**7 He is the Lord our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.**

**8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations**

*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

Mark 1: 29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.'

And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege

*A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily.*

THE PRAYERS

BCP 106

*Officiant*    Lord, have mercy.  
*People*        **Lord, have mercy.**  
*Officiant*    Christ, have mercy.  
*People*        **Christ, have mercy.**  
*Officiant*    Lord, have mercy.  
*People*        **Lord, have mercy.**

**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.**

*Officiant*    Lord, hear our prayer.  
*People*        **And let our cry come to you.**  
*Officiant*    Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; 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 or YouTube.*

*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 DISMISSAL

*Officiant*     Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

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