

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NOONDAY

December 16, 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 85: 8-13

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

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 **Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

*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 7: 19-23

John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' When the men had come to him, they said, 'John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"' Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, 'Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

*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.*

*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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty Savior, who at noonday called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign for ever and 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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