

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NOONDAY

November 18, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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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 PSALM

Psalm 150

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

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him for his mighty acts; \***  
**praise him for his excellent greatness.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.

**4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.**

**5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.**

**6 Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

*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

Luke 19: 11-28

As they were listening to this, he went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. So he said, ‘A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, “Do business with these until I come back.” But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, “We do not want this man to rule over us.” When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading. The first came forward and said, “Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds.” He said to him, “Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities.” Then the second came, saying, “Lord, your pound has made five pounds.” He said to him, “And you, rule over five cities.” Then the other came, saying, “Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.” He said to him, “I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? Why then did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest.” He said to the bystanders, “Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds.” (And they said to him, “Lord, he has ten pounds!”) “I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and slaughter them in my presence.” ’

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **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 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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