

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NOONDAY

December 30, 2020 at 12:00 PM

*Join the service via Zoom here –*  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107631594>

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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 96: 1-10

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

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

- 2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \***  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \***  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \***  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \***  
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \***  
**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;**  
**he will judge the peoples with equity."**

*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 2: 34-40

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*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.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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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